

League of Women Voters of Mason County Membership Meeting
11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Johnson Library, Olympic College, Shelton, WA

Attendance: 14 members; 1 guests

Call to Order: Ruby B. called the meeting to order at 11:40 am. The agenda was approved.

Business Meeting

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

Treasurer's Report: Pat C.: We have paid the WA State dues \$598.XX LWVMC has 32 members as of Feb. 1, 2016, the official cut-off date. Our current balance is > \$2744.88. We have not paid the national dues and anticipate no new income. Amy D. moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; it was seconded & approved.

Membership Services: Nancy M.: Lynn B has agreed to be the new Membership & Leadership Development Coach with the WA State Executive Board.

Voter Services: Michelle B.: *Youth Voter Registration Pjt. Update:* The effort was both rewarding & successful, garnering positive feedback. Michelle B. & Bobbie S. registered a total of 50 students at S.H.S. & 4 students at Choice H.S. We will repeat next Fall & Spring & expand to No. Mason H.S. Randy N. has a connection for us at N M.H.S. More LWVMC volunteers are needed since it requires 2-3 persons per classroom. Eight students signed the League pledge cards, which check that the ballot was received & remind the student to vote. Michelle wrote a letter to the editor [SMCJ] about the positive experience. As an aside, there have been 18 articles & letters to the editor in the SMCJ that Ruby B. has clipped & added to our files.

Programs: Lynda L. and Amy C.

June 9: Annual Meeting potluck at Harmony Hill at 11:30. As this is an open meeting, Connie S. offered to put a notice in the SMCJ. Amy C. will double-check with Harmony Hill about the meeting.

June 24: Retreat at Amy C.'s where we will plan for next year's programs. We need a committee to oversee & organize next Fall's Candidates' Forums. The plan is to use the speed-dating technique from last December's Action Workshop.

Announcements:

Rpt. on 4/28 Joint Pgm. with Thurston LWV: Amy d.: Speakers Lisa S. & Teresa M. spoke about living wage issues including banking/payday loans & children living in poverty. Several LWVMC members attended.

Vote to accept new officers: Several members were accepted: Cheryl W., President; Donna H. & Amy C. as Co-Vice Presidents; Pat C. as Treasurer and Michelle B., Esther R. & Norma B. will share the Secretary position. Lynda L. & voted to accept the platform & Michelle B. seconded. The platform was approved.

Commission Watch: Ruby B. passed around the sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to 'watch' Tuesday Mason County Commissioners' meetings. There are openings in July.

WA/OR Joint Council in Vancouver, Meet at the Columbia, June 3-6, 2016: Lynn B., Sandra H. & Amy D. are going. Amy D. will email the agenda to our membership.

Presidential Preference Primary May 24th: Don't forget to vote!

PROGRAM: LWVMC Member Pat C. prepared a thorough PowerPoint presentation on **History of Voting Rights**, which she will post on our webpage. Member Nancy M. deciphered & explained the complexities of **Trans-Pacific Partnership & ALEC**.

Adjournment: Ruby B. moved to adjourn at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted, Norma B.