

**Mason County League of Women Voters General Membership Meeting
Johnson Library, Olympic College
October 18, 2016
Minutes**

Attendance: 17 members, 12 guests

1. **Call to Order:** President Cheryl W. called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved. (Michelle B. moved, Cindy S. seconded.)
3. Members and guests introduced themselves, answering the **Question of the Day:** Name the first president you voted for.
4. **Business Meeting**
 - 4.01 **President's Report:** Cheryl W. shared a sample of the thank you notes she is sending to all candidates who participated in the October 10 Forum. Vice President Donna H. congratulated all members who helped make it possible.
 - 4.02 **Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the September 20, 2016 General Meeting were approved. (Amy D. moved, Pat C. seconded.)
 - 4.03 **Treasurer's Report:** Pat C. reported a balance of \$2342.11 in the checking account. 15 members have paid dues as of now. The post office box now costs \$70/year.
 - 4.04 **Membership Services:** Lynn B. welcomed today's visitors and announced a new member joined today. She described orientation which will be held at a later date to acquaint new members to the League.
 - 4.05 **Voter Services:** Amy D. announced that League members registered eligible students at local high schools last week. It is still possible to register at the Mason County Auditor's Office until October 30. An Action Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, November 19 in Tacoma at First Methodist Church, 621 Tacoma Ave. S from 9:30 to 3:00. The focus is the relationship between mental health and behavioral health and homelessness. All members are encouraged to attend. Michelle B reported that she, Amy D. Bobbie S, and Connie S. registered 63 seniors at Shelton H. S. and at least 10 at North Mason H.S. as part of their required Civics & Government classes. They also gave vote411.org bookmarks, and information re online resources: vote411.org, video voters guide and masoncountywebtv.com It was noted that the school staff were welcoming and are thrilled to have people from the community show up and show interest in the students.
 - 4.06: **Programs:** Lynda L. announced the November program will be presented by Jeanne Rehwaldt, new coordinator of Mason Matters, re new projects. December's meeting will be a field trip, probably to Mason General Hospital.
- 5.0 **New Business**
 - 5.01 **Debriefing on the Candidate Forum:** Lynda L. was congratulated for developing the new format, which was well received by both candidates and visitors. Those present reported they appreciated the opportunity to have eye contact and direct communication with the candidates. The "speed dating" format was described as comfortable, fun, enjoyable. One table's participants were shy, and needed more time to formulate questions together. Some would have appreciated an opportunity to hear questions

and responses from other tables. All felt the event could have been longer, and the format should be used again. Gordon Weeks was thanked for his article re this event in the Mason County Journal.

6.0 Upcoming Events:

6.01 LWVMC Board Meeting, November 4, 2016, 12:30 – 2:30 pm, Timberland Library

6.02 LWVMC General Membership Meeting, November 15, 2016, 11:30–1:30 pm, Olympic College

7.0 Program: Members discussed current ballot issues, providing descriptions, effects if passed, and arguments for and against the measures. Issues and Presenters were:

7.01 Initiative 1433 (Minimum Wage and Paid Sick Leave) – Amy D.

7.02 Initiative 1464 (Campaign Finance) – Cindy S.

7.03 Initiative 1491 (Firearms Access) – Amy D.

7.04 Initiative 1501 (Seniors and Vulnerable Individuals) – Ruby B.

7.05 Referendum 732 (Carbon Tax) – Lynda L.

7.06 Referendum 735 (Corporations as Individuals) – Pat C.

7.07 Proposition 1 (Mason County Metropolitan Parks District) – Neal Winders & Cheryl W.

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther R., Secretary