

**League of Women Voters of Mason County
Johnson Library, Olympic College
Membership Meeting Minutes November 21, 2017**

Call to Order: President Cheryl W. called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Amy D. moved & Linda L. seconded. Agenda was approved.

Question of the Day: "What one important skill do you think every person should have?" was posed by Cheryl W.

President's Report: Cheryl W. reported that a group of 10 members attended the county commission meeting on November 14 and gathered at the Brilliant Moon bookstore afterward for discussion. Several of those who attended reported that they found the experience worthwhile and plan to do it again.

Vice President's Report: Bobbie S. reported that she and Cindy S. have met with Lynn B. and Joanne B. and have some ideas to present to the Board before announcing to the rest of the membership.

Secretary's Report: No report. Esther R. moved to approve the October Minutes. The motion was seconded & passed.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. reported that there are 22 paid members for 2018 to date. Membership renewals are due now. Current bank balance is \$2936.42 and CD balance is \$1032.97. The website will be updated soon, and Pat asked for a volunteer to be cross-trained as backup for our LWVMC website. A "pink boot" has been created for donations at various LWCMC events.

Membership Services: Lynn B. welcomed guests and one new member. She described outreach efforts to attract interest to LWV and programs. Members signed up to distribute posters highlighting upcoming programs.

Voter Services: Amy D. reported that 70 people attended the action workshop on November 18, cohosted with Thurston County LWV. 60% of those attending were new. Two more action workshops are scheduled: December 2, on Homelessness Issues, in Tacoma and January 6, on Revenue, in Seattle. Michelle B. reported that the Young Voter Registration Project at Shelton H.S. has been postponed to January, probably the first 2 weeks, at the request of Civics & Government teachers. She requested volunteers to help distribute registration forms and answer questions in the classes.

Programs: Lynda L. reported that the December 19 field trip will be a guided tour of the Capitol building in Olympia, at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 1:00 at Salish Cliffs restaurant at the Little Creek Casino. A signup sheet was circulated.

New Business: There was no new business.

Upcoming Events

LWVMC Board Meeting: December 1, 2017 12:30 – 2:30 PM Shelton Library.

Commission Watch: December 5, 2017 9:00 a.m., followed by discussion at Brilliant Moon.

LWVMC Field Trip: December 19, 2017 10:00 a.m. – Tour of Capitol building; lunch at Salish Cliffs 1:00 p.m.

LWV Action Workshops: Sat. December 2, Tacoma; Sat. January 6, Seattle.

Program: Discussion of Mason County Budget 2018

Mason County Department Heads Karen Herr, Auditor; Melody Peterson, Assessor Lisa Frazier, Treasurer reported on the effects of proposed across-the-board cuts on their respective staffs and mandated services, followed by discussion with members and guests. Brenda H. highlighted info from the 2011 LWVMC budget study and comparisons to the current budget, and recommended that a citizen's advisory committee for budget be established by the Board of County Commissioners.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance: 17 members, 13 guests, including 3 presenters & 1 press rep.

Respectfully submitted by Esther R., Co-Secretary