



# VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PULLMAN WASHINGTON

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The League of Women Voters of Pullman is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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## Meetings and Events

### Housing and Eldercare

Date: Monday April 3, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
 Program: Housing for low-income seniors  
 Place: Umpqua Bank  
 Contact: Judy Stone and Mary Collins

### Annual Members Meeting

Date: Monday May 8, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
 Program: Catered dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by our annual business meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
 Place: Home of Francy Bose, 1030 SW Meyer Drive  
 Contact: Mary Collins, 509-592-6929

### Civic Action Opportunity

Date: Wednesday April 19, all day  
 Program: *All Things Voting* – League presentation to three civics classes at Pullman High School  
 Place: Pullman High School  
 Contact: Deb Olson, 332-4755

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## **Brown Bags**

Dates: Third Thursdays: April 20, May 18, noon to 1:00 p.m.  
Programs: April – Francis Benjamin on *Pullman 2040*  
May – TBD  
Place: Community Congregational Church, Opal and Campus  
Contact: Deb Olson, 332-4755

## **Board Meetings**

Date: Fourth Tuesdays, April 25, May 23, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
Place: Daily Grind, back room  
Chair: Anne Lewis, 334-1075

## **Book Club**

Date: Wednesday April 17, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
Program: *Rise of the Rocket Girls* by Nathalia Holt  
Place: Home of Jackie Miyasaka, 310 SE Crestview St.  
Contact: Jackie Miyasaka, 332-1248

## **LWVWA Convention**

Date: June 2-4  
Program: Democracy: Must Be Present To Win  
Place: Best Western Executive Inn, Seattle, WA  
Contact: <http://www.lwvwa.org/pdfs/LWVWA2017ConventionCall1.pdf>

**Read your VOTER with your calendar next to you so you write in the meetings immediately. You are what makes the League a success.**

## **Housing and Eldercare** **Mary Collins**

On Monday April 3 at 6:30 at the Umpquah Bank we will have our monthly program that will focus on housing for low income elders. The panel of presenters will include representatives from the Community Action Center, Rural Resources, Pullman Regional Hospital, and Circles of Caring. Relevant results from our recently completed study of poverty in Whitman County will be discussed as well as programs and processes involved in securing housing for low income elders.

## **Annual Members' Meeting** **Mary Collins**

**Hurray, hurray for the 8th of May. It's LWV Annual Meeting Day!**

Our Annual meeting will be on Monday May 8th. We will be gathering at the home of Francy Bose, 1030 SW Meyer Drive. The evening will begin with a catered supper at 6:00 p.m. Our meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. and consist of some business reports and elections, summer activities, and volunteer

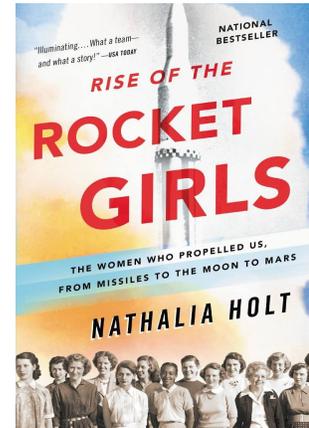
opportunities. We will then have a discussion of possible actions we might want to undertake in the coming year related to results of the Poverty Study. The cost for supper will be \$15. Please RSVP Mary Collins, 509-592-6929 by May 1. If you don't want supper, you can join us at 7:00 p.m. for the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting and the supporting documents are at the end of this VOTER. **Please print them and bring them with you to the meeting.**

## Book Club

### Jackie Miyasaki

For our next quarterly book club meeting, on Wednesday April 17, we decided to read *Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars* by Nathalia Holt. This tells the stories of a group of women who used their skills as mathematicians to break gender boundaries and advance science. We are always looking for book suggestions and new people, so if you like to read and discuss books, please join us.



## Report on the February Meeting on Climate Change

### Susan Daniels

On February 6th over 20 people attended our Monday meeting on pricing carbon that was presented by three members of the Citizens Climate Lobby, Judy Meuth, Virginia Lohr, and Bertie Weddell. Citizens Climate Lobby is a local, national, and international organization working to educate people about carbon and climate change, and promote a policy of carbon fee and dividend to encourage the use of non-carbon sources of energy and thereby curb climate change.

