

League of Women Voters of Mason County
Board Meeting, October 7, 2016
Timberland Library, 12:30-2:30
Minutes

Present: Donna H, Amy D, Cindy S, Lynda L, Pat C, Ruby B (briefly),
Lynn B, Nancy M, Michelle B

Vice president Donna H called the meeting to order at 12:38.
The agenda was approved.

Ruby B handed out the new binders to board members, then excused herself
because she was not feeling well.

Minutes for September 9 Board meeting were approved (Amy D/Lynda L)

Question of the day: Where were you when you voted for the first time, and
how easy was it to get a ballot?

Executive Reports

Vice President:

Duties for the October 10 Candidates' Forum were finalized. Table
moderators: Donna H, Lynda L, Connie S, Michelle B, Nancy M, Pat C,
Colleen K, Norma B/Cindy S,, and Amy D. Attendees will get a number for
table assignments as they come in; Lynn B will distribute the numbers.

Name tags: Lynda L will supply these.

Timekeeper: Cheryl W will introduce the forum and serve as the
timekeeper. Candidates will each have 3 minutes for their introductory
comments, and 6 minutes at each table. Cheryl will signal the time for
candidates to switch tables.

Materials at each table: Rules for the forum will be provided. Paper and
pencils for attendees to write questions for candidates will be provided.
Attendees will have a few minutes to write questions after candidates give
their introductory speeches. Table moderators will read the questions –
questions must be written. Moderators will read the LWV prepared
questions if attendees do not ask questions, Amy D will finalize the LWV
questions.

Conversation will follow the speed dating process. Dedrick Allen will not be able to attend. Gordon Weeks was suggested as an alternate.

Other informational material (e.g., Vote411, How to be a better voter, posters, etc.) will be placed on a separate table.

Donna H will bring bottles of water for candidates.

Treasurer:

Pat C. reported a total of 12 paid members. Balance is \$2,081. Post office box rate increased to \$70.

Voter services:

Amy D reported on National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 27. at Timberland Library. Seven people were registered, and 10 forms were taken by people who did not have all needed information with them

Michelle B reported on the Young Voter Registration Project on Oct. 4 at North Mason High School, where 5 students registered online and 10 on paper forms. October 5 at Shelton High School, 22 students registered online and 41 on paper forms. An additional 6 took forms with them. Michelle agreed to write up a piece on the YVRP to submit to the Journal.

Member services:

Lynn B handed out additional member recruitment materials for board members to add to their binders. Lynn will hand out the member interest forms at the October general meeting.

Lynn passed around a list of former members and asked board members to call 1 or 2 to invite them to the Candidates' Forum. She underscored the importance of having an outreach committee as a way to invite new members.

Nancy M reported that she found the materials from the previous outreach committee – mission statement, tasks, etc. She also passed around some options for making the LWVMC brochure more local. Members liked one with a picture of the surrounding water. Nancy might use the updated version for the next printing of the brochure.

Programs:

October 18: Six ballot initiatives and one local proposition will be presented by: I-1433 – Amy D, I-1501 – Ruby B, I-732 – Lynda L, I-735 – Pat C,.

For Prop 1, Amy D handed out informational pages for review. Neil Winders has agreed to present the Pro position. Lynn B and others thought there should be a Con presentation as well Lynda said she would try to get someone.

Lynda will also ask Kathy H or Eileen O to present I- 1491. Amy will also ask Karen L.

Process for the meeting will allow 10 minutes per issue, with some extra time for Proposition 1 due to its complexity. Each presentation will include Pros, Cons, discussion and the LWV position where there is one.

New Business:

Amy D announced the four action workshops: Everett, Nov. 12 on making democracy work and voting rights; Tacoma Nov. 19, on the relationship between mental and behavioral health and homelessness; Seattle Dec. 10 on education funding; Spokane Jan. 7 topic to be announced. Amy will attend the Tacoma and Seattle workshops.

Nancy M said Cheryl asked her to present TPP and ISDS at the October meeting. Board members thought the October meeting was fully scheduled with no extra time. Pat C said the TPP has already been presented. Cheryl W will have to decide how to address,. Members said if further presentation is made, both Pros and Cons must be presented.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary