

League of Women Voters of Mason County

Executive Board Meeting

February 2/2018, at the home of Lynn B.

MINUTES

Present: Lynn B, Lynda L, Pat C, Michelle B, Brenda H, Cheryl W, Bobbie S, Joanne B, Connie S, Jonnel A, Norma B, Amy D.

President Cheryl W called the meeting to order at 3:07.

2.0 Agenda was approved (MB/PC).

3.0 Minutes from Board meeting of 1/5/2018 were approved.

4.0 Question of the Day: What occupation did you want to pursue, and what did you end up doing?

5.0 Executive Reports

President: Cheryl W will participate in a conference call with Ann Murphy, LWVWA on 2/13/18 regarding new programs.

Vice President : Bobbie S reported on the Vote Local initiative. Cindy S and Arlene A will make a presentation at Timberland Library, March 13, 6-7 p.m. LWV members may send potential topics to Cindy. Bobbie has been working with local to get LWV announcements into various media.

Treasurer: Pat C reported a balance of \$3,296.42. She received the annual bill for the website of \$250. She entered names of 28 paid members into the LWVUS data base. She requested minutes from Nov and Dec. 2017 Board Meetings to post on the website. Michelle B will send these.

Secretary: Michelle B and Brenda H led discussion of procedures and materials for the Budget Study. All information going out to public must be approved by the Board. The Study group (Brenda or designee) will communicate with county officials. Brenda passed out a document re: study objectives; and two draft letters, one announcing the study to the public and the second to provide information regarding the S&P downgrade. After discussion, Cheryl agree to revise the first letter per discussion and send it to the Board for approval as soon as possible. Norma agreed to revise the

second letter per discussion and send to the board, but the Budget Study group will interview Mason Co. Treasurer Lisa Frasier before finalizing the letter.

Brenda announced a special meeting of county commissioners and department heads on Monday, Feb 5 at 2:00 p.m. to brainstorm sources of additional revenues to meet the 2019 budget requirements. She said the commissioners had approved a 60% increase in fee for kids' use of recreation fields, and 44% for adults.

Pat C will send out an email to LWV members to request their attendance at Monday's meeting.

Voter Services :Amy D updated legislative activities and urged members to read the Legislative Newsletter and take the recommended actions. She shared posters that could be used in high school classrooms.

Michelle B reported on the January 17 Young Voter Registration at Shelton High School. 57 students registered that day.

Programs: Lynda L reported on topics and guest speakers for upcoming meetings: February - Mason County Support Services department, Speaker Frank Pinter; March – Local program, Cielo, serving DACA students, Speakers Carolina Gutierrez and Ricardo del Bosque; April – Adverse Childhood Experiences, speaker Laura Porter. Connie S noted Mason Co. kids rank lowest in the state for overcoming adversity. Jonnel A requested the program include discussion of next steps/actions for overcoming adverse experiences. May – suggested program with Mason Co Treasurer discussing the credit downgrade in the county's credit rating, possibly including an outside expert on the topic. June – Annual meeting at Harmony Hill.

Member Services: Joanne B passed out copies of a draft newsletter and asked members to send comments to her. The newsletter will be distributed by email, with printed copies to be distributed in strategic places in the community. Michelle B will provide a tally of Young Voter Registrants for this year. Amy D will provide a legislative update.

Lynn B read an email she received from Donna H saying she will be moving to Davis, CA for fall and winter months. Lynn gave Bobbie S an article titled "Four Reasons Why People Don't Vote" for the Vote Local project. Brenda H showed a project in which people send postcards to friends encouraging them to vote.

Lynn reported she has written to members who have not paid dues, encouraging them to update memberships. She also plans to hold two orientations for new members starting next year.

New Business: Cheryl announced Tax Aid, a free service for taxpayers in three locations in the county.

Items for Agenda for Feb. General meeting: Young Voter Registration.

Upcoming events: 1) General Meeting, Feb. 20; 2) LWVMC Board Meeting, March 2 at Lynn B's, 3-5 pm; 3) Vote Local Seminar, March 13, Shelton Timberland Library, 6-7 pm; 4) Candidates Forum, March 29, PUD, 6:30-8:30.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary