

League of Women Voters of Mason County
Membership Meeting
April 19, 2016
Olympic College, Johnson Library
Minutes

President Ruby Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:35 am those present introduced themselves.

Attendance: 24 members, 9 guests

Business Meeting

Secretary's Report – Minutes from the March 15 Membership meeting were approved. Moved by Amy D, seconded by Sandra H.

Treasurer's Report – Pat C reported the current balance is \$3223.83, with 33 paid members. Dues for national and state leagues will be paid from this balance in June.

Membership Services – Lynn B announced that dues paid by new members joining now will be in effect until this time next year. She also thanked Sandra H and Michelle B for agreeing to speak at the Skookum Rotary Club tomorrow at 7 a.m.

Voter Services – Michelle B reported that she, Amy D, Amy C and Bobbie S registered eligible students at Shelton High School on April 18. Of 106 students, 50 were registered, and a few more are expected to do so soon. Amy C and Ellen S-C plan to register students at Choice High School. Pledge cards were distributed requesting contact information for follow up as the election nears. They plan to follow up at Shelton High School in the fall and spring, and to approach North Mason High School regarding registering students there.

Programs – Lynda L:

April 28 – Joint program with Thurston County League on the Living Wage, held at Traditions Café in Olympia 6:00 – 7:30pm. Program starts at 6:30. This is the first time for a joint meeting with the Thurston League, and Amy D urged as many as possible to attend.

May – History of Voting Rights and ALEC with speaker Pat C and the Trans-Pacific Partnership and ALEC with speaker Nancy M.

June 9- Annual Meeting & potluck at Harmony Hill, beginning at 11:30 am

June 24 - June Retreat at Amy C's

Nominating Committee - Amy C presented the slate of officers for next year:

President: Cheryl Williams, Co-Vice Presidents: Donna H & Amy C, Treasurer: Pat C, Co-Secretaries: Michelle Bell, Norma Kirmmse-Borden, & Esther Rowland. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate will be voted on in at the May membership meeting.

Commission Watch - Ruby B circulated a sign up list. Randy N affirmed the importance of having members present to observe the business conducted by the county commissioners. Tracy Moore invited members to observe city commission meetings, as well.

Announcements

Friday, April 22- Earth Day

Monday, April 25 - Last day to register to vote by mail or online for the May Presidential Primary

Tuesday, April 26 - April Special Election

Monday, May 16 - Last day to register in person for Presidential Preference Primary

Tuesday, May 24 - Presidential Preference Primary election in WA

June 3-5 - Combined LWVWA/LWVOR Council in Vancouver, WA

PROGRAM: "Council vs Commission - Which Form Represents You?" with speakers, State Rep. **Sherry Appleton**, Chair of Local Government Committee, and **Mike Olsen**, former Shelton City Commissioner. Moderated by Cynthia Stewart, LWVWA Board Member, issues and challenges associated with the options for city and county governance were discussed.