

**League of Women Voters of Mason County
Membership Meeting Minutes Oct. 17, 2017
Johnson Library, Olympic College**

Call to Order: President Cheryl Williams called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

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

President's Report: Cheryl W. reported on progress in organizing 'Ballots and Baristas' at the Belfair Starbucks on Sat. 10/21. Bobbie S., Amy D. and Cheryl W. will participate. Please contact Bobbie S. if you can help with posting flyers. Although we will not be registering voters, we will have information to share with the public. FYI: For all to know: In order to vote on Nov. 7, people must register by 10/30 in person.

Vice President's Report: No report.

Secretary's Report: No report. Amy D moved to approve the Sept. minutes. The motion was seconded & passed.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C.: It is membership renewal season! *Please renew soon*. Be sure to let Pat know if our email address has changed. Pat paid for our domain name this month and reports our bank balance at \$2236.42. Michelle B. moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded & passed.

Membership Services: Lynn B. is 'rebooting' our Commission Watch program which several members are interested in. This is very pertinent in view of the current Mason Co. budget crisis and levy lid lift on the ballots. Afterwards, we can meet for discussion at Brilliant Moon bookstore which plans to soon offer coffee & pastries!

Voter Services: Amy D.: Arlene A., Cindy S., Connie S. & Amy D. registered new voters at the Shelton Library on 9/26, **National Voter Registration Day**, changed addresses & distributed mail-in voter registration forms. **Young Voter Registration:** Michelle B. will update us with the date for registering students @ SHS in January. Bobbie S. & Connie S. registered CHOICE students & invited them to attend a LWVMC meeting! CHOICE Staff think it can be arranged as part of a Civics class & Michelle B will keep us apprised.

Programs: Lynda L.: Lynda has arranged for the Assessor, Auditor, Treasurer & possibly other County officials to inform us about the Mason County budget for our Nov. 21st program. All are encouraged to attend the LWVMC Nov. 2nd board meeting to help select a location for the Dec. program field trip. Note: Dec. field trip date is TBA.

New Business: There was no new business.

Upcoming Events:

LWVMC Ballots & Baristas Sat. Oct. 21 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. @ Belfair Starbucks, 23965 NE SR 3, Belfair.

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. Nov. 2 12:30-2:30 Shelton Timberland Library

LWVMC General Meeting Tues. Nov. 21, 11:30-1:30 Johnson Library, Olympic College, Shelton

LWV Action Workshop Sat. Nov. 18, 9:30-3, United Churches of Olympia, 110 11th Ave SE.; \$25 reg. fee.

note: Please let Amy D. know if you are able to help set-up, take-down, etc.

October Program: *Issues on the November 7th Ballot:*

City of Shelton Prop 1: Shelton Government Reorganization. Ryan Wheaton and Andy Arnes presented an overview of Proposition 1 which, if passed, would change the City of Shelton's form of government from a commission to council-manager.

Mason County Property Tax Levy Lift. Michelle Bell gave an overview and answered questions regarding the Mason County Property Tax Levy Lift which appears on the 11/7 ballot.

Adjournment was at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance: 15 members, 13 guests including 2 presenters & 3 press reps.

Respectfully submitted:

Norma B.