

League of Women Voters of Mason County

Board Meeting, October 5, 2018

Timberland Library, 12:30-2:30

MINUTES

Present: Cindy S, Amy D, Cheryl W, Joanne B, Sandy P, Lynn B, Jonel A, Lynda L, Norma B, Pat C, Bobbie S, Connie S, Michelle B.

President Cindy S called the meeting to order at 12:37.

Agenda was approved as corrected (AD/CW)

Lynn B led the discussion on mentor training. After asking those present to describe their initial experience with LWVMC (responses ranged from intimidated, curious, confused, to welcome, great). Several noted they got involved by mentors and/or by participating in activities such as study groups or lobbying or voter registration.

Lynn will ask each board member to take on one new member per year as a mentor, and suggested some ways to engage new members. Lynda noted that some members just want to attend meetings and not get involved in activities, and that should be respected. Lynn will write up this discussion in one page to distribute to the Board.

Executive Reports

President: Cindy S asked if board members wanted to continue to receive the Action Emails. Consensus was yyes.

-She passed around a sign-up sheet for those who want to order Democracy in Chains to be discussed at the December meeting.

Secretary: Minutes from the September board meeting were approved (JB/LL)

Treasurer: Pat C handed out proposed budget for 2019, with some revisions from September. She asked for proposals for new expenditures, as requested at the September meeting. Proposals for expenditures were made by Outreach & Publicity (printing of newsletters, TRY brochures, materials to hand out at events); Cindy S (canopy for table at events, copies of The State We're In to give to schools or guest speakers).

Proposals for fundraising included an event at Shelton Cinemas (Cindy S) and a silent auction of contributed items at the December luncheon meeting (Joanne B). A discussion of how Education funds can be used, and how LWVMC could access grants from the LWVWA Education fund. **Lynn B recommended appointing a committee of three to review information regarding Education Fund; Cindy S, Pat C and Lynn B volunteered.**

The budget proposed included: Under Expenditures 1) Increase Printing and Advertising by \$250 to total \$500., 2) Increase Other -Supplies by \$125 for the canopy, and \$150 for training. 3) Add a line of \$300 for Educational Materials, and under the Income category 4) add \$300 in grants. The motion to approve the budget as revised (CW/JB) carried.

Programs

October 16: Money in Politics. Public Disclosure Commission report, Cheryl W; Electoral College PowerPoint, Amy D.

November 20: What the Legislature Can't Do. Guest speaker Karen Fraser.

December 18: Luncheon meeting for LWVMC members, **site to be confirmed: Salish Cliffs Golf Course Restaurant loft.** Discussion of book, Democracy in Chains by Nancy McLean; a **silent auction of donated items will be coordinated by Connie S.**

Voter Services

Bobbie S, Connie S and Michelle B reported a total of 55 students were registered to vote at North Mason, CHOICE and Shelton High Schools. Potential new members Kathy J and Jonnelle L assisted at SHS.

Sandy P and Cindy S reported voter registration at Olympic College, Farmers' Market and the Salmon Center. Sandy put a holder with registration forms in the lobby at Olympic College. She also reported in her work with Jen D to put together welcome packets for new neighbors in Union that included LWVMC information.

Cheryl W and Bobbie S will hold a voter information session, Ballots and Baristas, at Starbucks in Belfair on October 13, 0-12. They asked if this was OK to do as LWVMC; answer was YES!

Member Services

Joanne B reported she has been exploring potential meeting spaces, including schools, Sisters restaurant, and Mason Transit Center.

Vice Presidents

Greeters (Lynn B, Joanne B) asked if we need a formal count of those present at membership meetings. **Lynn said they will report if a quorum (11 members) is present.**

Old Business

Cindy noted the discussion from last month included ideas for allied organizations. She suggested Elevate Mason County, North Mason Community Voice and Hood Canal Improvement Club. No action was taken.

New Business

Approve new revised budget (see above).

Debrief from Candidates' Forum: Amy D suggested we prepare facilitators for next time. Group decided to conduct debrief by email.

Calendar of upcoming events

October 16, general membership meeting, Olympic College.

October 20: Thurston LWV luncheon with Guest speaker Kim Wyman, Secretary of State.

November 2: Board meeting, **note time change 11-1.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary