

**League of Women Voters General Meeting
Johnson Library, Olympic College
Membership Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018**

Call to Order: President Cheryl W. called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Cindy S. moved to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded & passed.

Approval of Minutes: Amy D. moved to approve the minutes for the General Membership Meeting, November 21, 2017. The motion was seconded and passed.

Question of the Day: “What is your favorite fresh vegetable” was posed by Cheryl W.

President’s Report: Cheryl W. announced that the Candidates’ Forum will be held on March 29, 2018, from 6:30 – 9:30 at PUD #3 on John’s Prairie Road.

Vice President’s Report: Cindy S. announced plans for a VOTE LOCAL taskforce to focus on voter issues in Mason County local elections. The mission is to reach out across the county's 39 precincts. Anyone is welcome to get involved to Make Democracy Work in our own neighborhoods. Interested members met after the meeting to set a date to meet and decide on first actions for the task force. Bobbi S. announced there is a “Meet & Greet” event sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce tonight at the Senior Center, and a Candidate’s Forum tomorrow at Olympia Middle School from 6-8:00 pm for Shelton City Council candidates. She also announced plans high school voter registration tomorrow, all day, from 7:45 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. More volunteers are needed. She will be placing ads in the senior center newsletter regarding League activities and programs, and is looking into placing similar ads in the Mason County Life newspaper.

Secretary’s Report: No Report

Treasurer’s Report: Pat C. reported that there are 27 paid members to date, and circulated an envelope for any remaining unpaid dues. Current bank balance is \$3426.66 and CD balance is \$1034. She reminded us that Voter cards are available for sale as a fundraiser..

Membership Services: Lynn B. circulated a list of volunteer jobs in our local league and asked members to sign up for participation in activities of interest to them. She also handed out posters and half sheets announcing upcoming General Meetings for distribution around the community. Pat C. announced that Commission Watch will continue, with debriefing at Brilliant Moon Bookstore afterward.

Voter Services: Amy D announced that the LWVWA Legislative Newsletter is an important tool, giving league members a chance to voice their concerns over proposed policies and legislation. With the shift in majority in the Senate, many bills are moving through at a rapid pace. The newsletter will inform readers on a number of issues, currently including gun safety, equal pay act, ban the box, reform of legal financial obligations, carbon tax proposals, police training to de-escalate WA, and automatic voter registration. She urged that we click on the League’s Action Alerts and send the prepared letters to our legislators.

Programs: Lynda L. reported that LWVMC is embarking on a Budget Study, to help us understand how Mason County spends money. Speaker for the February General Meeting will be Frank Pinter, Mason County Director of Support Services. The March program will focus on local DACA issues, with speakers Ricardo DeBosque and Carolina Gutierrez. Programs for April and May will focus on Adverse Experiences of Childhood and Planned Parenthood.

New Business: There was no new business.

Upcoming Events:

LWV Board Meeting February 2, 2018 3 – 5 PM Lynn B's Home
LWV General Meeting February 20, 2018 11:30 – 1:30 Olympic College
Candidates' Forum March 29, 2018 6:30 – 9:30 PUD #3 John's Prairie Rd.

Program

Mason County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Salisbury and staff presented information regarding the challenges of providing law enforcement services to Mason County, and provided responses to questions previously submitted by the BOD.
Group discussion followed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance: 20 members, 7 guests, 10 speakers, 3 press reps.

Respectfully submitted by Esther R. Co-Secretary