

LWVWY
Board Meeting Minutes 7/7/2024

I. Opening

- Call to Order – Nany L., President 7:00; Start Zoom recording (Dee B.) a quorum is present
- Board Members:
 - President - Present
 - Dee – VP - Present
 - Katie – Treasurer - Present
 - Liz – Secretary and Campbell Co President - Present
 - Michelle – Director - Present
 - Margaret – Director - Present
 - Karin Ebertz – Director – Present
 - Kylie – Casper President - Present
 - Karie – Cheyenne President - Present
 - Linda – Fremont Co President - Present
 - Lynne – Laramie President - Present
- Guests in attendance:
 - Kylie McCormick
 - Sue Knesel
 - Susan Dong
 - Marguerite Herman
 - Matthew
 - Lindi Kirkbride
- The Agenda was adopted and the consent agenda was adopted

II. Appoint Directors up to 4 (one year term) –

Margaret Brown moved to appoint Susan Dong, Sue Knesel and Jamie Egolf as directors, Michelle Escudero seconded. The vote was unanimously favorable.

III. Lobbyist contract – current contract expired March 31, 2024; Marguerite interested if not elected in Nov 2024

- a. Discussion was had about her contract and how we will handle her being elected. Dee Buckstaff and Michelle Escudero both spoke in favor of renewing the contract and know that if Marguerite is elected one party or another will cancel the contract. Margaret Brown reiterated that we need to find another lobbyist to work with Marguerite as soon as we can find someone. Lynne Ipinia asked how we look for another lobbyist. Marguerite suggested the Capital Club as a place to go looking for someone and Katie reminded us we need to remember the budgeting constraints. The board approved the signing of the contract.

IV. Strategic Plan presentation; motion for adoption –

- a. Michelle Escudero gave an overview on the strategic plan work by the committee and gave a

report on the evolution of the strategic plan. We reviewed the plan and there were some small changes. There were questions for the committee, and they were addressed, including questions about timeline. Some comments about implementation and getting ideas on which of the local leagues are already doing some of these things and getting a baseline on their work and use their lessons learned. There was a motion by Sue Knesel to approve and seconded by Linda Barton with Margaret Brown commenting that we need to begin working on Goal 3 tonight. Michelle noted that we are so busy during election season and we need to be reasonable in what can be achieved. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Is there any discussion on appointing a committee to begin working on the plan. Dee recommends that we start with the executive committee looking at this until November and discuss committee appointments, unless we have volunteers. It is agreed to do this until November. Michelle will be a part of the Executive committee for this.

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- V. **WorkForce Services Intern** – Lindi Kirkbride. Lindi has contacted LCCC and Workforce Services in looking for an Intern for us. The entity needs to be a business or charitable organization and have Workman’s comp insurance. Kari informs us that we do apply because of the Impact fund but does not know about the WC insurance (Dee thinks we are exempt from that). Lindi will make an appointment after we approve her to do so. The Impact Fund may have to be the signor to the contract, and the intern may have to be paid out of that fund. Reminder that there is a lot of work to be done by us, job description, reporting, supervision, someone to do payroll, etc. Is there flexibility in the budget to do this? We can choose hours, pay, maybe this needs to be routed through a committee and make sure that we can pull all that together so that the job works within the strategic plan. Sue K. has used WorkForce interns and finds that they need basic job skills, but has also used them from the community colleges and that might be a better use of our time and resources. We are asking Lindi to go to WorkForce services and find out exactly what we need and if we really qualify. Katie Morgan would like to participate in that also. Kari also noted that they have a monthly Q&A for the process, next one is July 18. Lindi and Katie will report back.
- VI. **WYOGIVES Day** – is July 10, Wednesday and the Impact fund if not eligible for the Wyoming match but Linda has sent out a mail chimp about giving and we hope people add the League to their giving plans. We paid a small fee to be a part of that.
- VII. **Voter Services and Education Campaign** – Dee, Nancy, other committee members
Dee reported we have \$13,000 to spent on the young voter campaign. Susan Dong is to help keep Travis on track. His proposal was \$18 so we will ask him what we can get for 13. Lynn Ipina has names for the question panel.

Voter Services about 1/3 of candidates have filled it out. Michelle, Fremont county has had everything translated to Spanish and she will upload the Spanish as soon as she can.

Dee has volunteered to help make calls to people who have not filled out, Nancy and Margaret will also make phone calls.

Dee reported on the block party that was sponsored by Shelter JH and she got 200 names to add to the money solicitation events. All the candidates were there. Free beer to anyone who put their name and email address on the list.

XIV. State Convention Report –

- Local Leagues’:
 - directions to the board,
 - resolutions to the board
- Changes to the bylaws

X. LWVUS National Convention Report – Dee and Lynne reported it was interesting to go**XI. Legislative committee Report –** Michelle, Margaret (Legislative “groupies”), and Marguerite (Lobbyist)

- Interim Committee study items
- Looking towards the 2025 legislative session - priorities

XII. Tech Committee – Tech team update

- Website – it has been updated and they continue to make updates as they get information.

XIII. Discussion about reporting PAC’s that have not printed on the “Paid for By” on their materials.**XIV.** Discussion about a regular meeting time, Nancy will send out a doodle poll.**XV.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:37.