

**League of Women Voters of Mason County
Membership Meeting Minutes Sept. 19, 2017
Johnson Library, Olympic College**

Call to Order: President Cheryl Williams called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Amy D. moved, Nancy M. seconded, agenda approved.

Question of the Day – *What is your favorite tree?* was posed by Cheryl W.

New Board: Cheryl W. introduced the new board for the 2017-18 year.

New Committees: Our Board has established two new committees, Public Outreach and Publicity, under Member Services. Joann B., Lynn B. And Nancy M. will work on creating a newsletter.

President's Report: Cheryl W. proposed that our League host 'Ballots and Baristas' at the Belfair Starbucks. She will contact the manager & inquire if we could be present with initiative information on Sat. Oct. 21.

Vice President's Report: Bobby S. and Cindy S report that they are successfully sharing V.P. duties. They will review duties and revise the job description if needed.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. reminded us that our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 while the National League's is based on the calendar year – confusing! We have now paid the National & State dues. Members should all please pay our dues starting now! Pat encourages us to donate extra for Mason County's Irene Davis Fund.

Membership Services: Lynn B. welcomed old and new members.

Voter Services: Michelle B. will continue the **Young Voter Registration** program, often held in conjunction with high school Civics classes. Bobby S. will work with NM High School and at CHOICE High School with Connie Simpson. They will need more volunteers, so please connect with any of them to help. Anyone who has not volunteered with this project before will need to complete a volunteer application with the school office beforehand. Amy D. will be at the Shelton Library all day on Tuesday Sept. 26 for **National Voter Registration Day**, registering new voters and collecting signatures for I-940 which the WA League endorsed.

Action Workshop: Mason County League is joining forces with the Thurston League to conduct an Action Workshop this fall on Sat., Nov. 18 from 9:30 – 3. It will be held at the United Churches of Olympia and will focus on Water Issues & the Hirst Decision. Possible features include a Capitol Campus tour & former State Senator Karen Fraser as a speaker. There will be another LWVWA Action Workshop in Tacoma on Sat. Dec. 2.

Programs: Lynda L. had no report

New Business: There was no new business.

Upcoming Events:

LWV Thurston County Luncheon Sat. Oct. 28 11:30-1:30 Red Lion \$65 [note: \$40 of this is tax deductible]

LWVMC Board Meeting Fri. Oct. 6 12:30-2:30 Shelton Timberland Library

LWVMC General Meeting Tues. Oct. 17, 11:30-1:30 Johnson Library, Olympic College, Shelton

LWV Action Workshop Sat. Nov. 18, 9:30-3, United Churches of Olympia

Program: *Funding Changes Threaten Rural Hospitals*

Eric Small, CEO and Melissa Strong, Chief Nursing Officer of Mason General Hospital and Tammy Moore, Chief Clinical Officer of Summit Pacific Hospital in Elma presented on the current state of rural hospitals in our area.

Attendance: 18 members, 6 guests (including presenters)

Respectfully submitted:

Norma B.