

League of Women Voters of Mason County-- Membership Meeting  
11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017  
Johnson Library, Olympic College, Shelton, WA

Attendance: 13 members; 7 guests  
Call to Order: Donna H. called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

Approval of Agenda: Approved as presented with no additions.

Approval of Minutes of General Meeting: Amy D. moved to accept the minutes; Pat C. seconded. It was approved.

Question of the Day: Donna H. posed the question: What do you do for your own mental health?

Executive Reports:

Vice President: Donna H. distributed National League statements regarding voter suppression, including the elimination of the Election Assistance Committee at the federal level. A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to subscribe to the LWV Legislative newsletter which arrives via email on Sundays.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. reports the balance in our checking account is \$2887.83 plus about \$200 more in checks not yet deposited. VOTER cards are available for members to purchase & the TRY brochure is updated & ready for distribution.

Secretary's Report: There was no correspondence this month; January's minutes were approved.

Voter Services: Amy D. reported that the lobby team has been following several pieces of legislation including one for same-day voter registration. Only 38% of registered voters participated in the last election. There is already talk of a special session due to budget issues. Amy plans to participate in a webinar on the State budget on Friday.

Membership Services: Lynn B.: Lynn shared a recent article in the Washington Post which highlighted increased interest in the League and a sizeable uptick in new LWV chapters nationwide. Our group has 6 new members. Members are encouraged to invite guests to our meetings.

Programs: Lynda L.: March's program will concern Forest Health in Mason County and feature 3 speakers. The program for April is not finalized but may concern School Funding.

Old Business: Amy D. stated that every 2 years the State League asks for suggestions for programs and studies of statewide significance. Our committee suggested three issues: Mental Health: an action campaign to decentralize treatment; UBI: Universal Basic Income and a Housing Affordability study. The deadline to submit ideas is Feb. 28

New Business:

There was no new business

Upcoming Events:

List of Derek Kilmer's Town Hall meetings

LWVMC Board Meeting: Mar. 3, 2016 2:00 @ Lynn B.'s house LWVMC Membership

Meeting: March 21, 2017

Program:

Committed to Mental Health: Therapeutic Approaches to Fostering a Healthy Community

Three speakers spoke about different aspects of our County's mental health system:

Marie Gisi-Mikulak of Mason County Probation Services spoke about Moral Reconciliation Therapy

Mark Freedman, Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization administrator, told about the new mental health triage facility being developed in Shelton.

Joyce Evans, former youth counselor, discussed the practice of counseling young people.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Norma B.