The information was presented in three parts. The first part described the local and global changes we are seeing in our climate due to the increase of carbon in the atmosphere:

- The average temperature of the Earth is increasing
- Glaciers, ice sheets, and sea ice are shrinking
- The sea level is rising
- The temperature of oceans and seas is rising
- The availability of water for irrigation is changing
- Sea water is becoming more acidic
- Extreme weather events are increasing

Biological changes we are beginning to see as a result of the changing climate:

- Many species may relocate or become extinct
- Migrations and breeding seasons will begin earlier
- Some insect species will survive winter; some will have more breeding cycles
- Some diseases will expand their ranges
- Forest fires will increase
- Coral reefs will lose species

### Agriculture in the Inland NW

The crops that can grow in a given area will change

Summer will be hotter, longer, and dryer

Soil moisture will decrease in late summer

Energy and water use may increase

Temperatures and water availability will be less predictable

Growing seasons will become longer

Insect damage may increase

### Communities

Economic uncertainty for farmers, ranchers, and employees in many other businesses

Unpredictable food security

Unpredictable effect on island nations

The second part of the presentation listed the possible actions that have been discussed and/or are already being used in some areas to bring about a change in the use of carbon based fuels. Various polls show that over half of the American citizens believe the climate is changing and affecting the weather, that it is human caused, and that we should do something to reduce carbon use. The actions being discussed are:

**Regulation** – A rule limits the allowed amount of carbon equivalent emissions

**Cap and Trade** – A cap is set on the allowed amount of carbon equivalent emissions and companies are allowed to trade carbon allowances to sell allowances they aren't using or to buy allowances if they need more

**Tax** – A tax is levied on carbon fuels and/or equivalent emissions. There is often strong opposition to taxes, and controversy as to how the taxes collected should be used

**Fee and dividend** – A fee is assessed on carbon equivalent emissions where the carbon enters the market. The fee is returned as a dividend to each resident

The third section explained the carbon fee and dividend plan.

Carbon fee and dividend:

1. Place a slowly rising fee on fossil fuels at the source (mine, well, or port)
2. Return all of the revenue to individuals equally
3. Use a border adjustment to place a tariff on goods imported from countries without an equivalent price on carbon and give a rebate to US exporters sending goods to countries without an equivalent price on carbon. The increasing cost of carbon in the market encourages the switch to alternative energy sources. Carbon fee and dividend is simple, transparent, and predictable, it is market based and compatible with no-new-taxes pledges. If implemented, it is unlikely to be repealed because of the dividends.

The presentation was interesting and informative and was followed by a question and answer period.

## **March Meeting on Global Scholars**

### **Kaen Kiessling**

The chairs in the meeting room at Umpqua Bank were filled for the presentation by the Global Scholars Team from WSU to present their international criminal justice issue.

The team of Madeleine Hunter, Kasey Markland, Margaret Wyckhoff and Kiana Yektansani gave a power point presentation on the research they did for a competition at WSU in the Global Scholars Program. They chose the international issue of debtors' prison, the practice of putting in jail persons convicted of infractions of the law who cannot pay their fines and fees and thus are put in jail. This happens to persons who live in poverty and are indigent. There is no way they could pay those fines and fees and they are not asked if they can prove indigence, which under the constitution would remove them from being put in jail. Often judges and legal-aid lawyers do not realize that these questions must be asked and the responders given a chance to prove their lack of any assets to meet the court demands.

This team researched the issue, chose several examples of the violation of rights in the United States, wrote a two page summary of their findings and of their solution to this problem of lack of education on rights and on the protections available to those who suffer unfairly and often interminably because they have no help as they linger in jail. They presented their case and won the competition, outscoring four other teams. Their prize was a trip to Geneva, Switzerland, to present to a committee of the United Nations, working on this issue. They also spoke to several NGO's , non-governmental agencies, usually charities who work in the area of human rights and criminal justice issues all over the globe.

The audience listened in shock to the two example cases of the injustice of continuing fines and fees accruing. The first example was a single mother of two who lived on \$9,000 per year, got a \$400 ticket that escalated to \$1250 with fees and interest, lost her job while being held in jail and away from her children and possibly would never have gotten out as charges mounted but the ACLU sued the jurisdiction and won her freedom and rescinding of her debt. The second was a veteran with serious mental health issues who shoplifted a can of beer and was put into the criminal justice system with no resources to respond. The hopelessness of these cases without outside help was noted and that this type of illegal practice is taking place in most states and even in our own. A survey of Washington state by the ACLU found it across the state but the most egregious counties were three: Benton, Clallam, and Thurston. Benton was sued by the ACLU and penalties paid there.

Part of the competition was to suggest remedies and how they would address the issue. The team suggested bench cards for courtrooms, continuing education classes for lawyers and judges, an emphasis on public defender education, programs to increase the number of public defenders and several other actions.

Lively discussion followed the presentation and all enjoyed this valuable learning experience Shelley Jones taped the program and we will put it on the website for the public when our webmaster, Paul Spencer, returns from New Zealand.

## **Public Forum on Taxicab Licensing**

### **Barbara Hammond**

On Monday, March 13, the League and the Pullman Police Advisory Committee co-sponsored a public forum for discussion of a possible revision to Pullman's Taxicab Licensing Ordinance. The proposed change would allow for social-security-number based background checks for drivers, like those required of Uber drivers, rather than fingerprint checks, which are currently required. The meeting was attended by members of the public, owners and drivers representing four local taxicab companies, and one local Uber driver. Pullman Police Chief Gary Jenkins facilitated the discussion.

With reference to the specific question regarding method of background checks, one cab company owner cited a recent study suggesting that social-security based checks may miss legal offenses discoverable by the fingerprint method. Chief Jenkins was not familiar with this study but expressed his intention to research it before presenting to the City Council on this issue. More general points raised included cost to riders (Uber is probably slightly cheaper) and benefits of locally owned and operated businesses, including driver training concerns, visibility of vehicles marked as taxis, and economic benefits to the community of retaining income locally vs. returning a percentage to a national management company. Tony Bean, airport manager, clarified requirements for taxicab operation at the airport. The forum is available for viewing on the Police Department Facebook page and printed materials distributed at the meeting are available online at:

<http://www.pullman-wa.gov/departments/police/current-topics-for-public-discussion/taxi-licensing>

## **Spring Civics Classes at Pullman High**

### **Deb Olson**

We will be doing *All Things Voting* at the High school on Wednesday, April 19. Three 80 minute classes. This is fun for everyone and the students enjoy it. If you are interested in participating (you do have to sign up for all day) contact Deb Olson [olsonbones@aol.com](mailto:olsonbones@aol.com) or 595-0333.

## **Brown Bag Meeting Reports**

### **February 3**

#### **Joan Folwell**

Audra Sims, Blue Mountain Area Manager for the Washington State Parks system, spoke to a varied audience. Members from Pullman Civic Trust, Palouse Audubon, Palouse Land Trust, and trail advocates as well as Leaguers listened to her describe her responsibilities regarding the parks in her area; they include Steptoe Battlefield, Steptoe Butte, Field Springs, Camp Wooten, Palouse Falls, Sacajawea, the eastern half of the John Wayne Trail, Columbia Plateau Trail, and Lyons Ferry.

Her remarks focused on the upcoming public process that will lead to long-term plans for Steptoe Butte and Steptoe Battlefield. The first meeting took place at the Whitman County Library on March 7 from 5:30 to 7:30PM. There are three main objectives: 1) to classify the park lands to determine the appropriate level of recreational use; 2) to delineate a long-term park boundary with shared management objectives or that may be appropriate for transfer; and 3) to prepare a management plan for each park. This process is known as classification and management planning or CAMP. There will be a series of three public meetings; this first one is to identify issues suggested by the public; the second one is to get the public response to a draft report generated by those suggestions; and the third one is to review the final report that will be delivered to the State Parks and Recreation Commission. Interested persons are encouraged to come to the meetings or to submit written comments to Randy Kline, Park Planner, P.O. Box 42650, Olympia, WA, 98504-2650 or email [randy.kline@parks.wa.gov](mailto:randy.kline@parks.wa.gov).

