



KING COUNTY SOUTH

VOTER

May 2011

LWV Mission: The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

"This is the Moment"

-When we discuss our future

ANNUAL MEETING

May 14th, Saturday

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Federal Way Regional Library

34200 1st Way South

Federal Way, WA

MORE ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

We will be discussing proposals for our League's future. The Annual Meeting Kit with all the pertinent information is part of this Voter.

It is potluck—salads and desserts or your favorite potluck creation.

THEATER PARTY

Tickets for our annual Theater Party are coming as a separate mailing with a letter containing all the details.

This year we are co-sponsoring **"Run for Your Wife,"** a farce by Ray Cooney, with the SE King County AAUW. Our preview party will be held at the Civic Theatre in Renton on Thursday, June 2nd, 2011. Curtain time is 7:30 pm. Theatre doors open at 7 pm. The address of the Civic Theatre is 507 South 3rd St. in downtown Renton.

Tickets will be \$17.50 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Bring your **signature dessert goodie** to serve with the complimentary tea and coffee at intermission.

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

- May 4: Board Meeting, 9:45-12 noon, 616 SW 152nd, Burien, WA.
Contact Co-president, Mary Ehlers, 253-941-1930, with agenda concerns.
- May 5: Seattle LWV Thursday Forum. Topic: "Smart Transportation Choices and How to Fund Them." Seattle First Baptist Church (Harvard & Seneca) at 7:30 p.m.
- May 14: ANNUAL MEETING. A must for every member who cares about our League.**
Federal Way Regional Library, 34200 1st Way So., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Your annual meeting information is **part of this Voter.**
- June 2: **THEATER PARTY.** Renton Civic Theater, "Run For Your Wife."
Curtain time 7:30p.m. Tickets are will be mailed separately. Co-Sponsored with South King County AAUW.
- June 1: Board Meeting (Current Board serves until July 1)

The 40th Annual Meeting

Of

The League of Women Voters
Of King County South

“This Is The Moment”



Federal Way Regional Library
34200 1st Way South
Federal Way, WA

May 14, 2011
10 AM - 2 PM

2010-2011 Leadership

<u>Office</u>	<u>Person, Unit</u>	<u>Nominating Chair</u>
Presidents	Mary Ehlers, Sande Nelson and Betty Colasurdo	Cathy Dormaier, Enumclaw
Vice Pres.	Open	
Secretary	Ellen Kritzman, Vashon	
Treasurer	Kathy Jorgensen, Federal Way	

<u>Directors</u>		<u>Unit Leaders</u>
Elected	Pat McCann, Highline Mary Ehlers, Federal Way Cindy Piennette, Federal Way Ann McNeely, Enumclaw Karen Lunder, Highline Becky Cox, Highline	Cathy Dormaier, Enumclaw Cindy Piennette & Miriam Helgeland, Federal Way Betty Colasurdo, Highline Ellen Kritzman, Vashon

Proposed Rules for LWVKCS Annual Meeting

1. Delegates: Members in good standing (this includes those who join at the national level of LWV shall be the official delegates. They shall have the right to speak, make motions and vote.
2. Visitors: *Visitors are welcome, but may not vote or speak from the floor.*
3. Quorum: Ten percent (10%) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.
4. Debate: No one shall speak more than once until all who wish to speak have the opportunity to do so. Each speaker shall state his or her name before speaking. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker. The mover of a motion shall have the privilege of speaking to that motion at the end of the debate.
5. Motions: After a motion is made, it shall be put in writing, signed by the mover, and given to the secretary.
6. Voting: A majority of those present and voting shall be required for adoption of any measure, except when bylaws specify otherwise.
7. Program: To be voted on during program adoption, a not-recommended program proposal must be moved for consideration immediately after the recommended program is presented.

League of Women Voters of King County South
40th Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 14, 2011
Federal Way Regional Library
Proposed Agenda

- 10:00 AM Registration and Social Time
- 10:15 AM Call to Order Sande Nelson, Co-President
- Welcome, Introductions and Announcements
 - Theatre Party Information
 - Report on number of voting members present Ellen Kritzman
 - Adoption of Agenda ([page 5](#))
 - Adoption of Rules ([page 4](#))
 - Acceptance of 2010 minutes ([pages 6-9](#))
 - Appointment of 2011 reading committee
- Treasurer's Report for Year to Date Kathy Jorgensen
- 10:30 AM Presentation of Board Recommendation Relating to the Proposed Merger of LWVKCS with LWV of Seattle Mary Ehlers
- Discussion and clarifications
- 10:50 AM Motions to Consider an Alternate proposal
- 11:00 AM Announcements and Break
- 11:15 AM Discussion and Adoption
- Motion to Adopt Alternate Proposal
 - Motion to Adopt Board Recommended Proposal
- 11:45 AM Adoption of Interim Budget until Merger is Approved
- Election of Interim Board (Present Board Members)
- 11:50 AM Lunch (**Potluck. We can keep things warm. Salads & Desserts, best**)
- 12:30 PM **Speaker: Sherril Huff, Director, Department of Elections for King County**
- 2:00 PM Adjourn

League of Women Voters of King County South
Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Matt Griffin YMCA, Sea Tac, WA

10:05 Call to Order -- Becky Cox, Pres. Pro Tem

Welcome and Announcements:

* LWVWA will support I-1098 (income tax proposal). Members may oppose or support as individuals, but need permission to speak on behalf of the League.

* Jane Fitch (not present) is a Fifty Year Member who joined in Bozeman, MT

Report on number of voting members present: 22 (a quorum)

Adoption of Agenda (p. 3): MOTION by Laura Sundberg, seconded by Linda Gage, to adopt. Passed.

Adoption of Rules (p. 2): MOTION by Anne McNeely, seconded by Laura Sundberg, to adopt. Passed.

Acceptance of 2009 Minutes (p. 4-7): Passed by acclamation.

Appointment of Reading Committee for 2010 Minutes: Miriam Helgeland, Pat McCann, Cindy Piennett

Presentation of Reports:

* Treasurer's Report for April (Kathy Jorgensen): YTD Income \$8326, Expenses \$6503

Acceptable figures but could use some additional funds; suggested asking members for a little extra in dues. Insurance (line 35) still to be paid. Memorial Fund balance shrank and should be brought back up to subsidize those who pay \$35 memberships. Voter postage savings because of using e-mail. MOTION by Bob Fithian, seconded by Miriam Helgeland, to accept. Passed.

* Proposed 2010-2011 Budget (p. 9) (Pat McCann):

Note lower proposed income total, and increased dues. Line 5 reduced, Line 11 – CD is \$2,000

Expenses: Line 22 covers mailing to public entities, etc.; Line 26 up for ink cartridges, items 35 and 38 still to be paid, 37 was reduced by instruction from the Board.

Final accounting on two forums still to be done, administrative expenses will be determined and subtracted before remaining funds are returned. Possible forum for next year was suggested: effect of health care implementation on our taxes. Application for a Muckleshoot grant will be made.

- Nominating Committee Report (p. 8) (Cathy Dormaier): President and Vice-Pres. are open. Cox gave Office Manager's opinion that rotating leadership had not worked well; that 2 or 3 co-presidents was viable and Executive Council possibility was mentioned, but otherwise dissolution options should be considered, as presented in a handout available at sign-in. Members were reminded that joining Seattle meant fundraising for that League, Tacoma-Pierce liaison has cross-county issues, UALs do no programs.
- Nominations from the Floor: Betty Colasurdo put forward her name for a triumvirate presidency, Ehlers did likewise (with Helgeland and Piennett to co-chair Federal Way Unit), joined by Sandra Nelson. Members believe this arrangement will cover vice-presidential needs.
- Proposed 2010-2011 Program (p. 10) (Irene Peyton): Two new recommended items:
 1. Prevention of Violent Behavior in Our Cities and County Study. Since LWVUS has a stated position (1994 Convention) supporting prevention, the study could look at specifics, with a suggestion of 3 people to gather data on local situation. Including the Port District was suggested, as was looking at the impact of the NRA and open carry laws.
 2. Environmental and Green Policies in Effect in South King County Study, specifically related to storm water run-off.

Sign-up sheets were made available.

Board recommends retention of other positions.

- Proposed Non-recommended Items (p. 17): No motions to study were given.
- Presentation of orchid plant to Becky Cox in recognition of all her valuable contributions to LWVKCS.

11:30 10 minute break

11:40 Discussion and Adoption:

* Motion to Adopt 2010-2011 Budget as Proposed: Made by Anne McNeely, seconded by Carol Selander. Passed.

- * Motion to Adopt 2 New Studies (5 sign-ups for violence study; 3 for green policies) and Retain Other Positions: Made by Mary Ehlers, seconded by Georgette Valle. Miriam Helgeland moved to amend and vote on the two studies separately, seconded by Anne McNeeley. Passed.

Motion to Adopt Violence Study Carried.

Motion to Adopt Green Policies Study, made by Bob Fithian, seconded by Barbara Cornwall. Passed.

- * Motion to Approve Slate of Officers and Directors for 2010-2012: Made by Pat McCann, seconded by Barbara Cornwall. Passed.

