

League of Women Voters of Mason County

Executive Board Meeting

March 2, 2018, 812 Birch St., 3-5 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Cheryl W, Pat C, Lynda L, Michelle B, Nancy M, Lynn B, Donna H, Amy D, Bobbie S, Joanne B, Cindy S.

- 1.0 Meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.
- 2.0 Agenda was approved (PC/MB)
- 3.0 Minutes of 2/2/2018 were approved (LB/LL)
- 4.0 Executive Reports

President: Cheryl W sent in the Program Planning information to LWVWA and LWVUS, as reported in copies to the Board.

Nominating Committee: Cheryl W, Joanne Brown and Lynda will serve as the Nominating Committee, and will present the recommended slate for Board approval at the April Board meeting. The approved slate will be presented to the membership at the April General meeting and voted on at the May General meeting.

Cheryl announced a second meeting for the presentation by Mason County Support Services Director Frank Pinter. She suggested an evening meeting some time in May. She will contact Frank for possible dates. The meeting will serve as an update on the status of the 2019 budget process.

Michelle B asked if the Board could set up procedures to use for future meeting cancellations and suggested a 2-hour notification for members. Others pointed out the need to notify guest speakers, guests, and the press if a publicized meeting has to be cancelled. Cheryl will form a committee to recommend procedures and will bring them back to the Board for action. Joanne B expressed concern for organizational integrity if notices from the President are not followed.

Email address to use on flyers: lwmasoncounty@gmail.com. Lynn B reviews emails received.

Vice Presidents: Cindy S announced the Vote Local presentation, Civics 101, at the Shelton Library, March 13, 6-7:30 p.m. Nancy will send out the announcement to

members and guests. There will also be voter registration at Community Lifeline during the week of March 19. Nancy distributed the new TRY brochures to Board members for distribution at events.

Treasurer: Pat C reported a balance of @3,496.42. Budget is based on 40 members, and LWVMC currently has 28. The CD with OCCU will expire March 5. LWVMC can renew at 0.6% or pursue another investment. The Board agreed to renew.

Secretary: Michelle B reported nothing new from co-secretaries.

Newsletter: Response to the new newsletter was uniformly positive, and the group commended Joanne B on her work. Joanne noted that the format she and Lynn B agreed on is to report vetted information from LWVMC, LWVWA and LWVUS, and to keep the length to one double-sided page. She suggested bi-monthly publication, with the next issue to come out mid-April. Deadline for submitting material will be April 2.

Voter Services: Amy D announced a Get Out the Vote drive for the election of Shelton City Council members, to be held in collaboration with Auditor Karen Herr's office. It will be held at the Shelton Library the week of April 9, with opportunity to encourage potential voters.

Lynn B noted that one of the City Council candidates praised VOTE 411 on Facebook and gave instructions for its use. Four of the eight candidates have submitted statements to VOTE411; Cheryl W volunteered to call the other four candidates to encourage them to post their info. Pat C recommended sending a letter to the editor. Michelle B will request VOTE411 bookmarks from LWVWA.

Legislative Update: Amy D reported that the universal health care initiative is proceeding with development of materials and petitions. Six or seven of LWV bills were passed by the legislature.

This week's Action Alert in the Legislative Newsletter from LWVWA will be on HSB 6620.

Dates for student marches:

Weds March 14: #Enough – National school walkout, 10 am for 17 minutes.

Saturday March 24: #March4ourlives, across nation student march.

Friday April 20: #national school walkout on anniversary of Columbine shooting.

Board members expressed interest in supporting student demonstrations. Cheryl will contact SHS to find out their policies and send out info to Board and members.

Programs: Lynda L announced the March 20 program, Immigrants Are Us, with Speakers Carolina Gutierrez from Cielo, and Ricardo del Bosque from Shelton Schools discussing issues for local DACA participants. There may be a speaker from the state Attorney General's office as well.

April 17, guest speaker Laura Porter will discuss Adverse Childhood Experiences and impact on later lives.

May 5. Mason County Treasurer Lisa Frazier will discuss current budget issues and the impact of the S&P downgrade. She will also address the impact of the state tax to support schools.

March 29 Candidates' Forum for the eight candidates running for Shelton City Council will be held at PUD#3, 6-9 pm. Room set-up (tables and chairs) will begin at 6:00. Format will be speed dating. Attendees will be seated at 8 tables assigned by numbered cards when they enter. Nancy M has these cards and will bring them.

Cheryl W will be MC and timekeeper. Table heads will be: Pat C, Lynda L, Michelle B, Amy D, Bobbie S, Cindy S, Lynn B and Joanne B. Table heads should bring 1-2 questions for candidates, and ask people seated at their tables to decide other questions. Candidates will each have 2 minutes to introduce themselves. Then they will deploy one to each table and will change tables when the timekeeper signals. Time at each table will be about 8 minutes.

Candidates may bring materials to display on a separate table, but will be discouraged from bringing signs, wearing campaign buttons, t-shirts and other regalia. They must take their remaining materials with them when they leave.

Member Services: Lynn B announced the spring new member orientation will be April 12 at her home, 11-1. Amy D and Lynda L will assist with the program.

MLD is now called Membership Engagement and Leadership Development. This group has sent out materials on how to work with organizations that are not non-partisan.

5.0 New Business: Amy D reported that the Mason County Commission will appoint a 6-member Citizen Budget Advisory Committee, with 2 representatives from each of the three districts. Amy expressed the need to clarify that LWV members may request to be appointed to the committee as individuals but not as representatives of the League. As of now, Terri Drexler has appointed herself to chair the group and to have a vote. Amy expressed concern with potential conflict of interest.

Lynn B noted that LWVUS has posted a proposed new mission statement and vision. This has been sent to all members, and Lynn asked everyone to review it.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 (MB/PC)

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary