

League of Women Voters of Mason County
Board Meeting, Shelton Library
December 2, 2015
MINUTES

Present: Cheryl W, Amy D, Michelle B, Donna H, Lynda L, Gwen G, Lynn B, Pat C.

1.0 President Cheryl W called the meeting to order at 12.38.

2.0 The agenda was approved (Donna H moved, Lynda L seconded).

3.0 Minutes from the November 4 Board meeting were approved (Lynda L, Amy D)

Cheryl W will ask Nancy M to forward the next Board agenda, and minutes from the previous Board and General meetings at the same time prior to the next meeting, to ensure that everyone receives all three documents. She will ask Nancy to send them as word documents.

4.0 Question of the day: What was the coolest vacation you have taken?

5.0 Executive Reports

President

-Shelton School Bond vote: Cheryl will pursue asking SHS Civics and Government teachers about a student project to debate the pros and cons of bonds. After discussion, the Board suggested a focus on voter education and registration. Cheryl will contact local radio about voter registration. A possible letter to editor was suggested but no decision was made.

-Movie as a fundraiser: Cheryl asked whether a current film on suffragettes in England would be a good fundraiser. Pat C and Donna H said they had seen the film and thought it focused more on an individual woman than on issue of voting rights. Gwen G suggested an alternative film, Iron Jawed Angels. The owner of Shelton Cinemas would show a film in off-hours and donate proceeds from admission tickets to LWVMC. Shelton Cinemas would keep proceeds from concessions. The idea was tabled for further discussion.

Vice President – No report

Treasurer: Pat C reported a total of 25 paid members and a current balance of \$2,927.83.

-Vote cards: Pat brought the newly printed cards for folding. Printing cost was \$174.28 for 250 cards. Amy D will provide bags for packaging and Pat will bag

the cards – 5 cards for \$10. They will be available soon for members to purchase. Members who attend the holiday party on Dec. 8 with Thurston LWV will take some packets to sell there. Pat will sell other packets from her house to members who want to purchase them. Cheryl will send an email to notify members the cards are available.

-TRY brochure distribution: Pat asked whether to have any printed, and if so, how many. After discussion, the board decided to print 50 copies to use as advertising in a few sites (to be determined by Member Services). TRY information will otherwise be available on the LWVMC website. Pat asked for help in updating the information; Lynn B suggested she contact Bobbie S or Joan C to help.

Secretary – No further report.

Voter Services – No further report.

Member Services

-Lynn B announced that mentors have been appointed for new members: Pat C will mentor Emily, Lynda L will mentor Joy; Amy C will mentor Diane.

-New member orientation will be in late January or early February.

-Public relations/outreach committee: Donna H and Amy C will form a committee; Lynn has information on how to develop a plan for next year.

-MLD: Lynn handed out materials “10 Ways You Can Help Defend Our Democracy” and “Leveraging Post-Election Volunteer Interest”

Programs

-Lynda L suggested a program on changes in health insurance, with possible field trip to Mason General. After discussion three programs were decided:

-January: Focus on Mental Health, including the new facility in Shelton and pending legislation in the state legislature..

February: Jail population, potential speaker Devanessa Green of Friendship Diversion Services.

March: Mason Conservation District forester re: health of the trees/forest, and impact of climate change.

April: Housing the homeless, with possible visit to tiny houses in Thurston Co. or Veteran housing in Bremerton.

New Business

Amy D mentioned the importance of contacting legislators –phone calls are most effective. Also, if the legislator’s name is mentioned in a letter to the editor they receive an alert.

Upcoming events

-December 8: LWVMC and Thurston joint meeting was changed to a holiday party to be held at 123 4th Ave. W, Olympia. The previously planned meeting with elected officials will be held later.

-January 6, 2017: LWVMC Board Meeting, 12:30-2:30, Shelton Library.

-January 17, 2017: LWVMC General Membership meeting, 11:30-1:30. Johnson Library, Olympic college.

Adjourned at 2:30 (Lynda L/Lynn B)

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary