

LWVMC Membership Meeting
11:30 A.M. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015
Johnson Library, Olympic College, Shelton, WA 98584

Attendance:17Members and 3 Guests

Call to Order: President Ruby B. called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made& passed to accept the minutes from the Oct.Membership Meeting. The LWVMC received a thank you from candidate Cheryl Williams for inviting her to participate in the forum.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. presented the Treasurer's Report. In addition to our balance of \$2,956.12, we have \$210 in our Education Account with the LWVWA. 25 members have renewed but, as our budget is based on 40 members, if you haven't already done so, please renew soon! A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, it was seconded & the motion passed.

Member Services: Lynn B. reported on the successful League 101 event, held at her house on Nov. 13th. She thanked the attendees as well as Ruby B., Amy D. & Jeanette B. who helped organize the training.

Voter Services: Amy D. stated that a few members, including Bobbie S.& Michelle B., are considering participating in the National League's *Voter Registration Project for Youth*. The proposal deadline is Dec. 5th

Programs: Lynda L. [Amy C.absent]: The LWVMC December meeting is a field trip to Washington Corrections Center for Women [WCCW] at Purdy on Thurs. Dec. 17th.If you want to go please contact LyndaL. by **Dec. 2nd**. This trip is only open to LWVMCmembers.January's Membership Meeting topic is Modern Day Debtor's Prison.

National LWV Study on Money in Politics: Jeanette B. & Pat C. are leading this study group, which will hold the third meeting on Friday 11/20 at 1 p.m. at the Shelton Library. Consensus questions are due to LWVUS on Feb. 1, 2016. Everyone, including new attendees, is welcome.

LWVWA Action Workshop: Amy D. still needs one more volunteer* for the upcoming Dec. 5th LWVWA Action Workshop, [9:30 – 3 at PUD3 in the Skookum Rm.]. The program, *Economic Justice: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty*, promises to be very engaging. The speaker will be Robin Zukoski, Policy Director for CLS [Columbia Legal Services]. Register at <http://www.lwvwa.org/actionworkshop.html> or contact Amy D. if you're interested in attending. * [note: The volunteer 'opening' was taken by the end of the meeting]

Commission Watch: Ruby B. urges us to attend as many Commissioner's briefings & hearings as possible, especially with the ongoing Budget Hearings. Be sure to wear your LWV badge.Lynda L. witnessed the recent situation between the Mason County Sheriff's Department and the Commissioners. This all serves to remind us: Our presence at Commissioners' meetings leads to better government. We can choose to attend Commissioners' briefings on Monday mornings at 9 a.m. and / or regular Tuesday meetings also at 9 a.m. except on the last Tues. of the month when meetings are held at 6 p.m. All meetings are held at the Commissioners' Chambers, 411 N 5th St., Mason Co. Bldg.1.

Announcements: There were no new announcements.

Program: *ALEC on Privatization: Education, Prisons & Children's Social Services*. After a brief introduction which described how these three areas of government fall prey to privatization, each member gave a detailed report. Karen L presented a report on **Privatization in Public Schools and Education** in general. Jeanette B's report addressed **Privatizing Activities in the Prison System**. Gwen G.'s presentation was postponed to due to the inclement weather.

Ruby B. moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Connie S. seconded and the motion passed.

Submitted, Norma B