

Board Meeting Minutes

**LWV Pullman
February 26, 2019, 10:00 am, Daily Grind, Back Room**

Attending: Helen Catanese, Mary Collins, Susan Daniels, Anne Lewis, Deb Olson, Bobbie Ryder, Alice Schroeder, Paul Spencer, Judy Stone, Libby Walker. Guests: From Pullman Regional Hospital: Scott Adams, Jeff Elbracht, Karen Karpman, Megan Guido

Call to Order and Welcome: The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Collins, at 10:00 am. Mary reminded the group of the League's non-partisan policy.

Hospital Bond Presentation: Scott Adams, CEO of Pullman Regional Hospital, gave a presentation on the \$29 million bond request that will be on the April Election ballot. This proposal, called The Next Era of Excellence will provide an additional building, primarily for doctors' offices, remodeling, advanced equipment and an integrated health records system. The aim is to provide integrated health care with one stop services, rather than the current crisis intervention model. More information is available at a community presentation at the hospital on March 13 and at: www.info.pullmanregional.org.

Routine Business: The January Board Meeting minutes were approved. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Daily Grind back room.

Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer, Paul Spencer, reported that we currently have \$5429.51 in the checking account, after receiving income of \$130 from dues (PMP) and paying for the PO box. The Ed. Fund balance remains at \$2429.86 giving a total assets value of \$7,859.37. This is about the same as in Feb.2018. At the September meeting the question of donating or paying dues on line was brought up. Paul is continuing to work on this. There are complications because we are not a regular business.

MELD: No one could participate in the February call.

Community Outreach: There was good coverage in the Daily News of the February meeting on the downtown plans. We've also had better coverage of meeting announcements.

Social Media: Bobbie Ryder posted about the Downtown meeting but needs pictures. Paul will try to bring a camera to each meeting and find out how to get authorization to post directly to the Facebook page.

Voter Services: Deb Olson reported that Voter Services has had a quiet month but will pick up in late spring. Deb needs a co-chair. Helen Catanese volunteered.

Observer Corps: Judy Stone reported that Helen Catanese has taken over observing the Pullman Planning Commission and Carol Ndambuki will be school board observer. We still need an airport board observer. They meet at 3:00pm the last Wednesday of the month, making this a good group for those who don't like to go out at night.

TWIL: LWVUS now has a nine page document that explains how the national office can help local leagues. It also includes official logos and letter templates. Pullman has been assigned a logo. The logos can be accessed at: <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/brand-standards/league-logos-washington>. How to use them and incorporate them into our materials is at: https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-08/lwv_BrandStandards_2018FINAL-0.pdf

LWVWA is offering grants to upgrade Audio Visual equipment. Paul and Judy will look into this.

Community Update: Be sure to look for the League page in the March community update. Thanks, Susan, for your hard work. The next update page will be in the fall and will feature information on the census.

Legislative Update: Action Chair, Susan Daniels, urged everyone to sign up for the LWVWA legislative newsletter that LWVWA sends each Sunday of the legislative session. It is much improved and makes it easy to send letters to your representatives on issues you care about. A standard letter is given which can be sent as is or modified. Susan will send an e-mail to all members with a link for sign ups.

Membership: Judy Stone has volunteered to take over membership since Janet Kendall is no longer in Pullman. We have two new members. Judy Stone has updated our membership procedure. Basically, if you sign up a new member, please send the form and any dues to the Treasurer. Or, a new member can send form and dues to our PO box. The Treasurer will notify the membership chair and the president and the membership chair will activate the welcoming committee and make sure the name is on appropriate lists. Judy is updating the packet material and will be asking for comments.

Nominating Committee: Anne Lewis has been able to fill many spots, but President, Vice President and Finance Chair remain open. Please, please let her know if you can consider filling one of these spots. Also, several current officers would like to take a break so if you are interested in any spot, let Anne know.

Voter: Anne Lewis, Voter editor, says a voter will appear soon. There will also be an April Voter with information for the May Annual Meeting, including the nominations that will be voted on at that meeting.

Meeting Reports: Due to time constraints it was only noted that there was good turnout for both meetings.

Old Business:

TRY: Susan Daniels asked for volunteers to update each section. Observers were asked to update their group. Susan hopes to have this done in the next week.

LWV Pullman Brown Bag meetings are at the same time as Kiwanis lunches. We often have the same speakers at different times. Bobbie Ryder, a member of both groups, is working with

Kiwanis to see if we could combine all or some third Thursday noon meetings. A brief discussion was held about moving our meetings but that brings other conflicts. Mary Collins will contact LWVWA to make sure Kiwanis is a group we can collaborate with, i.e. it must be non-partisan. A final discussion and decision will be made at the Summer planning meeting.

Future Meetings:

General Meetings:

Monday, March 4, 2019, Community Congregational Church (CCC), 6:30-9:00.

Topic: Pullman School District Financial Update

Speakers: Diane Hodge, PSD Fiscal Manager

Chair: Mary Collins

Monday, April 1, 2019, Community Congregational Church (CCC), 6:30-9:00.

Topic: Recycling, current and future prospects.

Speakers: Rick Finch, WSU Waste Management, David Nails, Whitman County Waste Management, Eileen Macoll, Whitman County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Chairs: Alice Schroeder and Libby Walker

Thursday, March 21, 2019. Brown Bag, Community Congregational Church (CCC) noon.

Speaker: Whitman County District Court Judge John Hart.

Chairs: Mary Collins and Libby Walker

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schroeder, Secretary