

League of Women Voters of Mason County Membership Meeting
11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Mar. 21, 2017
Johnson Library, Olympic College, Shelton, WA

Attendance: 22 members; 18 guests [including presenters]

Call to Order: Amy C.. called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Approval of Agenda: Dispensed.

Approval of Minutes from Feb. General Meeting: Lynda L. moved & Nancy M seconded to accept the Feb. minutes; It was approved.

Executive Reports:

Vice President: Donna H. did not have a report.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. reports the balance in our checking account is about \$3164 plus about \$1029 in a CD. This year's State and National dues are not yet paid.

Secretary's Report: There was no correspondence this month; February's minutes were approved.

Voter Services: Michelle B.: Michelle B., Bobbie S. & Connie S. will reach out to the North Mason & CHOICE High Schools again this spring. Let Michelle know if you are interested in helping.

Membership Services: Lynn B. & Nancy M. welcomed our new members. Nancy handed out the new name tags & explained where to locate them when arriving at the meetings.

Programs: Lynda L.: April's program will concern MAT: Medically Assisted Treatment addiction treatment program. Lynda will ask Diana Yu to present. The program for May is not finalized but may concern the WA State budget.

Legislative Report: Amy D. reported that the State Budget is being discussed today, 3/21/17. The Family and medical leave act and 'Ban the Box' / 'Fair Chance Act' are both probably dead for this year.

Upcoming Events:

Town Hall 7 p.m. Thursday 3/23 at Olympic College Johnson Library. State Representatives Griffey and McEwan and Senator Sheldon will be present.

March for Science: Karen Sandberg of the Retired Scientists of Shelton invites us to join them in their 'March for Science' on April 22, 2017. Meet at 12 noon at Loop Field [at Evergreen Elementary School] and march to the Transit Center. The group is also supporting "STEAM" programs: Science, Technology, Engineering Art and Mathematics.

Program:

The Health of our Forests

Three speakers spoke about different aspects of our County's forests.

Dr. Dylan Fischer, Professor of Forest Ecology at Evergreen College spoke about Carbon and forests.

Chris Lund of Port Blakeley Timber Company talked about managing forests for sustainable yield and employment and the inevitable impacts climate change will bring.

Mark Pentony, retired Log Marketing and sales Manager for Green Diamond, spoke the impacts of climate change including disease and more frequent forest fires and how those affect jobs.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norma B.