

League of Women Voters General Meeting

Olympic College Johnson Library

11:30 – 1:30

Tuesday January 17, 2017

MINUTES

Call to Order: Donna H., Vice President, called the meeting to order at 11:34 am.

Approval of Agenda: Linda L. moved to accept the agenda; Michelle B. seconded. It was approved.

Approval of Minutes of General Meeting, November 15, 2016: Pat C moved, Amy D seconded. Motion carried.

Question of the Day: Donna H. posed the question: Have you participated in a protest march before? If so, where & when?

Vice President's Report: Donna H.:

In Memory of Jeanette Boegl: A long-standing active member of LWVMC, Jeanette passed away on November 29. A photo and tribute were passed around. The Board has established a membership in her honor. Tax deductible donations may be made to the LWVMC Educational Fund.

LWV Will Officially Participate in January 21 March : The national League has approved participation in the Women's March on Washington as members of LWV. Theme for the sister March in Olympia is Equality: standing up for people. Participants will gather at Tivoli Fountain on the lawn of the State Capitol at 10:00 am. Local members will carpool .

Treasurer: Pat C: Our checking account balance is \$2726.28; CD balance is \$1026.32. Web page hosting has been paid. VOTE cards are now available @ 5 for \$10.

Voter Services: Deferred to Old Business

Member Services: Lynn B.: 3 new members have joined. An orientation session will be scheduled in February. Half sheets and posters listing programs of general meetings for January, February & March are now available to use as handouts, mailings, and postings for current and future members

Program: Lynda L.: February's program will focus on Mental Health. Speakers

will be Marie Gisi-Mikulak, Mason County Probation Officer, regarding Moral Recognition Therapy; Mark Freedman, director of the new Triage Center; and Kimberly Wheeler, therapist.

Old Business/Voter Services: Amy D.: The LWVWA legislative newsletter is now sent every Monday online. Members are encouraged to read it. Most importantly, please consider taking action each week on Action Alert items. A sample of the issues card used by the State Lobby Team for the 2017 Legislative Agenda was circulated.

The 5th Lobby Team Action Workshop is scheduled for January 28 in Seattle. Information & registration are available on the LWVWA website.

A committee from the local League has met and narrowed the list to 3 issues to submit as suggestions to the State League for 2017-19 programs and studies. Their final choices will be sent to the LWVMC board for the February meeting.

New Business: Donna H distributed brochures announcing the 2017 Harstine Island Speakers Bureau and invited everyone interested to attend. The first of 3 presentations focusing on immigration, will be held on January 22 at 1:45.

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting February 3, 2017, Cheryl Williams' Home
LWV General Meeting February 21, 2017, Olympic College—Program
“Committed to Mental Health: Therapeutic Approaches to Fostering a Healthy Community”

Adjournment: The business meeting adjourned at 1:30, followed by the program: **“Judging the Courts: Treatment and Alternatives to Incarceration”**. Speakers were Devanessa Green, Case Manager & Ronnie Wuest, Deputy Director of Friendship Diversion Services, and Tom Davis, Mentor Coordinator of Mason County Veterans Mentoring.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Rowland, Co-Secretary