President – Betty Colasurdo, Mary Ehlers, Sande Nelson

Vice President – left open

Treasurer – Kathy Jorgensen

Directors – Mary Ehlers, Anne McNeely, Cindy Piennett

Nominating Committee for 2010-2011 – Cathy Dormaier, Irene Peyton

Attention was called to Status of Directions to the Board, 2009 (p. 18)

Noon Recess for Potluck Lunch

Guest Presentation: Betty Colasurdo on travels to Vietnam

1:10 pm Reconvene

Announcements:

Becky Cox and Mary Ehlers will be Delegates at State Council in Bellingham [May 21-23]

June 2, New/Old Board Meeting (with lunch), 10:00, at Ehler's house for planning and calendaring.

Directions to LWVWA Board: The LWV of KCS report on the King Conservation District be incorporated into a state study, a consensus be developed, and an action plan be formulated to resolve the issues found in the study.

Directions to the LWVKCS Board:

1. Get a committee together and focus on membership recruitment (needed to stem the tide of leadership crises), perhaps get ideas from Seattle.
2. Look at National position on government so we understand how it is supposed to work, what to advocate for, where to take action (our elected officials should represent people, not parties).
3. Make our positions better known, possibly even by taking out ads, using newspapers.
4. Reach out to groups like the Municipal League as partners.
5. Reach out to people like Tea Party folks to educate about how governance should work, which it isn't now [Cox reminder on LWVWA book, "The State We're In", sets of which can be purchased for classrooms].
6. Advocate for following the law stating that legislative bills can have only one subject.
7. Have League activities be more accessible to working people, including Unit and Board meetings.
8. Have orientation meetings.
9. Use public libraries for meetings.
10. Enhance visibility – maybe a new trifold, a Face Book page?

1:35 pm Meeting Adjourned

Ellen Kritzman

LWVKCS Secretary

Finalized 24 July 2010

APPENDIX: Board of Directors, 2010-2011

Co-Presidents – Colasurdo, Ehlers, Nelson

Treasurer – Jorgensen (10-12)

Secretary – Kritzman (09-11)

Directors – Cox, Lunder, McCann (09-11); Ehlers, McNeeley, Piennett (10-12)

LWV-KCS Board Recommendation –

To be presented to the members at the Annual Meeting

PROPOSED MERGER LWV-KCS WITH LWV-SEATTLE

The board of the LWV of King County South (LWV-KCS) proposes that the KCS League be merged into the League of Women Voters-Seattle (LWV-S).

Background:

The current officers and directors are concerned by the decline in membership and the difficulties of getting members to take leadership positions. There are about 41 members in LWV-KCS.

- A matrix of options for the organization's future was presented to members at the January 2011 unit meetings. (see attached) The predominant choices were to either join the Seattle League, with the option to retain our current unit structure, or individuals become a Member at Large (MAL), who may meet together as a unit.
- The board has discussed these options and interviewed both presidents of the State League and the Seattle League for information on options and insights.

SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE SEATTLE LEAGUE

Merging with Seattle has many advantages, including:

- o Lower dues (although there may be unit expenses, see Units below)
- o We could retain our units or join Seattle units
- o Seattle will consider changing its name to Seattle-King County
- o Seattle may dedicate a section in their Voter to KCS
- o Seattle will consider moving some of their monthly meetings to a South King County venue
- o The money KCS has at the time of the merger (including the Muckleshoot grant and the proceeds from the theater party), although transferred to the Seattle League, would be accounted for as a separate line item within the merged League's budget and earmarked for KCS future use. (See Finances below)

Steps to Accomplish the Merger:

There are procedural guidelines at the state and national level as to how local leagues would merge.

These are the actions that must be accomplished:

- **Approval**
 - o Inform both the state and national leagues that this merger will be considered at the respective Annual Meetings in May, 2011.
 - o LWV-S will vote contingent upon a LWV-KCS positive vote, at its Annual Meeting on May 12th to accept the merger.
 - o LWV-KCS will vote at its Annual Meeting on May 14th to merge with LWV-S.

- Assuming that the majority of the members in both leagues agree to the merger, complete the “Application for Changing the Organizational Basis of a Local League” form and send to the state and national organizations for approval.
- **Board Member.** Discuss the appointment of a KCS member to the Seattle league’s board.
- **Office.** The King County South league will become inactive as of the end of their fiscal year, June 30, 2011. The KCS office will be closed by September, 2011. Telephone, Rent and Insurance will be terminated at that time. Mail will be forwarded to the Seattle office upon closing the KCS office. If possible, email will be forwarded to LWV-S. If this is not feasible, it will be terminated. Pertinent records will be scanned and archived at the Seattle league office.
- **Dues.** KCS members can choose to join the Seattle league, or become a Member At Large (MAL). MALs will be members of LWV-WA and LWV-US. Any dues that had been prepaid for the July 2011-June 2012 fiscal year will be refunded, if not joining Seattle, transferred to the Seattle league or sent to LWV-WA for MAL membership. Per member payments (PMPs) for the 2011-12 year will not be paid by King County South. Rather, Seattle will pay PMPs for any members that join them. MALs will receive a notice from LWV-WA when their dues should be paid. Member dues to join Seattle are currently \$60 per year and due at the beginning of their fiscal year, July 1.
- **Units.** KCS members who join Seattle can decide if they would like to form one or more separate units, e.g., a Federal Way unit, under the Seattle league, join one of the 17 existing units in the Seattle league or establish an independent MAL unit (unit at large) under the auspice of the LWV of Washington. For new Seattle units, there would potentially be an additional financial commitment required per year for each unit. The funding for this may come from the KCS cash reserve transferred to LWV-S with the merger. After that reserve is depleted, funds could be generated via a fundraiser, donations, etc. The financial obligation for each unit is subject to negotiation with LWV-S.
- **Membership.** Information on how to join the Seattle league, transfer membership to LWV-S or become a MAL will be available at the May 14th annual meeting.
- **Voter.** No further Voters or other documents will be generated by KCS after the end of the fiscal year. Members who join the Seattle League will begin receiving the Seattle Voter and other mailings, etc., upon joining.
- **Finances.** All bank accounts and other assets owned by the LWV-KCS as of the date of merger approval by LWV-WA and LWV-US will be transferred to LWV-S with the stipulation that the cash balance will be budgeted and used to fulfill existing grant commitments for KCS programs and events. Any cash inflows after the merger approval would go to LWV-S. The KCS Treasurer will stay on until the committee, described below in the Recommendation, determines that this role is no longer needed.

Recommendation:

- That the membership accepts this merger as proposed above.
- Individuals will not be required to be a part of the merger. They may become Members at Large.
- That a committee consisting of two members from LWV-KCS and two members from LWV-S be appointed to work out the financial and other details of the merger. The committee will review the by-laws and program positions of each group and recommend revisions to LWV-Seattle as needed. Any changes would be reviewed and ratified by the membership of LWV-S at next year's annual meeting.

PROPOSED INTERIM BUDGET-LWVKCS

	2010-11 Budget	2010-11 ACTUAL YTD Mar	*	July-Sept11 INTERIM Budget
Income				
1 Dues	2,700	2,560	*	-
2 Donation: Member	75	331	*	-
3 Donation:Other	-	50	*	-
4 Fundraiser:Theatre	1,000	-	*	-
5 Holiday Party	50	734	*	-
6 2010-11 Civic Ed Grant		500	*	-
7 Other Income		5,212	*	-
TOTAL	3,825	9,387	*	-
Expenses				
8 PMP: State	1,026	940	*	-
9 PMP: National	788	735	*	-
10 Natl Convention	-	-	*	-
11 State Convention	600	-	*	-
12 Rent	1,800	1,350	*	450
13 Telephone: Local	450	362	*	108
14 Telephone:Long Dist	15	-	*	-
15 Voter Printing	300	70	*	-
16 Voter Postage	130	-	*	-
17 Other Postage	125	88	*	-
18 PO Box Rental	116	116	*	-
19 Voter Services	75	145	*	-
20 Maintenance/Sup	125	29	*	250
21 Membership Expense	50	-	*	-
22 Ann Corp Fee	10	10	*	-
23 Holiday Party	50	716	*	-
24 Fundraiser: Theatre	250	-	*	-
25 Publicity/Publications	50	-	*	-
26 Board Expense	30	46	*	100
27 Education	40	-	*	-
28 Action/Lobbyist	250	-	*	-
29 Insurance	350	350	*	88
31 SKC Human Svcs	25	-	*	-
2010-11 Civic Ed Grant				
32 Expenses	-	124	*	-
33 Total Expenses			*	996

	<u>6,655</u>	<u>5,081</u>		
			*	
34 Net	<u>(2,830)</u>	<u>4,306</u>	*	<u>(996)</u>
			*	
35 Memorial Fund W/D		200	*	-
			*	
36 Ed Fund Activity			*	
37 Ed Fund Donations			*	500
38 National PMP payment	(788)	(735)	*	
39 TRY's payment	(300)	(250)	*	
40 Wash News Svc payment	<u>(75)</u>	<u>(25)</u>	*	
41 TOTAL ED FUND ACTIVITY	(1,163)	(510)	*	-
			*	
42 Account Balances		<u>30-Jun</u>	*	<u>30-Sep</u>
48 TOTAL KCS FUNDS		<u>5,008</u>	*	<u>4,132</u>
			*	
49 Ed Fund @ State Office		1,746	*	1,236
50 TOTAL ACCT BALANCES		6,754	*	5,368