

League of Women Voters of Mason County

Executive Board Meeting

Sisters Restaurant, Shelton, WA

February 1, 2019, 12:30-2:30

MINUTES

Present: Cindy s, Lynda L, Michelle B, Maureen A, Lynn B, Connie S, Cheryl W, Amy D, Pat C, Jonnel A, Arlene A, Jenn D, Sandy P.

President Cindy S called the meeting to order at 12:35.

As there were several new members present, Cindy asked everyone to introduce themselves and describe their introduction to LWVMC and comment on something they like about it. Several themes emerged:

- People joined to get involved, learn more about Mason County, make friends;
- Most were brought in by current members.
- Many enjoy study groups and opportunities to dig more deeply into topics.
- People learned more about League when they became part of the Board.
- People liked being with a diverse group of “intelligent women” who respect various opinions.

Executive Reports

President: Cindy announced the upcoming events of February 15:

- 1) Luncheon with Thurston LWV; 2) Reception for Allison McCaffree at 5:30 which is open to LWV members and guests. The reception will be co-hosed by LWVMC and Thurston League. 3)The play, Many Maps, One Voice, will be presented at 7:00. It celebrates the leadership of League member and former legislator Mary Ellen McCaffree on fair redistricting in Washington State. The role of Ms McCaffree will be played by veteran actress Jane Fellows. The reception and play will be at Washington Center in Olympia. **Cindy**

plans to attend all events and offered transportation to those who also wish to do so.

Lobby Team: Amy D urged everyone to read the Legislative Newsletter each week to learn what is happening with bills introduced and to respond to the Action Alerts. Some legislators respond to these messages. Lobby Day will be February 21 in Olympia on the Capitol campus, Columbia Room. The full agenda is printed in the Voter. Members should register ahead of the event, online at LWVWA.org.

Voter Services: Cindy S reported that the new committee met just prior to the Board meeting to review Mason County voter information provided by the Elections Office. Members will review the data, identify areas that are either under-registered or show lower voter turnout, and consider a strategy for moving ahead. One task will be to identify people in each area who can help.

Sunshine Awards: Cindy S. noted that the awards will go to local media for coverage provided to LWVMC events. Nancy M is looking into frames for the awards. Connie S said she has frames that she could donate for this purpose.

Treasurer: Pat C reported a balance of \$4,755.05. \$177.00 is due for printing TRY brochures.

Member Services: Lynn B stated there is no report from the Nominating Committee as yet. Lynn handed out posters of upcoming meeting topics for members to post in various places.

Secretary: Minutes from the January Board meeting were approved (LL/JD).

New Business

19th Amendment Celebration: Cindy S noted that this year will be the 100th anniversary of the amendment giving women the right to vote. She suggested LWVMC celebrate by wearing white costumes to various events in the community, and wearing them to the LWVWA Convention, June 6-9 in Tacoma at the Murano Hotel. Cindy would like to form a planning group for various events for the year-long celebration, and mentioned the possibility of partnering with other groups.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 15: Luncheon, Reception and play in Olympia.

Feb 19: General membership meeting: Wilderness and Forestry: Adapting to a Changing Climate, with guest speaker John Bolender, Mason Conservation District.

Feb. 21: Lobby Day at the State Capitol

The meeting adjourned at 1:50. A work party stayed to fold the new TRY brochures. Several volunteered to distribute them to various community venues.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bell, co-Secretary