

**League of Women Voters of Mason County**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes** Jan. 15, 2019  
**Johnson Library, Olympic College Shelton, Shelton, WA 98584**

**Call to Order:** Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

**Welcome & Introductions.** Cindy welcomed LWVMC members, guests & Commissioners Neatherlin, Shutty and Trask, later joined by Mason Co. treasurer, Lisa Frazier. Paddy McGuire, Mason County Auditor, was also present.

**Business Meeting Reports:**

**President** Cindy S. explained that together with the Thurston Co. LWV, we'll co-host the reception for a performance of *Many Maps, One Voice* at the WA Center for the Performing Arts on Feb. 15. Contact Cindy if you can help. Tickets are \$32 with a \$5 senior discount. There are opportunities for ushering. Cindy commented that our new members have jumped right in and helped with several initiatives, thanked Nancy M. for her colorful meeting flyers & Joanne B for the Winter Edition of our LWVMC newsletter.

**Treasurer** - Pat C. We now have 41 paid members. Our current balance is \$4855.XX plus a CD valued at \$1040. Pat passed membership forms and the 'Pink Boot' [for misc. donations] around the table. The TRY brochure has been updated & has a much improved look thanks to new member & graphic designer Linda Woytowich.

**Secretary** – Michelle, Norma & Esther: The minutes from the Dec. LWVMC membership meeting were approved without corrections.

**Programs** - Lynda L. & Amy D. Programs: Feb.: Wildfires & Forestry in Mason Co.: John Bolender from the MCD. Mar.: Climate Justice. Apr.: Topic TBD; meeting at Harmony Hill at 11:30am – 1:30pm. May: possible topics: Mental Health Outreach, Gerrymandering, Census & Voting or Home Rule Charter; evening meeting at PUD3.

**Voter Services:** Bobbie S. & Michelle B. The Vote Local committee met with Fiona O., from the Auditor's Office, to begin research into underrepresented Mason Co. voters & better understand who isn't voting. Contact Cindy S. to participate. To assist with voter registration at local high schools, contact Bobbie S or Michelle B. Amy D. reminded everyone to sign up for and read the Legislative Newsletter.

**Commission Watch:** Cheryl W. reminded us about the Mason Co. Commissioners' meetings' schedules.

**Announcements:** Jeannine D. from F.A.N., Faith Action Network, distributed the FAN agenda for Interfaith Advocacy Day to be held Feb. 14 at United Churches of Olympia. <http://fanwa.org/interfaith-advocacy-day/> Cindy announced the upcoming Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> Shelton Library program *The People's State of the Union*. Nancy M. reminded us to collect & shred stray papers after the meeting with anyone's email address. Cheryl W. announced the *AARP Tax Help program* beginning in Feb. at the Shelton Library on Sats., Belfair Library on Tues. and the Senior Center on Weds.

**New Business:** Approval of Amendments to the By-Laws: Michelle B. moved to accept the revisions. It was seconded by Joann B. & passed unanimously. The Nominating Committee will soon contact members for offices.

**Program:** Brenda Hirschi and Lynda L. & Michelle B. of the Budget Study Committee presented a **2018 Update of the 2010 Mason County Budget Study Review**, a look-back at & update of the study done during the recent downturn. Committee members as well as County Commissioners contributed & responded to audience queries.

**Take Action:** Cindy reminded us to read our newsletter and use it for guidance in **Taking Action!**

**Calendar:** Jan. 19: Woman's March, Olympia

Jan. 31: People's State of the Union

Feb. 1: Executive Bd. Meeting: 12:30-2:30, Sisters Restaurant

Feb. 15: *Many Maps, One Voice*, WA Center for the Performing Arts, 512 Washington St SE, Olympia 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 19: Membership Mtg.: 11:30a.m. -1:30 p.m.; Olympic College, Shelton.

Feb. 21: LWVWA Lobby Day, Olympia

**Adjournment:** Michelle B. moved & Cheryl W. seconded to adjourn at 1:38 p.m.

**Attendance:** a 22 member quorum was present

There were 11 guests including the three current Mason County Commissioners & 2 members of the press / media.

*Respectfully submitted, Norma B.*