### **March 3**

#### **Deb Olsen**

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, Troy Henderson from Whitman County Health Services reported on dental care for the poor in Whitman County. Currently there are no Medicaid dental care providers. Medicaid reimbursement is low and paperwork is extreme. During the County Needs Assessment access to

dental health was the number one need. Troy started looking for someone to fill this need. He first approached CHAS which opened a dental clinic in Moscow in November. However, it was determined that this did not fill the need in Whitman County even though the state line is immaterial for Medicaid. Troy then started talks with the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic offers full health services (medical, dental and behavioral). This allows them to coordinate visits. Yakima Valley bought the Fireside Restaurant and will remodel to open for dental services in less than a year with plans to expand to include medical and behavioral health in the future.

Transportation is still a major issue in Whitman County. How to get services to small communities is a countywide problem. Troy is working on a proposal for a mobile dental van in conjunction with Grant and Asotin Counties. This is expensive. The cost of a dental chair is over \$100,000. Also there is the problem of finding a provider.

Smile Mobile will be in Pullman June 5 through June 9.

## **Upcoming Brown Bags**

**Deb Olson**

**April 20:** Francis Benjamin will report on *Pullman 2040*. “*Pullman 2040* is a process which engages all community members to develop a collective vision for the Pullman Community and the strategies to accomplish that vision.” Everyone is welcome.

**May 25:** TBD

## **Presentation to Rotary**

**Libby Walker**

Anne Lewis and I were invited to give a presentation to Rotary on February 22, 2017. In a program lasting approximately 30 minutes, we provided background on the formation of the national, state and local chapters of the League of Women Voters including pertinent issues throughout history. Our primary focus was the three most current developments in the Pullman League – the 2014-2016 Poverty Study including several key findings, the dramatic expansion of the Observer Corps, and the Civics Education class which was developed by the League and offered at Pullman High School, Spokane Falls Community College, and to the public.

We concluded by emphasizing that the League is open to all concerned citizens - both male and female and encouraged those interested to consider membership. Handouts of the League’s current calendar of events and the TRY were available.

## **Pi(e) Day Celebration**

**Anne Lewis**

Thank you to all who attended or stopped by on the excuse to enjoy pie that is  $\pi$ -Day! Alice, Barbara, Casey, Dean, Deb, Fran, Ginger, Jackie, Libby, Shelley, and myself created and enjoyed a bounty of savory and sweet pies. Although the day of the week changes, the “date” doesn’t—so mark March 14 on your 2018 calendar so you can attend next year!

## TRY Report

The new TRY for the 2017/2018 biennium has been updated and proofed, and proofed again and is quite handsome. It is printed and is being distributed to multiple sites around Whitman County. It will also be sent out with the finance letters to prospective donors and be used when League members teach Civics classes at the Pullman High School.

## Observer Corps Judy Stone

The Observer Corps is composed of members who attend meetings of public agencies and report on issues of interest to League. The monthly calendar of public meetings and the observers assigned to them is available on our website on the [home page](#). Check it out and see if there is a meeting you would like to attend. Contact Judy Stone, 509-878-1519.

## Observer Reports

### Pullman School District Board Dawn Baerlocher

The majority of the meeting was dedicated to community members speaking out regarding Mr. Church, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary, being put on paid administrative leave right before Holiday Break 2016. Mr. Church was removed from his classroom (from all accounts, it sounds like it was in somewhat dramatic fashion) and a substitute (formerly retired) and a student teacher have been left in command. Parents have been upset with the lack of communication from the district regarding this matter. I summarize some of the main points of the various speaker comments below. In all, eight community speakers spoke – the majority speaking about Mr. Church.

Prior to the “Visitor” section of the meeting, Dr. Maxwell read a prepared statement indicating he knew why there was such a big audience in attendance, but that the district had a process in place to deal with personnel matters and such matters would not be discussed in public, in an effort to allow for a fair due process.

Summary of Visitor Points on the Mr. Church issue:

Point #1: Parents were not notified of the situation regarding Mr. Church. Some students, who were once thriving, are now struggling without Mr. Church’s presence in the classroom. It was reported that many students are scared and very upset that no one has told them why he was “taken away.” It was noted that this situation has been really difficult for many students and parents alike. Several speakers indicated that Mr. Church was one of those “special teachers” who has made a real difference for many students over the years.

Point #2: One speaker had a list of questions for the Board regarding the handling of the situation. The questions revolved around the legality of what is happening. Questions like “Is the investigation being handled internally or externally? What sort of process is in place for this type of thing? Is legal counsel involved? Why is the district now paying three people to do one teachers job? Since the new

administration has taken over (Dr. Kramar and Dr. Maxwell), are more situations popping up like this? Why is this process taking so long?"

In addition to the comments regarding Mr. Church, a concerned parent read a letter signed by sixteen of the nineteen families in Mr. Justin West's Kindergarten class at Sunnyside Elementary. Mr. West was fired on February 8, 2017 and the parents were not notified of the situation. The letter asked why parents were not notified, and what was being done to transition these kinders who are now winding down their school year with a teacher they don't know. This situation has caused distress for many students – as well as their parents.

Another Visitor wanted clarification on the Boundary Policy that was recently updated by the Pullman School District. The policy outlines what is appropriate and what is not appropriate interaction and communication between students and teachers. The speaker who spoke on this issue thought that the policy was poorly written and suggested that a committee be formed of teachers, parents and community members to revise the policy. It has been mentioned in various meetings that sometimes blanket policies don't always work in a small, tight-knit community like Pullman. Dr. Maxwell commented on the Boundary Policy after the Visitor section of the meeting was over. He indicated that the Boundary Policy revisions were revisions passed down from WSSDA – the state agency who creates much of public school policy. He indicated that the administration is working with the teachers union to clarify this policy.

And finally, one speaker indicated that teachers are now afraid to ask questions and are generally thinking, "Am I going to be fired next?" Since no explanation has been given for Mr. Church being removed from the classroom, and with the concern swirling around the Boundary Policy, there is a general sense of fear and uncertainty among many teachers. There were many teachers in the audience.

No public meetings were announced but I think it would be prudent for the LWV to follow this situation. It was indicated that the School District and School Board would address the questions presented at the meeting and post them to their Pullman School District web-site.

With the recent articles in the *MPDN*, the administration and Board knew that there would be an audience. Mr. Maxwell had a prepared statement regarding the Mr. Church situation and did speak to the efforts to clarify the Boundary Policy. Mrs. Susan Weed, a Board Member, thanked the audience for coming. She commented that the Board is here to serve the community and that if the community members don't speak up, the Board doesn't always know what they are thinking.

I think this is a stressful time for the administration, for teachers and the School Board. It did feel like some of the people who are usually warm and fuzzy, were a little more on edge. This was the biggest audience I have ever seen in attendance!

## **Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport Board Katherine Lovrich**

The current airport terminal is already undersized for the number of passengers using it, so with the new runway a larger terminal will be necessary. The new terminal should be two-story so passengers can walk into it on the ground level, and deplane without having to descend to the ground as they do now. Tony Bean will be attending a conference on airports.

## Annual Meeting Agenda

**Please bring to meeting**

1. Call to order and declaration of quorum (1/4 of 58 members) - Anne Lewis
2. 2016 Annual meeting Minutes Report- Barbara Hammond & Diane Smerdon
3. Appointment of readers for the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report- Shelley Jones
5. Finance Drive Report- Diane Smerdon
6. Budget Report- Mary Collins
7. Membership Report
9. Adoption of League of Women Voters of Pullman Bylaws
10. Adoption of League of Women Voters of Pullman Positions
11. Nominating Committee Report- Anne Lewis
12. Election of Officers
13. Election of Delegates
  - a. State Convention
  - b. Direction to Delegates
14. Program Item: Action- Mary Collins
15. Other Business
  - a. Community Update- Diane Smerdon
  - b. Other volunteer opportunities
    - i. Observer Corp- Judy Stone
    - ii. Voter Service Committee- Deb Olson
    - iii. The Voter- Anne Lewis
  - c. Summer Activities
    - i. Summer Planning
    - ii. Parades and Primaries- Deb Olson
16. Additional items for the good of the order
17. Adjournment

**League of Women Voters of Pullman  
Treasurer's Report  
April 2, 2017**

**Please bring to meeting**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Projected Year-End</b>
<b>DUES</b>	3,145.00	2,710.00	2,710.00
<b>DONATIONS</b>			
General Fund	2,500.00	725.00	2,500.00
Scholarship Fund	-	-	-
<b>OTHER</b>	600.00	-	400.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	6,245.00	3,435.00	5,610.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>			
P.O. Box Rental	100.00	84.00	84.00
Thank You Gifts	150.00	-	-
Venue Expenses	250.00	70.00	70.00
Miscellaneous	125.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	625.00	154.00	154.00
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>			
President/Board	50.00	-	-
Finance Drive	200.00	-	200.00
Membership	50.00	-	-
Public Relations	420.00	420.00	420.00
Affiliations	225.00	125.00	125.00
WA News Service	50.00	-	-
Annual Dinner	400.00	-	400.00
Miscellaneous	60.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	1,455.00	545.00	1,145.00
<b>DELEGATES &amp; TRAVEL</b>			
National Convention	-	-	-
State Council	-	-	-
State Convention	1,050.00	-	1,050.00
Action Workshop	400.00	-	-
Other Events/Travel	60.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL DELEGATES &amp; TRAVEL</b>	1,510.00	-	1,050.00
<b>PER MEMBER PAYMENTS (PMPs)</b>			
National PMP	856.00	776.00	776.00
State PMP	1,016.50	921.50	921.50
<b>TOTAL PER MEMBER PAYMENTS</b>	1,872.50	1,697.50	1,697.50
<b>THE VOTER</b>			
Printing, Supplies, Postage	75.00	19.69	30.00
<b>TOTAL THE VOTER</b>	75.00	19.69	30.00

<b>EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES</b>			
Publications	100.00	37.47	37.47
They Represent You (TRY) Program	500.00	484.62	484.62
Voter Service	200.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES</b>	300.00	198.30	300.00
	1,100.00	720.39	822.09
<b>POSITION/ACTION ACTIVITIES</b>	200.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	6,837.50	3,136.58	4,898.59
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	(592.50)	298.42	711.41
IN-KIND DONATIONS: \$249.96			
Checking Account Balance: \$3,204.13 (as of 4/2/2017)			
<b>SPECIAL ACCOUNT BALANCES</b> (as of 4/2/2017):			
Scholarship Fund	\$200.00		
Civics Education Grant	\$6.29		
<b>LWV-Pullman ED Fund</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	800	50	500
<b>Expenses</b>			
National PMP	856	776	776
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	-56	-726	-276
Ed Fund Balance: \$1418.97 (as of 4/2/2017)			

**League of Women Voters of Pullman  
Proposed Budget for 2017-2018**

**Please bring to meeting**

	<b>2017- 2018 Budget</b>	<b>2016-2017 Budget</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>DUES</b>	3,095	3,145
<b>DONATIONS</b>		
General Fund	2,000	2,500
LWVPullman Education Fund	-	800
Scholarship Fund	-	
<b>OTHER</b>	400	600
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	5,495	7,045
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>		
P.O. Box Rental	86	100
Thank You Gifts	75	150
Venue Expenses	125	250
Miscellaneous	50	125
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	336	625
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
President/Board	50	50
Finance Drive	200	200
Membership	50	50
Public Relations	420	420
Affiliations	225	225
WA News Service	-	50
Annual Dinner	400	400
Miscellaneous	-	60
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	1,345	1,455
<b>DELEGATES &amp; TRAVEL</b>		
National Convention	500	-
State Council	500	-
State Convention	-	1,050
Action Workshop	125	400
Other Events/Travel	-	60
<b>TOTAL DELEGATES &amp; TRAVEL</b>	1,125	1,510

<b>PER MEMBER PAYMENTS (PMPs)</b>			
National PMP	840		1,712
State PMP	998		1,017
<b>TOTAL PER MEMBER PAYMENTS</b>	1,838		2,729
<b>THE VOTER</b>			
Printing, Supplies, Postage	75		75
<b>TOTAL THE VOTER</b>	75		75
<b>EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES</b>			
Publications	50		100
They Represent You (TRY)	-		500
Program	150		200
Voter Service	350		300
<b>TOTAL EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES</b>	550		1,100
<b>POSITION/ACTION ACTIVITIES</b>	-		200
<b>INTO RESERVE FUND</b>	227		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	5,495		7,694
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	-		(649)
<b>LWV-Pullman ED Fund Budget</b>	<b>2017-2018 Budget</b>		
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	500		
Transfer from Current ED Fund Balance	340		(To cover shortfall)
<b>Expenses</b>			
National PMP	840		
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	-		
Ed Fund Balance: \$1418.97 (as of 4/2/2017)			

## League of Women Voters of Pulman Proposed Changes to Bylaws

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### ARTICLE III -- Membership

Sec. 1. Eligibility: Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2 Types of Membership: The membership of the League of Women Voters of Pullman shall be composed of voting members and associate members. (a) Voting members shall be ~~citizens~~ **persons** at least ~~eighteen~~ **sixteen** years of age. (b) Associate members shall be all other members.

### ARTICLE VI -- Financial Administration

Sec. 2. Dues: Annual dues, as set at the annual meeting, shall be payable by the last day of September each year. ~~Dues for the following year will be halved for new members joining after March 1.~~ **A person who becomes a member after March 1 and before September 1 will pay one half of the annual dues for that year.** Any changes in the dues structure shall take effect on September 1 following the annual meeting. Dues of students and student spouses will be one-half the ~~non-student~~ **regular** dues. Dues for couples, two-member households, will be equivalent to one regular membership plus the total state and national membership requirements with the household receiving only one set of publications. Any member who fails to pay dues by January 1 of the current membership year after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Proposed Positions and Action For 2017-2019 Biennium

**Revised May 8, 2017**

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**1. Whitman County Health Services:** Support for a public health program for Whitman County which promotes the physical and mental health of all residents of the county. *See also # 9,i.*

**2. Environmental Quality.** (a) Land Use: Support of policies and procedures which promote coordinated planning and method of enforcement for the conservation and development of land. Support of policies to promote coordinated planning and implementation of solid waste management procedures which conserve natural resources, are ecologically sound, and aesthetically pleasing. (b) Management: Support of policies to continue city-wide curbside recycling and composting, to

maintain a Recycling Center, to hire a recycling coordinator, to encourage procurement of recyclable materials, and development of markets for recyclable materials.

**3. Whitman County Transportation:** Support of a system of transportation for the Pullman area which will adequately serve all segments of the population. *See also #9,e*

**4. City and Regional Planning:** Support of principles of planning, subdivisions and zoning. Support of neighborhoods, parks and recreation areas, business and retail areas connected directly for ease of access with a variety of transportation modes. Support changes of development policy and rules for both contractors and private land owners to allow earlier and more public involvement to minimize conflicts and misunderstandings in the development process. Support the principle of making land use decisions through a process that requires both a Planning Commission and City Council or County Commissioners. Support of growth within carefully defined areas for commerce and light industry. Support of annual review by the City Council of a Capital Improvement Program for the City. Additional consensus on development in 2002-2003 League of Women Voters of Pullman study.

**5. Local Government Budget and Finance:** Support (1) tax measures necessary to maintain an adequate level of revenue for Pullman City Government, (2) long-range financial planning for the City of Pullman, and (3) changes to city finance and procedures to carry out those long-range plans.

**6. Schools:** Support of measures for a school program adequately financed by the State Basic Education Act. Support of special levies for specific purposes unhampered by a levy lid. Support of the following criteria for schools: (1) Given the present economic constraints of the levy lid law, basic education funding and fluctuating enrollment, it is important to have quality instructional programming and low student teacher ratio. (2) Energy efficiency (fuel & transportation) is an important criteria in considering use or lack of use of a building. (3) In any major redistribution of students, the maintaining of neighborhood clusters of children should be considered. (4) Complete financial estimates of each option should be made available when considering changes in the use of facilities. *See also #9,h.*

**7. City Government:** Support of the principle of separation of administrative and policy-making functions.

**8. Library Services.** Support: (1) equitable salaries for library employees in comparison with other city employees, (2) additional sources of funding and any expansion to maintain at least the present level of services, and (3) cooperative relationships with other area libraries while maintaining local autonomy.

**9. Addressing Poverty in Whitman County:**

**a. Resource Accessibility and Data Gathering:**

1). Support of a uniform system which collects, updates and distributes information on services available for those in poverty in Whitman County. The League promotes participation of this system by both public and private entities.

2). In order to provide more adequate, cost effective services that reach more of those living in poverty, the League supports the uniform gathering of data, in a form appropriate for public dissemination, on classes of individuals served and those denied service, including such data as age, inability to work due to physical and/or mental disability, general location in the county, etc.

**b. Legal issues:**

1). Support of the establishment of a system to connect those in poverty who need affordable legal assistance with legal services.

2). Support the removal of interest charges on delayed court payments for fines or fees. The LWV of Pullman finds that such fees are unfair additional punishment placed on low income offenders and often result in continuous debt or jail simply because the person cannot afford them.

**c. Food Security:** Support for improved food security for those in or near poverty in traditional and innovative ways.

**d. Housing:** Support of efforts and incentives to create more transitional and permanent housing opportunities for low-income residents. We encourage building more housing that is affordable, socially integrated, architecturally innovative and geographically distributed in towns and throughout the county. We support incentives for landlords to accept subsidized tenants.

**e. Transportation:** Support the development of a variety of county-wide transportation systems for Whitman County. It should include both on-demand and regular, dependable transportation to employment opportunities and to services.

**f. Child Care:** Support access to affordable childcare in Whitman County, with special consideration for rural and small communities. This includes adequate public and private funding, providing incentives to increase capacities, greater flexibility in rules of eligibility and support of adequate-provider compensation.

**g. Elder Care:** Support basic services for the elderly, without consideration of their economic status, to avoid impoverishment in Whitman County.

**h. Education and job training:** Support improvement of education in Whitman County, including county-wide efforts to increase high school graduation rates. We also support efforts to encourage more students to take post secondary training -- vocational, academic, professional and artistic. The League supports a Community College presence in Whitman County.

**i. Health Care:** Support measures to provide access to and the availability of affordable health care in Whitman County. This should include medical, behavioral health, and dental care, especially for residents living in poverty or having inadequate health insurance.

**Pullman League of Women Voters  
Nominating Slate 2017=2018  
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<b>President</b>	Shelley Jones
<b>Vice-President</b>	Mary Collins
<b>Treasurer</b>	Susan Daniels & Paul Spencer
<b>Secretary</b>	Alice Schroeder
<b>Back-up Secretary</b>	Libby Walker
<b>Voter Service</b>	Deb Olson
<b>Brown Bag Coordinator</b>	Deb Olson
<b>Observer Corps</b>	Judy Stone
<b>Community Outreach</b>	Libby Walker
<b>Membership</b>	Janet Kendall
<b>Webmaster</b>	Paul Spencer
<b>Voter Editor</b>	Anne Lewis
<b>Community Update</b>	Diane Smerdon
<b>Finance Coordinator</b>	Diane Smerdon
<b>Finance Drive Thank Yous</b>	Lenna Harding
<b>Nominating Chair</b>	Anne Lewis