

LWVMC Membership Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2015 Olympic College, Johnson Library
11:30- 1:30

President Amy D. called the meeting to order.

Attendance: 27 (21 members, 4 guests and 2 speakers)

Business Meeting:

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Nancy M. to accept the March 24, 2015 meeting minutes taken by Ruby B sent out via email. It was seconded by Lynda L. and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. There is a balance of \$3248. We have 38 members. New LWVMC pins have been ordered.

Membership Services: Lynn B. passed out a 'How to Get Involved' spreadsheet.

Nancy M. created a 'History of the League' poster for distribution.

Programs: Lynda L. - May : Introduction to ALEC - Sandra H. will give an ALEC overview. There will be bullet-point handouts for each topic as it is covered throughout next year.

June – Annual Meeting and picnic/potluck at Harmony Hill, June 9, 11:30.

Nominating Committee: Lynn B., Roslynn R., Michelle B. - presented officer slate:

President : Ruby Bailey

Vice-President : Connie Simpson

Treasurer: Pat C.

Secretary: to be shared by Norma B., Esther R., and Michelle B.

Sandra H. made a motion to accept the slate, Amy C. seconded the motion. It passed.

Announcements: The LVWWA convention will be in Yakima from June 12-14th. LWVMC has three voting delegates. The sign up deadline for the special rate is May 19th.

Facebook Set-up: Pat C. has set up a League of Women Voters of Mason County Facebook page. It has 15 likes so far. Nancy will send out an announcement to members and guests.

Commission Watch: Randy Neatherlin was on KMAS discussing the County debt on the Belfair sewer plant.

Legislative Newsletter: The State Operating budget reconciliation will not meet the April 26th deadline and the Governor will call back the legislature to meet its obligations.

ALEC: Nancy passed out a draft schedule for the ensuing ALEC Study programs starting May 2015.

Toby Kevin from the Shelton Poverty Advisory Team spoke on the necessity and possibilities of providing public bathroom facilities in downtown Shelton. He is seeking support for three port- a- potties; to be located near the Civic Center, St Edwards Church, and 1st and Front Street .The Task Force would provide the start- up money.

Program: “Fueling Debate - Oil and Coal Transport” Speaker -Dan Leahy, Professor of Public Policy at Evergreen State from 1984-2008. Since then has organized ‘Statewide Strategic Summit on Oil Transport’, ‘Solidarity Round Table on Oil’, and ‘Railroad Worker / Community Conference’.

Dan Leahy gave us an insightful overview on the efficacy of shipping crude oil by rail - the pros and cons, proposed terminal locations, and stakeholders vs public safety. In closing, he recommended the book –“This Changes Everything” by Naomi Klein which addresses core problems, and advised the League to take action through Study and Social Analysis promoting an alliance with indigenous nations to effect local government action.

Meeting Closed by Amy D.