

**League of Women Voters General Meeting**  
**Johnson Library, Olympic College**  
**May 16, 2017**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance: 14 members, 9 guests (including presenters)**

**Call to Order:** President Cheryl Williams called the meeting to order at 11:35 am. Those present introduced themselves, answering the question: "What is your favorite food?"

**Approval of Agenda:** Amy D. moved, Linda L. seconded, agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the April 18, 2017 General Meeting were approved.

**President's Report:** Cheryl W. proposed that members interested in attending the county commission meetings meet before the meeting and afterward, to debrief. It was agreed to try this for the June 6 meeting, gathering at the Council Chambers, across the street from the courthouse at 9 a.m.

**Vice President's Report:** No report.

**Secretary's Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat C. reported a checking account balance of \$2661.29, with about \$1029 in a CD. \$522.50 in dues was paid to the State League. Outstanding expenses include National League dues (about \$900), and state convention registration (about \$500). Current paid membership is at 36.

**Membership Services:** Lynn B. reminded new and potential new members that if they join now, their membership is good through the next club year.

**Voter Services:** Amy D. announced that the Lobby Team was able to be present for the governor's signing of two bills for which the League had advocated. She confirmed that emails from League members had made a big difference in the passing of these bills. She reminded members to read This Week in League, which currently includes four news items from the National League. Michelle B. reported that she, Bobbi S., Arlene A. and Amy C. registered 34 high school students on May 10 at Shelton High School. 6 more took application materials to submit later. On May 24, Bobbi S. and Connie S. are scheduled to register eligible students at Choice and North Mason High Schools. They would like 1 or 2 more volunteers to help. Anyone who has not volunteered with this project before would need to complete a volunteer application with the school office beforehand.

**Programs:** Lynda L. reported that the hoped-for tour of Quixote Village was not possible, as the tiny homes are now occupied and tours would be disruptive at this point. Today's program was organized to promote understanding of the issues related to the current shellfish ban in

Hammersley Inlet and Oakland Bay, a timely alternative. Lynda circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers willing to assist her and Amy D. with program planning for next year.

**New Business:** Cheryl W. announced the slate of officers for next year: President: Cheryl W., Vice Presidents: Cindy S. and Bobbi S., Secretaries: Michelle B., Norma K., and Esther R., Treasurer: Pat C. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved.

**Upcoming Events:**

LWV Biennial Convention June 2, 2017 Seattle

LWV Annual Meeting June 16, 2017 @ Harmony Hill, 11:30 – 2:30 PM Potluck

LWV Retreat June 29 @ Connie S. home, 11:30 – 3:00 Potluck

**Program:**

**“It’s The Water: Health and Safety of our Marine Environment”**

Speakers were **Lawrence Sullivan**, Shellfish Program Supervisor, Washington State Department of Health; **Emily Garlich**, League member and shellfish grower, Kamilche Shellfish; and **Erica Marbet**, Water Resources Biologist, Squaxin Island Tribe.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Esther R.