

League of Women Voters of Mason County

Membership Meeting, March 19, 2019

Olympic College Johnson Library

MINUTES

Present: 20 members, 7 guests, 3 press award recipients, 4 guest speakers. Total 34 in attendance.

President Cindy S called the meeting to order at 11:35.

Guest Gretchen Stewart announced she is collecting feminine hygiene products for homeless women and teens. Cindy S asked members to bring products to the April meeting.

Minutes for the February Membership meeting were approved (AD/LL). Secretary Norma B asked members to check in on the roster at the door so we can get an accurate count for attendance.

Voter Services: Young voters: Michelle B reported Bobbie S and Jenn D registered 15 students North Mason High School out of 37 participating, and Bobbie S and Sandy P registered 29 at Shelton High Scholl out of 78 participating. Other voter services: Cindy S reported that the committee plans to hold registrations at various community sites. She asked if anyone had a canopy to donate for this purpose. Next committee meeting will be Tues. March 26 at 11:30 at Sisters Restaurant.

Legislative Newsletter: Amy D reminded the group that the newsletter comes out online every Sunday with updates on the progress of bills in the legislature and Action Alerts. She noted that the cut-off date for bills to out of committee is April 3. She invited those interested in receiving the newsletter to contact her to be placed on the distribution list.

Programs: Lynda L announced upcoming programs as follows:

April 16 Membership meeting at Harmony Hill, 11:30; For the People: Free, Fair and Accessible Elections, guest speaker Paddy McGuire, Mason County Auditor. Cindy asked members to distribute postcards made by Nancy M cards inviting non-members to attend.

May 21 Membership meeting, 6:00 pm, PUD3, Behavioral Health, speakers TBA.

June 11, Harmony Hill, 11:30, LWVMC Annual Meeting and potluck luncheon. Amy D suggested a potential book to discuss: The Uninhabitable Earth by David Wallace-Wells.

Announcements: Amy D: March 25 HBO special, Nation Under Stress, focused on increasing mortality in the US.

Cindy S; a program on opioids, March 25 Sponsored by North Mason Community Voice.

Jeannine D: March 31, 1:30, Harstine Island Community Hall, speaker on Civil Conversations with People Who Think Differently From Ourselves.

Sunshine Awards: In honor of Sunshine Week celebrating the birthday of James Madison, LWVMC presented award certificates to 3 local members of the press for their outstanding reporting that encourages people to be involved and knowledgeable about government. The awardees were:

Adam Rudnick, Editor-in-Chief for the Shelton-Mason County Journal; Jeff Slakey of iFiberone/KMAS; and

Dedrick Allen, Founder of masonwebtv.

Each spoke briefly in accepting his award.

Program: Climate Justice: Changing Our Future. Guest speakers were:

Brian McTeague, Quantitative Services Manager, Squaxin Island Tribe Natural Resources Department;

Jasmine MacLean and Ari Simmons, Olympia Sunrise Hub Leaders;

Phyllis Farrell, LWVWA Legislative Action Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary