

League of Women Voters of Mason County
Executive Board Meeting October 6, 2017, 12:30-2:30
MINUTES

Present: Cheryl W, Lynda L, Lynn B, Joanne B, Cindy S, Bobbie S, Pat C, Amy D, Michelle B.

President Cheryl W called the meeting to order at 12:31.

Agenda was approved (MB/PC)

Minutes of the September 8 Board Meeting were approved (PC/LL)

Executive Reports

President: Cheryl W reported that the proposed Ballots and Baristas event, to be held at Belfair Starbucks, is tentatively scheduled for October 21, pending confirmation.

Vice Presidents: Cindy S reported they had met with Lynn B to clarify roles for Publicity and Outreach. Cindy will work with Theda S on the Facebook page. Bobbie S will manage newspaper contacts and meeting announcements. Bobbie will meet with Journal and Mason County Life representatives to develop working relationships. Cheryl W will go with the VP's to introduce them, in November.

Treasurer: Pat C reported so far 5 members have paid dues at \$60 level, 6 at \$100. She handed out the proposed budget for 2018, based on 40 members. Cindy S requested separating out Printing and Advertising from TRY brochure costs. Pat C noted that the budget will be in deficit. To make up the deficit, Lynn B suggested putting out a donation can at meetings. Cindy suggested a passing a cookie jar for donations. The proposed budget was approved (CS/LL).

Member Services/Publicity & Outreach: Lynn B noted that Joanne B has agreed to work on a newsletter; Barb Parsloe will provide technical assistance with format and layout. Lynn plans to involve new members in activities.

Question of the Day: What is gerrymandering and how does it work? Discussion followed.

Program: Lynda L reported the October program will be a presentation/discussion of the two initiatives that will appear on the November ballot. Amy and Michelle are gathering information on Proposition 1, a proposal to lift the tax levy lid to increase tax revenues in Mason County. Ryan Wheaton, City Administrator for Shelton, will address the pros and cons of the Commission vs. Council question that will be on the ballot. Amy D will discuss I-940. She passed out petitions for members to gather signatures for the 2018 legislative session.

November program will focus on the Mason County budget process. Speakers will be Karen Herr, Auditor; Melody Peterson, Assessor, and Lisa Frazier, Treasurer. Lynda L will invite Gordon Weeks of the Journal to cover the meeting.

December meeting was tentatively recommended as a field trip to the legislature, to familiarize members with the building and process.

Lynn B said she plans to take a list of potential topics for upcoming programs to the next meeting and have members choose topics they would like to work on.

Secretary: 1) Michelle B brought a request to have a check-in list for members at the membership meetings, so secretary can get an accurate count of those attending. Alternatively, continue the round of self-introductions at the beginning of meetings. Bobbie S said the latter would help newer members get to know names of members. 2) Cheryl will send out board meeting agendas directly to board members. Agendas for general meetings will go to Nancy M for distribution. Cheryl will take 6 copies of agenda to general meetings.

Voter Services: Cindy S reported 4 new registrations at the National Voter Registration Day. Some additional people took copies of registration forms with them to complete at home.

Young Voter Registration: Bobbie S reported that she and Connie S registered 4 students at CHOICE High School, and 6 took forms with them. Michelle B reported working with North Mason and Shelton High Schools to set dates for registration.

Workshop on Allied Outreach. Lynn B introduced an exercise whereby each member fills out a list of groups they belong to. Since few did the exercise in preparation for this meeting, Lynn suggested we do it at the next board meeting.

She also noted that Brilliant Moon bookstore would like to partner with LWVMC to encourage discussions in their tea/coffee shop. January would be a good time to begin, possibly as a follow-up to attending meetings of County Commissioners.

Joanne B said she would like to have more discussion of possible actions after presentations at membership meetings. Cheryl W said she would add an announcement at the end of the agenda for Discussion/Action, and those who want to stay can do so. Lynn B will forward information from Membership/Leadership Development on Action.

Upcoming Events:

LWVMC Membership Meeting, October 17

LWV Thurston Education Fund Luncheon, October 28

LWVMC-Thurston Action Workshop, November 18

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 Respectfully submitted, Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary