

**League of Women Voters of Portland
2020 Membership Business Meeting
May 12, 2020**

The 2020 Membership Business meeting was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Debbie Kaye, LWVPDX President, introduced herself and thanked everyone for attending. She reviewed the many League accomplishments during the year and described League members as Democracy Heroes as the League continues to work hard to champion causes and issues important to members and their communities.

Debbie called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. She introduced two non-voting guests in attendance: Becky Gladstone, LWVOR President and Alice Bartelt who serves as the LWVOR 2nd Vice Chair and Action Chair. Alice was also serving as the Parliamentarian and Zoom coach for the Portland League's Business Meeting.

Zoom Meeting Instruction. Alice explained how the discussion and voting would take place during the meeting. Members were to click the "Raise Hand" button at the bottom of the participant list to indicate their wish to make a comment or ask a question. The same process would be used to register their votes. Any motions made were to be typed into the "Chat" box for all participants to see.

Delegate Count: Debbie Kaye reported that 38 members were required for a quorum. There were 62 participants in the meeting and 60 were Portland League members. She noted that 31 votes would constitute a simple majority. Robin Tokmakian moved to accept the delegate and quorum count. Adrienne Aiona seconded the motion. Debbie Kaye called for a vote and the motion passed.

Adoption of Meeting Rules: Debbie Kaye asked for a motion to adopt the Proposed 2020 Membership Business Meeting Rules as provided in the participant materials. Margaret Noel made the motion which was seconded by Maud Naroll. Debbie Kaye called for a vote on the motion and the Meeting Rules were adopted with no discussion.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda: Debbie Kaye asked for a motion to adopt the Agenda of the Business Meeting as provided in the participant materials. Maud Naroll made the motion which was seconded by Chris Cobey. Debbie Kaye called for a vote on the motion and the Meeting Agenda was adopted with no discussion.

Acceptance of Minutes: The minutes of the 2019 Local Convention were provided in the participant materials. The minutes were reviewed by last year's Minutes Review Committee, Carol Cushman and Susan Gilbert. Debbie asked for any corrections to the minutes and hearing none, declared the minutes approved as written.

2020-2021 Program:

LWVPDX Positions: Nancy Donovan, Civic Education Chair, directed members to the current LWVPDX positions that were sent to participants by either email or mail, including the new City Government position adopted in January 2020. Debbie Kaye explained the position review process which included the results of the January Winter Program Planning Party, attended by 50 members and the results of five Units, attended by 54 members who met to discuss the LWVUS and LWVPDX positions.

Nancy Donovan moved to retain all current LWVPDX positions, including the new position on City Government. Maud Naroll seconded the motion. The ensuing discussion included a question from Olivia Smith about the position in the School Funding section of the Education position, specifically #4 dealing with allowing private fundraising. Debbie Aiona and Anne Davidson provided an explanation of the position which came out of a large school budget shortfall. Fran Dyke suggested that the Education Interest Group led by Nancy Donovan could provide a further explanation at the September member meeting. Debbie Kaye called for a vote on the motion and the motion passed.

LWVPDX study on Police Accountability: Debbie Kaye introduced Barbara Ross who presented the study proposal which was in the material provided to participants. After the presentation, Nancy Donovan moved to approve the new study on Police Accountability as described in the material sent to members in the mail and by email. No second was needed because the study was recommended by the LWVPDX Board. A discussion followed beginning with a question from Pamela Clark about the wording in the Scope of the study and whether the vote was to approve phase one of the study or phase one and two. As a result of the discussion, Adrienne Aiona provided the following motion to clarify that approval of the study would be for phase one only. Adrienne moved that *the following be deleted from the scope of the study proposal: "This would be phase one of the study. If the team decides to, we might go into phase two, which would focus on recruitment, screening/selection, and hiring of new police officers. That phase of the study could determine whether we are making genuine progress in shaping our police force to more accurately reflect the communities it serves"*. Pamela Clark seconded the motion. Debbie Kaye asked for a raised hand vote on the amendment. She declared the amendment approved with no objections. Debbie Kaye then called for a vote to approve the new study on Police Accountability as amended. The motion passed.

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021: Debbie Kaye introduced Adrienne Aiona, Budget Chair, who provided a presentation on the new budget. Adrienne thanked the Budget Committee members Eileen Chase, Anne Davidson, Peter Englander and Margaret Noel. Adrienne noted that the budget was completed in January before the coronavirus crisis and that the budget is a plan that can be adjusted by the Board as needed. She also explained that members may discuss, debate and amend the budget for the Regular Fund at the current meeting. The Education Fund budget is provided for review and comment only because it is related to the Regular Fund budget but is adopted by the Education Fund Trustees at their next meeting. Adrienne reviewed the Revenue and Expenses of the budgets and then moved to

approve the Regular Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, as presented. No second is required. There was an extensive discussion with questions from several members and clarifications from Adrienne and Budget Committee members. Susan Gilbert provided clarification on the PMP process. Adrienne also explained the status of membership dues: the \$1 dollar increase in dues every year was approved for 5 years in 2016. This is the 5th year. With a thanks to Adrienne and the Budget Committee, Debbie Kaye called for a vote on the motion. The motion to approve the Regular Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 passed.

Nominating Slate: Debbie Kaye explained that the last official task of the evening was to vote on the Nominating Slate. Before beginning the discussion on the election of new members to the Board, Debbie highlighted some of the accomplishments of those leaving it: Peter Englander, Treasurer; Carol Cushman, At-Large and assisting with Action and Kim Mason, Justice Interest Group and Volunteer Coordinator. She thanked them for all the time and effort they invested as Board Members in the League's mission, vision and values. She extended a sincere thanks to all three for their perseverance and high level of insight to help the League move forward. Carol Cushman has been nominated this year for a position on the Nominating Committee and will be continuing with her activities in support of Action.

Debbie Kaye thanked the Nominating Committee, Doreen Binder, Chair; Carol Cushman; Judy Froemke and Mary McWilliams. She noted that meeting participants should have received the revised Nominating Committee Report, adding the name of Audrey Zunkel-deCoursey to be elected as a Board member-at-large to complete Kim Mason's term because Kim has resigned due to time constraints. She called on Doreen Binder to present the slate and make the motion to approve the Slate. Assuming the motion from the Nominating Committee and with no second required, Debbie Kaye called for the vote and the motion to accept the Nominating Committee Report passed. The Board was elected.

Debbie Kaye further explained that the Board can appoint additional directors and encouraged anyone interested in Board service to contact Doreen Binder.

Fundraising: Debbie Kaye, donning a hat with her husband Ted Kaye, outlined her "Passing the Hat" campaign. She pointed out that League members had just passed a budget that included member contributions and she provided the options for donating to the Portland League. She also announced that two Board members had generously started the campaign with a commitment of \$600.00. Donations can be made by sending a check to the League's PO Box or using the donate buttons on the League website, lwvpx.org, for either the Education Fund or the Advocacy/Regular Fund. She asked for donations by the middle of June if possible and voiced her thanks for everyone's support.

Follow-up Convention Meeting: Nancy Donovan reported on the plans to hold the rest, non-business half of the Local Convention on the second Tuesday in September 2020. Original thoughts were to be able to meet in person, socialize, listen to a speaker, enjoy a meal and recognize Life members and volunteers. Portland Police Chief Resch had agreed to be the

featured speaker before all plans were changed. Nancy asked everyone to put September 8 on their calendars and she will keep them updated on developments with the meeting.

Nancy also reported that a Convention Handbook with the results of this business meeting and all annual reports will be sent out electronically to League members. She asked for members to let her know if they will need a printed copy.

Guidance to the Board: Debbie Kaye announced that the final business for the evening was to invite participants to provide Guidance to the Board. This year, she asked members to email their ideas to her at President@lwvpx.org.

Finally, Debbie Kaye offered special thanks to the committee who worked to prepare this virtual meeting: Nancy Donovan, Margaret Noel, Marion McNamara, Ted Kaye and Alice Bartelt.

With her thanks to those attending the Business Meeting and with the hope to see everyone in September, Debbie Kaye adjourned the meeting at 7pm.