

League of Women Voters of Mason County
Membership Meeting Minutes **Feb. 19, 2019**
Johnson Library, Olympic College Shelton, Shelton, WA 98584

Call to Order: Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions. Cindy welcomed everyone present which included 20 LWVMC members, 6 guests and two presenters.

Business Meeting Reports:

Secretary: Pat C. moved to approve the minutes as presented; Arlene A seconded. The motion passed.

President: Cindy S. encouraged everyone to get involved in *Democracy Lobby Day*, this Thursday 2/21. The event is co-sponsored by LWVWA and Fix Democracy First. Planning is continuing for the **LWV & Women's Suffrage Centennial** event. Contact Cindy to get involved. The Feb. 15 one woman performance of *Many Maps, One Voice* was a success. Cindy thanked those who volunteered.

Legislative Report: Amy D. summarized some upcoming legislation, including SHB 110 and HB 1113. Anyone who would like to receive the Legislative Newsletter [LNL] via email should contact Amy D or Cindy S.

Vice President: Bobbie S. & Connie S.: Bobbie reported that the Voter Registration team has registered 70 students at Shelton High! The kids are very excited which makes the project enjoyable. The next registration event will be at North Mason High School. The date is not set; contact Bobbie or Connie to help.

Treasurer: Pat C. reported that our current balance is \$4694.27 and we have 42 paid members. Pat updated the national LWV roster with our members. Our **TRY – They Represent You** -brochure is fully updated and very eye-catching thanks to new member & graphic designer Linda Wyotowich.

Programs: Lynda L. & Amy D.: Our March 19th program will be on *Climate Justice*. Paddy McGuire will speak on *Voting, the Census and Redistricting* at the April 16th program to be held at Harmony Hill. We will learn about *Mental Health Outreach in Mason County* at a May evening meeting held at PUD 3.

Voter Services / Vote Local Committee the early Feb. meeting has been rescheduled to Feb. 26, 11:30 am @ Sisters Restaurant. Look for the report at the March Board meeting.

Member Services: Nancy presented and distributed an excellent list of Climate Change internet resources for us to educate ourselves on the subject for the March meeting.

Commission Watch: There was no report.

Program: John Bolender, District Manager from the Mason Conservation District [MCD], introduced us to the background & purpose of our 'special purpose' MCD. Matt Provencher, Stewardship and Technical Assistance Forester with WA State DNR, described a new cooperative initiative: **The Regional Conservation Partnership Program** which has just been finalized. It combines expertise, grant & other funding and personnel from WSU, WDFW, DNR and several southwest WA State Conservation Districts for the common purpose of advising and assisting local, small acreage landowners manage their forest resources for the future. To learn more about this, follow this link for the *Forest and Tree Health In Western Washington* presentation: <https://youtu.be/3fv80q18q0w>

Take Action: Cindy encouraged us to 'Take Action' this month by participating in Democracy Lobby Day this coming Thursday and educating ourselves about climate change or other issues important to us.

Calendar: **Feb. 21:** LWVWA 'Democracy Day' LWVWA Lobby Day, Olympia

Feb. 26: Voter Services meeting; 11:30 Sisters Restaurant

Mar. 1: LWVMC Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m. Shelton Library.

Mar. 19: LWVMC Membership meeting: 11:30-1:30, Olympic College Library; *Climate Justice*

June 6-9: LWVWA Convention: Murano Hotel, Tacoma.

Attendance: 20 LWVMC members were present, meeting the 14 member required quorum.

Adjournment: A LWVMC member moved & Lynda L. seconded to adjourn at 1:27 p.m. *Respectfully submitted*, Norma B.