

League of Women Voters of Mason County Membership Meeting

11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Johnson Library, Olympic College, Shelton, WA

Attendance: 16 members; 4 guests

Call to Order: Ruby B. called the meeting to order at 11:35 am. The agenda was accepted.

Business Meeting

Secretary's Report: Ruby B moved to accept the minutes from the Feb. 2016 Membership Meeting. It was seconded & the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. gave the Treasurer's Report. Our balance is 3222.88. Pat explained the importance of the loss of LWVCA as host of our & 269 others webpages. This will have a large impact on many chapters. Luckily, the decision has been postponed until after this election cycle.

Membership Services: Nancy M. and Lynn B. Lynn B Met with Ruby to fine-tune ideas for recruiting new members to be presented at the next membership meeting.

Voter Services: Amy D.: Youth Voter Registration Pjt.:Michelle B & Bobbie S will register young voters the 2nd week of April.

Programs: Lynda L. and Amy C.

April: Commission vs. Council as a form of local government. Speakers will be Sherry Appleton & Mike Olsen. We plan to let local elected representatives know about this program.

May: History of voting rights & ALEC – Nancy M; Trans-Pacific Partnership & ALEC – Pat. C.

Announcements:

Dual Program with Thurston League: will occur on April 28th at Traditions Café in Olympia. We will gather at 6 p.m. with the one-hour program starting at 6:30. The topic is I-1433, 'Living Wage.'

Nominating Committee: Amy C., chair & committee members Donna H & Cheryl W. report that we settle on a slate by April & vote in May. New officers assume duties in June after the annual meeting.

Lobby Team & Legislative Newsletter Update: Amy D. pointed out that the legislature was now in Special Session & will focus on reconciling bills, hopefully wrapping up by this Weds. Amy D. gave a rundown on bills she had been watching especially the legislation on LFO's – 1390. Thanks to Amy for her leadership in this area & keeping us apprised.

Commission Watch: Ruby B. passed around the sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to 'watch' Tuesday Mason County Commissioners' meetings. So far, we're doing well. There are openings for volunteers in June and later. Contact Ruby if you're interested. Amy D. alerted us to the subject of Joint Commissioner meetings wherein officials from two counties can hold a joint meeting. The rules for notification are not clear & technically only 24 hour notice could be given – clearly not enough time for citizens to plan to attend.

PROGRAM: Human Trafficking – Slavery in the 21st Century: Speakers **Ses Maiava**, Detective with the Shelton Police Dep't. and **Cheryl Cathcart**, Director of Turning Pointe gave an overview of human trafficking in Mason County & the region. Speaker Sylvia Ui'lani Matayoshi was unable to attend.

Adjournment: Ruby B. moved to adjourn at 1:25 p.m.

Submitted, Norma B.