

**League of Women Voters of Mason County
Membership Meeting Minutes Apr. 17, 2018
Johnson Library, Olympic College**

Call to Order: Cheryl W. called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: Arlene A. moved & Cindy S. seconded to approve the minutes from the Feb. 20 & Mar. 20, 2018 General Membership meetings.

Question of the Day: Everyone responded to Cheryl's query about owing taxes vs. receiving an IRS refund in April.

Vice Presidents' Report: Cindy S & Bobbi S. On May 2 Bobbi & Cindy will do a presentation on the *Vote Local* program for Skookum Rotary. Bobbi & Cindy also reported that upcoming *Vote Local* events will occur at Olympic College Shelton, CHOICE & James A. Taylor High School, North Mason's alternative high school. Michelle B. reported that to date 57 students have been registered to vote at CHOICE.

Secretary's Report: Michelle B. reported that the team of three secretaries are working to improve communications among themselves & with the President & Member Communications Chair.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. reported a balance of about \$3738.00 in checking and \$1035 in a CD. We now have around 34 paid members. Those joining in April get the benefit of next year's membership in addition to 2018. Pat explained that the pink boot collections help pay for extra outreach. It was moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded & passed.

Nominating Committee: Lynda L. & Joanne B. announced the slate of candidates for 2018-2019 officers: They are : Cindy S. – President; Bobbie S & Connie S. - Co-Vice Presidents; Pat C. – Treasurer; Michelle B., Esther R. & Norma B.: Co-Secretaries

Membership Services: Lynn B. reported that League 101, gathering for new league members, was a great success. In addition, LWVWA has voted to waive member fees for students & our board has followed suit.

Voter Services: Amy D. There is an updated version of the League's book: *The State We're in*. This valuable resource is used by civics classes throughout WA State & is available in print & digital formats: <https://lwvwa.org/the-state-we-are-in> Amy D. also reported that the LWVWA is supporting *Initiative 1600*, Universal Health Care. *Vote Local:* Members who wish to volunteer should contact Bobbi S. or Cindy S. Michelle B. needs volunteers for a late May registration event at CHOICE. *Vote Local* volunteers need to register at the school office well before any class visit.

Programs: Lynda L.: At the May 15 Membership meeting, County Treasurer, Lisa Frazier, will give a presentation on Mason County's recent credit downgrade and explain our tax rates as well as school taxes.

New Business: Elevate Mason County event: Connie S. invited members to participate in the ***Immigrant Support March*** on Friday, May 4th. Meet at Loop Field at 4 p.m. The group will march to the Clock Tower & then to Kneeland Park where there will be speakers, music & activities for children. Connie is accepting donations for the event. We will register voters at Kneeland Park.

Upcoming Events:

LWV Board meeting Friday, May 4, 2018 at Lynn B.'s house, 2-4 p.m.

Elevate March: Friday, May 4, 2018 4 p.m. following board meeting

LWVMC General Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 11:30-1:30 p.m. Olympia College

LWVMC Annual meeting & potluck: Friday June 22, 2018 Harmony Hill 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Programs: Laura Porter, Co-Founder ACE Interface. Laura spoke about Adverse Childhood Experiences and Building Healthy Communities.

Adjournment: 1:35 p.m.; discussion until 2 p.m.

Attendance: 20 members, 9 guests plus 1 presenter & 2 press reps.

Respectfully submitted:

Norma B.