

League of Women Voters of Mason County Membership Meeting

11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016

Johnson Library, Olympic College, Shelton, WA

Attendance: 18members;6guests

- 1.0 Call to Order:** Cheryl W. called the meeting to order at 11:32am. Members & visitors went around the table listing their community involvement.
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.
- 3.0 Information of the Day:** Nancy M.: Nancy passed out literature about the Trans-Pacific Partnership.
- 4.0 Business Meeting**
 - 4.01 Secretary's Report:** Cheryl W. asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the June 9, 2016 Membership Meeting. Sandra H. moved to approve the minutes; it was seconded and passed.
 - 4.02 Treasurer's Report:** Pat C.: We have \$1131.65 in our account. Our current budget is based on 40 members though we currently have 33. Esther R. moved to approve and Michelle B. seconded.
 - 4.03 Membership Services:** Lynn B & Nancy M.: Lynn B welcomed visitors and encouraged them to join. Lynn B. will serve as a Coach for the State Membership Leadership Development program. Lynn displayed a new poster which advertises LWVMC programs a few months in advance. All will help distribute.
 - 4.04 Voter Services:** Amy D. & Nancy M.: Amy D. and others will register voters at the Shelton Library on National Voter's Registration Day, Tuesday, Sept. 27th. Amy reminded us that Oct. 8 is the last day to register to vote by mail and Oct. 10 is the last day to register online. Ballots start arriving on Oct. 21st. Michelle B reviewed the *Youth Voter Registration Project* that she, Amy D. and Amy C. initiated last year at Shelton & Choice High Schools. This project needs volunteers this fall due to the short timeline. They plan to expand to North Mason High next spring. Contact Michelle if you can help.
 - 4.05 Programs:** Lynda L. and Amy C.: The Candidate Forum has been moved to Monday Oct. 10th from 7 -9 p.m. at PUD 3. Set-up starts at 6:30. A few more volunteers are needed. Pat C. and Colleen K. offered to help; Donna H will bring water. The 'Speed Dating' format will entail tables of 8 persons with 1-2 League members as moderators plus the candidate and several citizens. Connie S. distributed the Agenda for the forum. So far, we have two questions for State Candidates, one on school funding and another on WA state tax structure. Questions for County candidates include one about the County Budget deficit and another about the proposed Park District. Amy D announced that there is a meeting tomorrow from 4-7 pm at the SHS Student Union on Opioids. As this is our theme for the year, League members are encouraged to attend. The Oct. program will address the pros and cons of the WA State Ballot Initiatives. Jeanne Rehwaldt, Mason Matters new coordinator, will speak at the Nov. meeting.
- 5.0 New Business:** Cheryl W. called for new business. There was none.
 - 5.01 Non-partisanship in conduct,** all the time. This topic was tabled until next meeting but Sandra H. gave a brief update on the State Board discussion. The term 'non-partisanship' has been dropped and replaced with a statement that League members neither support nor oppose political candidates.
- 6.0 Upcoming Events:**
 - 6.01** LWVMC Board Meeting Oct. 7, 2016 12:30-2:30 pm. at the Shelton Timberland Library
 - 6.02** LWVMC Candidate Forum Monday, Oct. 10 7:00-9:00 pm at PUD 3
 - 6.03** LWVMC Membership Meeting 11:30-1:30pm at Olympic College

7.0 Adjournment

Michelle B. moved to adjourn the business meeting at 12:20 p.m.; Esther R. seconded.

PROGRAM: LWVMC Member Pat C. presented an update of her May 2016 presentation on the **History of Voting Rights**. There have been several recent important cases and rulings which Pat incorporated into her excellent presentation.

The meeting ended at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Norma B.