

League of Women Voters of Mason County

Executive Board Meeting

May 4, 2018. 2-4 p.m., 612 Birch St.

MINUTES

Present: Cheryl W, Cindy S, Amy D, Joanne B, Connie S, , Bobbie S, Lynn B, Nancy M, Pat C, Michelle B.

1.0 Cheryl W called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

2.0 Agenda was approved (MB/LL).

3.0 Minutes of April 5 were approved (AD/CS).

4.0 Question of the day: What is the difference between Equity and Equality?

5.0 Executive Reports

President: Cheryl asked for: .1) comments on issues forwarded by LWVWA president. How many agree with the new LWVUS Values Statement? 9 agreed; concerns from others re: apparent exclusion of transgender or male people. .2) Representatives going to LWVWA Council meeting June 1-3. Cheryl W, Lynn B, Cindy S, Joanne B will go. Question was raised whether Council was announced at April General Membership meeting to see if anyone else wanted to go. Cheryl will send the registration link to the members to sign up if they want to go.

.3) MELD: Kathryn Murphy, state Coach, formed groups of counties to participate in monthly coaching calls. LWVMC Pullman, Snohomish, and Skagit will participate together, preferably with more than one person per county.

.4) Basket for Council: Connie S agreed to coordinate collecting items for basket. She requested \$50 to distribute among artists who contribute items. Any money not spent will go into the Boot. Members will be asked to bring donated items to the May 15 meeting. Nancy M will send out an announcement this weekend.

.5) Meeting schedule for remainder of the year: Membership, May 15; Board, June 6, 12:30-2:30; Annual June 22, 11:30-1:30, Harmony Hill; Planning retreat. Cindy S will send out potential dates in August to meet at Hartstene Pointe.

Vice Presidents: Cindy reported that Vote Local presented at Rotary on May 2. + Cindy asked whether to honor Legacy Leaders at the Annual Meeting. Jean Moore, Jane Roush and Sybil Jones were suggested as possible honorees. Those present concurred; the Vote Local group will organize.

+Bobbie S met with two new members from Union plus two others interested in registering votes at Olympic College. (*Will there be follow-up?*) + Bobbie and Connie S registered 3 students at CHOICE HS, and 5 at North Mason HS. A

teacher at NMHS is interested in having a Candidates' Forum there and would like to partner with LWVMC.

Treasurer: Pat C reported 38 members have paid dues. + Checking account balance is \$3,918.60 plus \$60 from new members.

Secretaries: Michelle B reported nothing new.

Voter Services: Michelle B reported student registration at Shelton HS will be May 22. She asked if volunteers need to be members of LWV. Group responded No, provided they receive training on LWV principles (nonpartisanship, etc). Michelle will provide training. Lynn provided names of new members who are interested in registering voters. + May 4 at Kneeland Park following the March for Immigrants, LWVMC will register voters.  
+Cindy S announced the Vote Local group will organize registration at Olympic College. Kim Abel at Kitsap is focusing on registering at colleges and might have suggestions.

Programs: Lynda L reported the May 15 membership meeting will feature MC Treasurer Lisa Frazier, who will address the S&P downgrade and the impact of the new school tax. + June 22, the Annual Meeting will feature a guest speaker from Planned Parenthood.

Member Services: Lynn B requested mentors for new members. Connie S?? will take the two new members from Union. Lynn will call to find additional mentors. + She will hold another League 101 orientation in the fall. + Engagement – Lynn passed around a handout with new members' stated interests. + Cheryl W volunteered to organize Commission Watch starting in July. Nancy M announced she will be able to print the TRY brochure in a booklet format. Some suggested a tri-fold booklet to fit into existing holders located at library and other locations. + Nancy asked if she should go ahead with bookmarks she suggested previously. It will be discussed at the Planning Retreat.  
+Connie S reported that a teacher at CHOICE would like to join LWV but can't attend mid-day meetings. What can LWV offer?  
+Joanne B will feature a farewell to outgoing President Cheryl W in the June 15 issue. She will take highlights from Cheryl's Annual Report. + She asked about book suggestions for the newsletter, and the September meeting. Suggestions included "Evicted," "Half the Sky," "Give us the Ballot," or selections from the Brennen Center.

## 6.0 New Business

Amy D mentioned the LWVWA health Care for All petition to put the issue on the ballot. + Amy also suggested getting a local legislator to sponsor a bill for free distribution of feminine hygiene products to low income women. + She also noted the low voter turnout in MC: in the last election, fewer than 200 out of 3,900 registered voters turned out.

7.0 Upcoming Events

May 4 – Elevate Mason County March and Rally

May 15 – Membership meeting, 11:30-1:30, Olympic college, Johnson Library.

8.0 Meeting adjourned at 3:49 to permit participation in the Elevate Mason County event.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary