A Preview of the Tuesday, January 8, 2019 Meeting.

The Nominating Committee for LWV Spokane Board members in 2019-2020, Suzi Johns and Beth Pellicciotti, have met with the Board to discuss the nonpartisan policy for this chapter and how an updated policy might be crafted (by the Board) using input from the entire membership. The Board set the Tuesday, January 8, 2019 meeting for members to give the Board input on a new policy through group discussion and by completing a short questionnaire.

This meeting would start with a presentation on:

- why a nonpartisan policy is important for all members,
- how the policy affects members but particularly how it might affect board members
- and the key parts of a policy.

The intent of the members completing a short questionnaire is for members to give their opinions on the types of partisan activities that might or might not be restricted activities by board members. In this questionnaire, members will be asked to:

- add a partisan activity(ies) to the initial list provided in the guidelines*
- rate the impact of each partisan activity on the League’s reputation
- choose to restrict all, some, or no board members from engaging in this partisan activity

The presentation to the January 8th meeting is based on The League of Women Voters’ Guidelines for Developing a Nonpartisan Policy:

https://www.lwv.org/league-management/policies-guidelines/developing-and-implementing-nonpartisan-policy*
I. **What is a nonpartisan policy?**  
*A nonpartisan policy states the:*

A) nonpartisan nature of the organization,

B) the encouragement of members at large to be politically active as individuals but not as representatives of the League, and

C) the restrictions (if any) on board members’ or top board members’ political activities.

II. **Why is a nonpartisan policy important?**

(A) “Nonpartisanship toward candidates and political parties is critical to the effectiveness of the League’s unique voter service/citizen information work. It also provides a strong foundation for the work done in support of issues. Action on legislative and ballot proposals is more effective when the public and the legislators believe that the League’s conclusions are based on merit rather than politics.” (The League of Women Voters’ Guidelines for Developing a Nonpartisan Policy)

(B) It is important that members of the League have a clear policy statement and understand that as individuals they may be partisan in their political support for candidates, but when they represent the League, they need to be nonpartisan. (The League of Women Voters’ Guidelines for Developing a Nonpartisan Policy)

(C) Those League members who lead the organization through board positions may have restrictions on their political activities (these restrictions, if any, should be clear according to the local League policy). (The League of Women Voters’ Guidelines for Developing a Nonpartisan Policy)

III. **How a nonpartisan policy might affect members of the League differently**

as individuals…free to participate in political activities

as representatives of the League…care should be taken not to engage in political activities while representing the League

as leaders of League…board members may have additional restrictions, even as individuals

IV. **Who formulates nonpartisan policy?**

The board of each local League
The board needs to review the policy annually and update it as “times and conditions change.” (The League of Women Voters’ Guidelines for Developing a Nonpartisan Policy)
The membership as a whole needs to understand the nonpartisan policy

V. **Basic elements of a nonpartisan policy**

A. Statement on the nonpartisan nature of the organization
B. Restrictions (if any) on partisan activities for board members
C. Restrictions (if any) on certain board positions (e.g., president and voters’ service chair)
D. Policy on how to handle resignations when a board member resigns to engage in political activity (example given -- running for office)

VI. **Sample local chapter policies which will be reviewed and discussed:**

Hillsborough County, Florida LWV Nonpartisan Policy

This is a link to a recording of the General Meeting in November on the Census. Thank you to Steve Kirby!
https://youtu.be/ALg_u2CiGdE

**Board Members:** Pam Behring, President/Voter Editor; Sally Phillips, Treasurer; Susan Gray, Secretary/Forum Organizer and Susan Hales, Voter Services

**Off-Board:** Sylvia Oliver, Facebook; Suzi Hokonson, Membership; Mary Hughes, Web Page; Beth Pellicciotti, & Suzi Johns, Civics Education.

Visit our website lwvspokane.org to keep informed.

**Calendar**

| JAN | 8: Discussion of Non-Partisanship Policy 11:15 AM in the Social Rm @ 2404 N. Howard |
| FEB | 12: Voter Services, Susan Hale |
| MAR | 12: Immigration, Susan Gray |
| APR | 9: Climate Change, Sally Phillips |
| MAY | ? : Annual |

Leaders in the League of Women Voters of the Spokane Area, beginning 1948

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Additional information appreciated!

**ACTION WORKSHOP December 1**

Gretchen McDevitt poses a question for guest speaker, Kay Murano.

Conversation and connecting in action.

**New & Prospective Gatherings**

Tues, January 22nd, 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments at both.

1315 W Woodside Pl.

Call Suzi Hokonson at 509-808-1255 for directions, if needed.

Please join us to learn more about the League of Women Voters and invite your friends and acquaintances to come.
REPORT FROM CIVICS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I wanted to report to you as members of the Civics Education Committee the results of our outreach work with District 81 High Schools these past few weeks. Shortly after Thanksgiving and through yesterday, volunteers from our committee visited five District 81 high schools, speaking with 1000 seniors and registering over 400 students to vote.

I want to thank the following League members who gave hours of their time (during a busy holiday season!) to speak to students about the importance of voting and inviting them to register to vote. Also, I would like to thank Susie Gerard, the secondary school social studies coordinator for District 81, for all of her work in coordinating these school schedules with us.

League Volunteers: Bev Austin, Judy Broverman, Mardell Cochran, Marilyn Darilek, Susan Hales, Suzi Hokonson, Mary Lou Johnson, Judy Krueger, Gretchen McDevitt, Sylvia Oliver, Beth Pellicciotti, Judy Silverstein, and Jan Wingenroth

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IN MEMORIUM: Beth Pellicciotti’s husband, Joe Pellicciotti, passed away suddenly on Saturday, December 22nd. His burial services have been arranged for Friday, January 4 at 10:00 am at the Riverside Memorial Park at 211 North Government Way. An attendant will be at the gate to provide directions to the site.
Yes, I want to join/renew membership in LWV/Spokane Area.

Name:________________________________________________________
Address:_______________     City:_______________     Zip:___________
Phone:  H ___________________________  W ______________________
Email _________________________ Fax__________________________

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Please make check payable & mail to: LWVSA 2404 N. Howard St., Spokane WA 99205 and
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