

League of Women Voters of Mason County  
Executive Board Meeting, November 3, 2017  
12:30-2:30, Shelton timberland Library

MINUTES

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

1.0 President Cheryl W called the meeting to order at 12:38 pm.

2.0 The agenda was approved. (CS/PC)

3.0 Minutes from the October 6 board meeting were approved. (AD/CS)

4.0 Question of the day: Have you ever run across a hero in your life?

5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 President:

Cheryl W asked if the board was interested in co-sponsoring a fundraising event with Mason County Democrats and invite Republicans to participate as well. The purpose would be to raise money to supplement the county Current Expense budget for supplies for county departments, to send the message "we support you." Several members present voiced support for the idea of co-sponsoring a fundraising event, but thought it should be a bigger statement.

Cheryl will send an email to all members to solicit ideas for projects.

Lynn B suggested the board set up some specific dates for members to attend meetings of the MC Board of Commissioners to gain a better understanding of the budget process. Attendees could reconvene after Commission meetings at Brilliant Moon book store for further discussion. Suggested dates were November 14 and December 5.

Pat C will send an email to members announcing the two dates.

5.2 Vice Presidents:

Bobbie S reported that the Ballots and Baristas event at Belfair Starbuck's was good, with 10 or 12 people attending. She suggested that a future event could be held 8-12 am, to attract more participants. Several people asked for information on the levy lift

ballot issue and requested help in figuring out how much additional tax they would owe if the levy passes.

Cindy S asked members to take more photos of events, so she can post them on the Facebook page.

### 5.3 Treasurer:

Pat C reported that 22 members have paid current dues (including two from last spring). Current balance is \$2,936.42. She paid for the website domain name, Post Office box, and reimbursement to Connie S for copies of flyers for the Ballots and Baristas event. Pat still has to pay for the website, a cost which has increased this year. \$50 has been raised in Vote card sales. Pat asked for a volunteer she can train to maintain the website, as a back-up for herself.

### 5.4 Secretary:

Michelle B noted that distribution of Board minutes for September and October meetings was late. After some discussion,

**Michelle agreed to work on a solution and email suggestions to the Board.**

### 5.5 Voter Services:

Amy D had nothing new for Voter Services. She reminded the Board of the Action Workshop on November 18.

### 5.6 Program:

Lynda L was absent, so Amy D reported that the November 21 general meeting will be "Money In, Money Out," a discussion of the County budget process. Confirmed speakers will be Karen Herr, Auditor; Melody Peterson, Assessor; Lisa Frasier, Treasurer. Unconfirmed speaker may be Jim Madson, Juvenile Probation. The Board decided to postpone the appearance of the Prosecutor until after January to allow time for a broader discussion on funding the district court and justice system.

Other suggested future program topics included: a state bank, and women's health care.

### 5.7 Member Services:

Lynn B announced that she will work with Cindy S and Bobbie S to develop a plan for Publicity and Outreach. Joanne B will work with Barb P on a newsletter. Joanne will

draft an issue and send it to a couple of people for review and possible editing. Norma B and Michelle B volunteered to review the draft. Vice president will review for adherence to LWV principles. The newsletter will go to the general membership online, with a few hard copies to be placed in strategic places in town where they are likely to attract readers. The aim is to produce 2-3 issues per year, but one issue may be sufficient for this year.

Lynn handed out copies of a document from Membership and Leadership Development on opportunities for volunteer activities. She also handed out announcements for upcoming LWVMC meetings and asked Board members to post them.

Lynn gave a brief overview of Allied Outreach (also a handout). The goal is to reach out to potential partners for future projects. She asked Board members to make a list of organizations they belong to or have connections to. When lists have been completed, members can consider specific suggestions for projects, and strategies for carrying them out, e.g., consider what groups LWVMC could partner with for an event. Possibilities might include sponsoring civic discussions on topics people are interested in. Lynn instructed Board members to consider topics and events the League might co-sponsor, to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

#### 6.0 New Business:

No new business was suggested.

#### 7.0 Upcoming events:

November 18, 9-3 – Action Workshop

November 1 and December 5 – Commission Watch and post meeting discussion at Brilliant Moon

November 21 – General membership meeting

8.0 Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary