



# VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

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*Vision Statement: We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.*

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“A bit of excitement.”

- Jack Vokes, age 98, on being the first person vaccinated in Bristol, England.

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## Meetings & Events

Me in my profile pic vs. me in the zoom meeting



### Board Meetings

Date: Tuesday, April 27

Time: 10:00 am- noon

Location: Zoom

Contact: Bobbie Ryder

### Florence Nightingale Reenactment

Date: Thursday, April 1

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Where: The meeting will be conducted via Zoom

Event: Cathryn Cummings performs as Florence Nightingale

Contact: Bobbie Ryder

### April Brown Bag

Date: Tuesday, April 20

Time: Noon- 1 p.m.

Location: The meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Speaker and Topic: Mike Urban, "Pullman City Budget in the Year of COVID-19"

Contact: Libby Walker

## Annual Business Meeting

Date: **Thursday, May 6**

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: The meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

Topic:

Contact: Bobbie Ryder

## Upcoming Events

### Florence Nightingale Reenactment- Bobbie Ryder

On April 1, LWV of Pullman Celebrates Florence Nightingale's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday (just a bit early)!

The birthday of the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale (1820-1910), is celebrated each year on May 12, and this year she would turn 200. Not coincidentally, this is also Nurses Week. To honor the extraordinary service of nurses and medical professionals during this past year, the League of Women Voters of Pullman is sponsoring a reenactment of Florence Nightingale, performed by Cathryn Cummings.

Cathryn Cummings grew up in Walla Walla, WA and holds a Doctor of Divinity from Princeton University. She is nationally recognized for her theatrical story telling. She is a featured speaker on Ted Talks and has created a one-woman show that tells the stories of five remarkable women in history that inspired her to be who she is. In this performance Cathryn will reenact Florence Nightingale.

Many know her as "the lady with the lamp," keeping watch over injured soldiers in the Crimean War in 1854. The war had been raging for a year, and newspaper reports of the terrible conditions for injured soldiers shocked the British public. Nightingale's party of nurses was sent to ease suffering in Crimea.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are getting the timely reminder of the importance of Nightingale's work. As a leader of nurses she knew when to stand up for her nurses and patients. Nurses will fight to get the best resources they can for their team and the people they are looking after.

**As with all meetings this year, the performance will be over Zoom and free to the public. The performance will begin at 7 pm on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Zoom link can be found on the LWV of Pullman website <http://lwvpullman.org/>.**



## Pullman City Budget in the Year of Covid-19- Libby Walker

The presenter for the Brown Bag on April 20th will be City Administrator and Finance Director Mike Urban. Mike will discuss City income and expenses during the year ending December 31, 2020. There were many challenges given decreases in revenue from the lodging tax, real estate excise taxes, sales taxes, and utility fund revenues. He will explain what cuts were made in an attempt to balance the budget and the role played by CARES Act funding received by the City of Pullman. Predictions for 2021 may also be addressed.

## Annual Meeting- Alice Schroeder



### Call to the May Annual Meeting

The Annual Business meeting will be on **Thursday, May 6 at 7:00-9:00pm on Zoom**. Our business meeting includes the election of officers, approval of next year's budget, discussion and approval of changes in several positions and the Bylaws and a proposal for an update study of our local libraries. All are very important for continuing our programs next year and none can happen without a quorum. The quorum is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of our 69 members. **So we need at least 17 members attending! Please attend!** Following the business meeting President, Bobbie Ryder, will present a brief slide show of the highlights of the 2020-2021 Pullman League year. Hopefully, next year we will return to our tradition of a catered dinner and lots of socializing before the meeting.

## A Selection of Memories

### Palouse Regional Housing Study- Libby Walker

Brian Points, President of Points Consulting in Moscow, presented the Palouse Regional Housing Assessment which was completed in 2019 and included both Whitman and Latah Counties. Single family homes are still in short supply on the Palouse, and the study recommended large scale single family housing developments. The Pullman City Council moved to approve the Canyon Crest Planned Residential Development which involves 75 lots on 10.3 acres near Kamiak Elementary School. 68 homes from 1,000-2,000 square feet will be built; none will have garages but there will be covered parking stalls.

### Assessing League Impacts in Washington State- Libby Walker

Nicholas Lovrich and Francis Benjamin were guest speakers at the February brown bag meeting. The concept of "appreciative inquiry" will be used in a survey to determine the positive aspects of the League of Women Voters in Washington State with questions such as: "What brought you to the League?" and

“What are the values that motivate you?” Nicholas Lovrich, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at WSU and Francis Benjamin, Director of the Political Interaction Lab in the WSU Department of Psychology are the lead investigators on this project. They will coordinate with the League of Women Voters of Washington Research Team. Phase One includes a survey of 130 current League members. Phase Two involves developing a survey which will be distributed to all 2700 League members throughout the state. Phase Three includes surveying external agencies and stakeholders. The goal is to create a publishable paper which will be the first in the U.S. to measure the influence of a state League of Women Voters.

## Black Lives Matter Conversation- Karyn Hardy & Paul Spencer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBIo0U7W-4>



**Panel Discussion with Organizers of the PSBLM and PPD**

**YouTube: LWV Pullman**

LWV of Pullman, on Feb 4, 2021, held a panel discussion featuring organizers of the “Palouse in Solidarity with Black Lives Matter” demonstration held in Pullman on June 12, 2020. Some of the organizers, Ivy Ndambuki, Jeremaih Akin, Joe Hedges, and Pullman Police Department, Chief Gary Jenkins, highlighted how the marches came about, how they were organized, and lessons learned.



We give a shout-out to all our wonderful observers who have been attending the virtual meetings being held for their agencies. If the meetings are not cancelled – our observers are watching and/or listening. Please contact Judy Stone with questions about how to participate in this vibrant, important, and “able to fit in one’s schedule” part of League.

## Library Board Report- Francy Pavlas Bose

Neill Public Library, March 10, 2021; Length of Meeting: Hour +

Members Present: Kris Boreen, chair; Mary Jane O’Neill; Jann Hill; Dan LaBeau; Brandon Wolking

Others Present (i.e., media, public): Ann Parks

### Meeting Content:

The meeting was called to order with whole board in attendance. Motions were made and seconded to pass the February Minutes, claims for past three months, and March Salary warrants.

Ann Parks reported that the **City Council** was very impressed with the organizational procedures and goal setting during the pandemic and in the first steps to reopen. Well Done!

Joanna Bailey, Library Director, reported that the Friends of the Library are currently planning a **Book Sale in the Parking lot**. Multiple boxes of books will be available in numerous ways including possibly ‘fill a bag’. Still in early planning stages. Left over books will be distributed to libraries; schools and finally thrift shops. Currently library is not taking any discarded books.

It was reported that 18.34% of **this year’s budget** has been spent; materials and activities will be included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

See the **attached Director’s report**: Highlights: The library is open and have already increased to 50 % occupancy or 40 people. Most people come at 4 pm with the least people accessing from 5—6 pm making that a good time to go to the library. Curbside is now open from 11:30 am—5:30 pm. Grab and Go Bags are very popular with 100 a week. They have been for everyone, but March will be for Teens Only. Downloadable books are becoming more popular with Teens. Library waiting for stage three re-opening. Two library developments were mentioned: Revenue for materials will be coming in the amount of \$16,000 and funding for maintenance in form of Janitorial service and additional cleaning needs (pandemic driven). The subcommittee to review the Director was appointed: Dan LaBeau and Brandon Wolking.

No New Business. Meeting adjourned.

## Observer Corps Activity End of Year Report 2020- Judy Stone

### Agencies Observed in 2020

#### City of Pullman

Arts Commission – Uta Hutnak  
 City Council – Libby Walker and Karyn Hardy as backup  
 Library Board – Francy Bose and Anne Lewis as backup  
 Pullman Planning Commission – Helen Catanese  
 Regional Airport – Lennis Boyer Watts  
 Regional Hospital – Judy Stone  
 School Board –Carol Ndambuki

#### County

County Commissioners – Paul Spencer and Mary Collins as backup  
 County Planning Commission – Shelley Chambers-Fox  
 Port – Carolyn Joswig Jones and Kim Thompson as backup  
 SWAC – Deb Olson

In late February agencies began conducting their meetings virtually and by the end of March they all were.





## Percentage of meetings attended by our Observer Corps

<b>% Meetings attended</b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
January	39 %	63
February	50	92
March	80	67
April	73	88
May	64	88
June	62	100
July	40	75
August	67	100
September	82	82
October	50	85
November	50	90
December	64	70
	<b>60 %</b>	<b>83 %</b>



## SHOUT OUTS & REMINDERS

### TRY- Susan Daniels

For many years the League has printed and distributed the TRY, which stands for “They Represent You, a brochure listing the elected and appointed officials in Whitman County. This year instead of printing the brochure we are posting it on our website. The 2021 edition is now available at <http://www.lwvpullman.org/> or click on this <http://lwvpullman.org/pdf/TRY2021-22.pdf>.

Many thanks to all those who helped verify the information about all the various city and county boards, committees and commissions, and the state and federal senator and representatives.



### FINANCE DRIVE REPORT- Libby Walker

Libby Walker & Paul Spencer were co-chairs of the Finance Drive that just ended resulting in contributions from 14 members and 10 non-members for a total of totaling \$2822. 14 members and 10 non-members contributed with the majority of the donations going to the General (unrestricted) Fund. This total is similar to last year’s total.

The league website has a Donate option for those interested in contributing at any time.

### FB and Instagram

Follow, use, and recommend our social media options! Please contact Carolyn with questions, suggestions, photos, announcements, etc.



## Complete List of Board Officers:

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