

League of Women Voters of Mason County
Executive Board Meeting
January 6, 2017, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Cheryl Williams' Home, 309 W. G Street Shelton, WA
MINUTES

Present: Cheryl W, Ruby B, Amy D, Lynn B, Pat C, Donna H, Michelle B, Lynda L, Connie S.

President Cheryl W called the meeting to order at 2:12.

Agenda was amended to include three items (see below).

Minutes of December 2, 2016 Board Meeting were amended to remove question mark (?) in Treasurer's report: Pat C confirmed the number of 250 Vote cards was correct. Minutes were approved (LL/LB)

Question of the day: Name an event in which you knew there was something wrong, and what you did about it.

Executive Reports

President: Cheryl W reported she is preparing for media interviews regarding the Shelton Schools bond and levy ballot issue coming up February 14. She asked for a committee to review materials she is preparing. After discussion, Pat C suggested Cheryl write out the materials and send them out to the board rather than forming a committee. Board concurred (no vote). Cheryl agreed to write up the materials the next week and send them out for review. Michelle B asked whether there were other districts with levy issues to be voted on. Cheryl will check with Auditor's Office.

Vice President: Donna H reported she will update LWVUS data base to reflect paid members of LWVMC as of January 31. She noted the difference between the national calendar and ours. Lynn B clarified that new members who join in April or May are considered paid for the following program year which begins in September. Pat C said that anyone joining after January 31 is counted toward the next year. Donna H pointed out that those people then do not pay membership dues for the current year. Connie S asked if we should pro-rate dues for those who join after January, but there was no support for that suggestion. Note that this issue was not resolved by proposal or vote

Treasurer: Pat C reported a balance of \$2,927.83 plus the CD of slightly over \$1,000. Vote cards are noted on the website, along with a photo of Jeanette B who passed away in late November. Connie S said she would ask the owner of Off the Walls if she would donate a space for card sales in the gallery @ \$10 for 5 cards. She will call Lynn B with the response. Amy D volunteered to take some cards to the January Action Workshops.

Re: TRY brochures, Nancy M is printing out 50 copies to bring to January membership meeting. Pat volunteered to pick them up and bring them to the meeting, as Nancy will be recovering from surgery and will not attend the meeting.

Voter Services: Amy D had nothing new to report.

Member Services: Lynn B is preparing Please Join Us envelopes to send out to people who were members in the past two years but are not currently paid up. Amy D, Cheryl W, Ruby B, Connie S, and Lynda L volunteered to call specific people. Next, Lynn will contact people who have attended meetings as guests but have not joined. Lynn will also set a date for the new member orientation.

Programs:

January: Lynda L reported the topic, Judging the Courts: Treatment and alternatives to incarceration for persons who have mental health/substance abuse issues and are charged with crimes. Speakers will be Devanessa Green, case manager for Friendship Diversion Services; and Tom Davis, Volunteer Coordinator for Alternatives to Court for Veterans, a re-entry program. Lynda will contact local court judges and ask them to attend if possible. She will also check with Olympic College re: the missing chairs from the meeting room.

February: Committed to Mental Health. Therapeutic Approaches to a Healthy Community. Speakers will be Marie Gisi-Mikulak, therapist with the court system on Moral Reconciliation Therapy; Mark Freedman, Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization; and Dennis Neal, Northwest Resources.

March: Tentative title - Trees, Beetles, and Forest Health. Potential speaker(s) Mark Patenny, tree scientist; forester from Mason Conservation District; someone from The Evergreen State College; and/or Dylan Fischer, Forest Ecology.

April: School funding, with potential speaker Kathy Haigh. Invite state representatives to discuss work of legislature.

May: Homeless housing options.

New Business:

1. Donna H will preside over January membership meeting.
2. Women's March in Olympia, January 21, 10:00 am at state capitol.
3. Amy D reported on Lobby Team actions. January 12 will be the first meeting, after legislative session starts. **60 people attended Seattle Action Workshop.** January 28 will be the next Seattle workshop; they expect 100 people.
4. Amy D reminded us that our nominations for LWVWA priorities will be due February 1?? Amy D, Lynda L, Donna H and Pat C will meet and narrow the list to three. January 11 was set as the tentative date.
5. Jeanette Boegl legacy: Cheryl will ask Nancy M to send out a message to members with two options: a) establish a Jeanette Boegl Memorial membership, for which the Board will nominate one member per year (this may require a change to the by-laws). b) Members who wish to do more may make individual donations to the LWVMC or LWVWA Education Fund in Jeanette's name. Pat C noted that these donations are tax deductible.
6. Ruby B announced that this will be her last Board meeting, as she is making plans to relocate to Yakima.
7. Donna H announced upcoming sessions of the Harstine Island Community Club series, Inquiring Minds in January, February and March; and the World Affairs Council's Programs.
8. Board meetings will continue to be held at Cheryl's house for February, March and April.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 (MB/AD)

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary