

**League of Women Voters of Mason County
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes June 22, 2018
Harmony Hill Retreat Center, [7362 WA-106, Union, WA
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Call to Order: Cheryl W. called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Cheryl W. moved to accept the agenda & Pat C. seconded. Cheryl W. presented her annual report listing LWVMC's achievements over the last two years, including several candidate forums and a 25% growth in membership. Cheryl W. introduced the **LWVMC officers** for the 2018-2019 year. They are: President: Cindy S.; Vice Presidents: Bobbie S. & Connie S.; Treasurer Pat C.; and Secretaries: Michelle B, Esther R & Norma B. Cheryl W. then passed the gavel to our new President, Cindy S.

President Cindy S. read & commented on the LWV's new vision statement & reminded us of the upcoming LWV centennial in 2020. **Legacy Leaders** Jean M. & Lynda L. [as well as Sybil J., not present] were thanked for their significant contributions and given red roses & certificates of appreciation.

Approval of Minutes: Nancy M. moved & Amy D. seconded to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2018 General Membership meeting with one correction: Voter Registration day is Tuesday Sept. 25 not Sept. 22. In addition, minutes from the June 8th Executive Board meeting were approved.

Upcoming Events: Cindy S. reminded us about the following events:

- * Voter registration Sat. June 30 at the Shelton Farmer's Market
- * National Day of Action event on Sat. June 30: Zumba for Release at Kneeland Park!
- * Candidate Forums: A forum at NM High School is set tentatively for Sept. 29 & will involve students & their teacher. Copies of *The State We're in* will be presented to four local high schools participating *Young Voter Registration*. Another LWVMC sponsored forum will be held Oct. 4 for local candidates at Mason PUD3.
- * LWVMC Planning Retreat: Fri., Aug. 3, 9:30 am -2:30 pm at Harstine Pt.
- * Membership Meeting: Tues., Sept. 18

Group Activity: Cindy S. asked that we think of program ideas while we lunched and post them on a charts with sticky-notes before leaving.

Special thanks were given to Gretchen Schodde & Harmony Hill for hosting us numerous times. Gretchen S. commented that she looks forward to increased membership from northern Mason County and suggested that we meet occasionally in the Union area.

Program: Lynda Links introduced our luncheon speaker, Angela H. from Planned Parenthood Votes NW & HI, the advocacy arm of Planned Parenthood. Angela described the structure & extent of Planned Parenthood in WA State, explained family planning services available in Shelton, Thurston & Kitsap

Counties. She also informed us about the 'gag rule' proposed under Title X funding guidelines & told us how to submit comments to the Federal Register. The following link takes you to the proposal titled: *Compliance With Statutory Program Integrity Requirements* issued by the Dept of HHS:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/06/01/2018-11673/compliance-with-statutory-program-integrity-requirements>

The comment period ends on 7/31/18. You can also send a text to 22422 with the message : "No Gag" Interested League members can also comment by going through the Planned Parenthood website.

Adjournment: 1:43 p.m.

Attendance: 20 members, 6 guests Respectfully submitted: Michelle B., Norma B.