

Program Planning: Setting Priorities for 2019-2020

On Saturday, January 19, twenty two members attended the annual Program Planning meeting at the Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (thanks for your hospitality, UUs!) All local Leagues are asked to recommend priorities for the national League in even years and the state League in odd years. There are several ways to do this, such as polling members. We usually choose to hold a membership meeting so everyone has a voice and we have the opportunity to get together over a potluck.

We heard five proposals on Saturday – three for the state LWV and two for our local League. Attendees agreed through consensus that all five should be pursued. They are:

Local initiatives:

Support the Water Study Group's next phase of public education. Presented by Carrol Hull. This committee has made great strides over the past couple of years in learning about the availability of fresh water in Clallam County. They're preparing to present what they've learned to the general public through a speakers' bureau and a series of educational forums, and they'll need financial resources and more volunteers from our League to make this happen.

Support the Healthcare Committee's priorities. Presented by Nancy Field. The Healthcare Committee is focusing on the availability of women's reproductive rights and the rights of individuals under Washington's Death with Dignity law. They are seeking involvement by more members and some financial support. You can find their report elsewhere in this Voter.

For state:

Study the feasibility of a public state bank. Proposed by Marcia Radey. Marcia is working with members from several other Leagues on this issue. You can read more about this issue in the February Voter.

Study the feasibility of lowering the required 60% majority to pass bond issues. Proposed by Paula Barnes.

Work with the State League to transfer administration of the Kids Voting to the state, making this program available to Leagues and schools statewide. Proposed by Bonnie Bless-Boenish.

Please contact any of the presenters or any board member if you have questions.