

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**LWV Pullman**  
**September 24, 2019, 10:00 am, Daily Grind, Back Room**

**Attending:** Mary Collins, Susan Daniels, Sue Hinz, Anne Lewis, Bobbie Ryder, Alice Schroeder, Paul Spencer, Judy Stone, Libby Walker. Guest, Brandon Chapman, new member and city councilman.

**Call to Order and Welcome:** The meeting was called to order by President, Bobbie Ryder, at 10:00 am.

**Guest, Brandon Chapman:** We had a spirited discussion on how the city council has passed authority to the staff to make many important decisions, especially on planning. Brandon, with some of the other councilors, is hoping to change this. It will require, not only a change in city policies, but also some changes in state legislation, especially the law that only one public hearing can be held on a planning issue. There was some discussion of opportunities to support this issue.

**Routine Business:** Bobbie reminded the group of the League's non-partisan policy. The August Board Meeting minutes were approved with corrections for the time and place of the Catherine Cummings and Alison McCaffery presentations next spring. The next board meeting will be October 22, 10:00am at the Daily Grind.

**Old Business and Updates:**

**Back to League Potluck:** The meeting went well. Everyone attending was impressed with LWVWA President, Lunell Haught's energy and ideas. The presentation by Ronda and Andrew Penwell on their experiences at the Harvard Case Study training was very informative. It was suggested that we need to advertise this event better to members and encourage them to bring guests and to pay dues. President, Bobbie Ryder, has had LWV thank you cards printed for such occasions. Contact her to get them as needed.

**Sept. 17 Brown Bag:** Judge Gary Libey was tied up in a court case and had to cancel one day before the event. Instead, Bobbie Ryder gave a presentation on railbanking the Colfax-Pullman rail corridor and converting it to a trail. This was well attended with many good questions asked. Thanks to Bobbie for stepping in on such short notice.

**New Business and Upcoming Events:**

**Candidate Forums:** As Deb Olson and Helen Catanese, Voter Service chair and assistant. chair, were registering voters at WSU, there was some confusion about dates. The dates, as of Thursday, September 26, are:

October 16<sup>th</sup>: Colfax Candidate Forum, 7-9 pm with 6:30 set up. Whitman County Library.  
Coordinators are Deb Olson & Helen Catanese

October 17<sup>th</sup>: Pullman Candidates Forum, 6 pm – 8 pm, 5:30 setup at Neill Library Hecht Rm:  
Coordinators are Deb Olson & Helen Catanese

Pullman City Council Candidates are: Ann Parks vs Chris Johnson  
Eileen Macoll vs Francis Benjamin

Pullman School Board Candidates are: Susan Weed vs Beth Ficklin

October 24<sup>th</sup>: Issues Forum; 6 pm – 8 pm, 5:30 setup at Neill Library Hecht Room

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Hospital Bond

Initiative 976 – License Plate Tabs, opposed by LWVWA

Referendum 88 – Affirmative Action, endorsed by LWVWA

As usual, there is a problem getting speakers for the issues. Sue hopes to have a debate, but we might have to have information only.

There will also be a forum on the School Bond, which will be voted on in February. It will be:

November 21<sup>st</sup>: Issues Forum, Pullman School District Bond; 6 pm – 8 pm, 5:30 setup at Neill Library Hecht Room. Coordinators are Sue Hinz and Libby Walker.

Grandmothers against gun violence: Janet Kendall, now a long distance Pullman League member, suggested that we look for a similar group in this area. This would make a good Brown Bag meeting.

Rob Curley talk: Rob Curley, Spokesman Review editor will speak November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Goertzen Building (Murrow building complex). He is sponsored by LWV Pullman and the Edward R. Murrow College of Communications. Bobbie is working with them to publicize the event.

League Pullman History Records in MASC: Judy Stone reported that the committee met and went through 4 boxes of accessed records. There are still two more collections to review. Judy is also collecting records from Paul Spencer, Elinor McCloskey, Deb Olson (who has some of Dorothy Swanson's files) and will ask Lucy Linden and Karen Kiessling if they have records.

Centennial Award: Mary Collins and Karen Kiessling are planning an event on August 20, 2020, the centennial of the granting of suffrage to US women, to honor a "Century of Women Leaders" in Whitman County. They are asking for suggestions for a good moderator.

### **Reports:**

Treasurer: Treasurer, Paul Spencer, announced that we have \$5447.73 in checking and \$3152.54 in the Ed Fund. This makes a total of \$8,600.27. Last year at this time we had \$6573. Paul also noted that the new ability to pay on line has already resulted in 6 memberships renewed or started, despite the extra charge for processing.

MELD: Paul Spencer and Libby Walker reported that the calls are now going well and it is very useful to see everyone with the new Zoom technology. We are the smallest of the four Leagues in our group, Pullman, Skagit, Snohomish, and Mason, and it is a bit overwhelming to hear what the big Leagues can do. All were interested in our website link to allow donations and dues payment online.

Community Outreach: The Daily News has been good about getting our events in.

Social Media: Bobbie Ryder continues to post pictures and would like more.

Voter Services: Please see the updated events list above and announcements attached below.

TWIL: Judy Stone reminded us that the Pullman League has purchased the very informative Suffrage Calendar produced by the Bellingham League. Also, LWVWA is asking members to take the survey on 2020 Council planning by Oct. 1. Finally, there will be an East Side Action workshop in Spokane on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Paul Spencer is planning to drive and can take others.

Nominating Committee: Anne Lewis reminded the Board that we need a chair for this committee.

Voter: Anne Lewis needs information by October 3 in order to get the Voter out by Oct. 10, before the Candidate and Issues Forums.

Chamber Luncheon: Deb Olson has been attending but others are needed.

LWVWA: LWVWA has started a presidents call with two possible times. Unfortunately, Bobbie is busy at both times. Mary Collins volunteered to take the call.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schroeder, Secretary

**Announcements:**

October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Colfax Voter Registration Event; 3-6 at Whitman Co. Library  
Coordinators are Deb Olson and Helen Cantanese

October 10<sup>th</sup>: Official Opening of Airport Ceremony (RSVP [PUW101010@gmail.com](mailto:PUW101010@gmail.com))  
Palouse Basin Water Summit 4:30 – 8 pm at SEL Event Center

October 10<sup>th</sup>: Voter Registration during Foodbank hours (4-6 pm) at Community Action Center.

October 15<sup>th</sup>: Brown Bag; CAC with Poverty Awareness Task Force; Noon at Neill Library Hecht Rm

Coordinator is Judy Stone

Jeff Guyette, CAC and Nathan Weller

Poverty Awareness Task Force – Local homeless, housing, warming shelter

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November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Spokane Action Workshop; 9 am – 3 pm at WSU Extension 222N. Havana Street  
Registration \$30

November 7<sup>th</sup>: LWV General Meeting: Rob Curley from Spokesman Review; 7 pm at Goertzen  
Building, Social Hour @ 6:30 pm.

Coordinators are Bobbie Ryder and Libby Walker

November 19<sup>th</sup>: Brown Bag: Food Security Issues; Noon at Neill Library Hecht Rm

Coordinator is Mary Collins

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Coordinators are Sue Hinz and Libby Walker

Pullman School District Bond

December 5<sup>th</sup>: LWV General Meeting: Holiday Cookie Exchange & Harvard Case Method; 7 pm  
at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Coordinators are Helen Cantanese, Mary Collins (cookies); Bobbie Ryder (Harvard)

Andrew and Ronda Penwell are speakers

December 17<sup>th</sup>: Brown Bag: City Council Election Results at noon at Neill Library Hecht Rm