

League of Women Voters of Mason County

Executive Board Meeting

April 7, 2017, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Shelton Fire Station

MINUTES

Present: Cheryl W, Donna H, Amy C, Amy D, Lynda L, Norma B, Pat C, Lynn B, Michelle B

Call to order: President Cheryl W called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm.

Agenda was approved (DH/LL)

Minutes of the Board meeting of March 3, 2017 were approved (AC/AD)

Executive Reports

President

Spell-a-Bration: Cheryl W announced that LWVMC was invited to send a team of 3 for the annual event On May 12. She will ask for interested people at the Membership meeting on April 18. If there are no member volunteers, Cheryl will ask her daughter and friends if they are interested.

Format of minutes: and agenda: Cheryl requested the following format:

- Send out minutes and agendas as Word and pdf .attachments .
- Send out minutes of previous meeting along with agenda.
- Minutes pasted into email should be written in plain black and white type and sent as BCC so individual names do not appear.
- Process for review and distribution of minutes: Secretary sends draft minutes to President for review, President requests Secretary to make any corrections, President forwards final document to Nancy for distribution and Pat for website posting.
- Cheryl will discuss this format with Nancy.

Nominating Committee: Donna H chair, Amy D, Lynda L, members, Lynn /b shared information from LWVWA re: nominating committee.

Local League Award Nominee: The Board unanimously recommended my D for the award. Cheryl asked for a bulleted list of Amy's activities by Monday April 10.

### Vice President

Dues policy: Donna H proposed 1) members who pay dues between September and January 31 are paid through December of the following year; 2) those who pay /February 1 – March 31 are paid through March 31 of the following year; 3) those who pay April 1 or later are paid through December of the following year.

Norma B suggested sending out thank you notes to members who pay saying when their membership ends. Lynn B said she sends reminders.

By-laws: Local Leagues need to make changes to match LWVUS language.

Election Assistance Commission: A bill to abolish the Commission has been voted out of the US House of Representatives. Donna gave Cheryl a copy of draft language from LWVUS supporting the Commission. Cheryl will draft a letter for potential publication in the Mason County Journal.

### Treasurer

Pat C reported a balance of \$3,043.79. She paid a \$100. donation to Olympic College for use of the meeting room, reimbursed Nancy M for printing the TRY Brochures. There are 31 paid members, with dues distributions as follows: 14 members @ \$60, 15 @ \$100, 2 family memberships. LWVMC pays \$32 per member to LWVUS, \$19 to LWVWA.

The Jeanette Boegl scholarship goes to Theda Spracklin. Amy C asked if there were other scholarships and suggested some could provide some work effort for scholarship. Lynn B suggested people can make donations in any amount to LWVMC and can attend meetings as guests.

Secretary: Norma B asked how she could get reimbursed for stamps on thank you letters. Pat C suggested Norma purchase a book of stamps and send her the receipt.

### Voter Services

Amy D reported Lobby Team efforts. Cut-off for bills is next Thursday, then the legislature will work on reconciling their two budgets.

Michelle B reported that the Young Voter Registration activity is planned for North Mason and Shelton High Schools, though dates have yet to be selected. Bobbie S and Connie S will work at NMHS, Michelle and Donna H will work at SHS. Both teams will recruit new members to assist.

Lynda L and Norma B volunteered to conduct voter registration in the fall, possibly September 26, National Voter Registration Day.

Michelle B suggested we ask all new members to participate in a voter registration. Lynn B pointed out that new members Joy H, Theda S, Arlene A and Evon M have indicated interest in voter registration.

### Member Services

Lynn B noted that several new members have indicated interest in Commission Watch. Norma B said she took her mentee on a tour of Commission chambers and the court house. Lynn thought that might be helpful for others.

Marketing ideas for LWVMC include letters to the editor and continuing to put up posters of upcoming meetings and events in strategic places in the community.

### Program

April: Lynda L announced that the meeting will focus on approaches to drug intervention. Guest speakers will be Sara Multamen-Carr of Evergreen Treatment Center, who specializes in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Court Commissioner Sauerlender who will speak on the therapeutic court system.

May: Focus on the state budget with Nora Leach, LWVWA, as a potential speaker.

June: Annual meeting at Harmony Hill, date TBA.

Board retreat, date TBA.

Other: Michelle B will invite Jo Sanchez of Mason County Public Health to an upcoming meeting. Jo is looking for LWVMC support for the community health improvement plan Moving Mason Forward.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 due to impending windstorm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary