

League of Women Voters General Meeting
Johnson Library, Olympic College
May 15, 2018
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by president Cheryl Williams at 11:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as amended by Amy D., to include Connie S. as Co-Vice President. Moved by Francesca R., seconded by Esther R.

Approval of Minutes for the General Membership Meeting, April 17, 2018 were approved, moved by Amy D., seconded by Nancy M.

Question of the Day: Everyone introduced themselves stating whether they preferred paying property taxes twice a year or monthly, if not included in their mortgage payment.

President's Report: Cheryl W. encouraged anyone interested to attend the State LWV council June 1-3 in Richland, WA.

Vice President's Report: Cindy S. reminded us of the challenging year ahead and stressed the importance of maintaining a presence in the community, registering voters and getting out the vote. She recently spoke at Skookum Rotary re "The Culture of Voting." Bobbie S reported on recent student voter registration activities at North Mason High School and Choice High School. Voter registration is scheduled for May 22 at Shelton High School.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. reported current membership is at 40, the goal established by the Board. Current checking account balance is \$4608.34. State and national dues have not yet been paid. She reminded those present that Voter Cards are still available as a fundraiser. A new publication of "The State We're In" has been received. Pat circulated it and suggested it be donated to a local high school. Connie S. suggested that Choice H.S. might be interested in having it available to their students.

Membership Services: Joanne B., in absence of Lynn B., welcomed 2 new members. Nancy M. circulated the most recent roster and asked members to make sure their contact information was correct.

Voter Services: Amy D. announced that some kind of activity will be planned over the summer for National Voter Registration Day, September 22, 2018. A petition was circulated for those who wished to sign in support of I-1600: Universal Health Care for Washington State.

Programs: Lynda L. announced that the June potluck meeting will be held on June 22 at Harmony Hill Retreat Center at 11:30 a.m. A speaker from the local Planned Parenthood

will present. In October, a candidate forum will be scheduled. LWV State Council will be held June 1-3 in Richland, WA. and National Convention in Chicago July 27. Amy D. pointed out that mental health is a focus in WA state legislature next year, and encouraged members to think about volunteering for committees and community involvement.

New Business: Cheryl W. announced the slate of officer for next year: President: Cindy Shotts, Co-Vice Presidents: Bobbie Stady & Connie Simpson, Co-Secretaries: Michelle B., Norma K., & Esther Rowland, Treasurer: Pat Carpenter. Nancy M. moved to accept & Francesca S. seconded. Motion passed.

Upcoming Events:

LWVMC Board Meeting Friday June 8, 2018 12:30 – 2:30 PM Lynn Busacca’s House.

All members are welcome to attend.

LWVMC Picnic at Harmony Hill 11:30 – 1:30 PM

LWVMC Planning Meeting Time and Place TBA

Program: Lisa Frazier, Mason County Treasurer presented “Economic Realities”, discussing consequences & challenges faced by the county in light of current budget shortfall and lowering of S&P rating, and effects on citizens of unusually large property tax increases for 2018.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance: 17 members, 4 guests, 1 presenter, 1 press.

Respectfully submitted, Esther Rowland