

**League of Women Voters of Mason County
Board Retreat, Home Of Nancy M.
June 26, 2015, 11:30-3:00**

Present: Ruby B., Connie S., Nancy M., Sandra H. Bobbie S., Pat C., Lynda L., Amy D., Michelle B.

President Ruby B. called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. following luncheon.

Secretary's report: Amy D. moved, Lynda L. seconded, all voted to approve minutes of Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's report: Pat C. presented the projected budget for 2015-16, based on 40 members. Without carryover, projected income was \$3,344.00, and projected expenses were \$3,640, for a balance of \$-296.00. Seven packs of cards remain unsold (\$35), and more members might choose the Irene Davis dues option to make up the difference.

Voter Services: Amy D. announced National Voter Registration Day on September 22, to be held in partnership with Shelton Library. Connie S. and Bobbie S. volunteered to assist.

Member Services: No new report.

Programs: Lynda L. announced the partial schedule:

September: ALEC: Privatization, Post Office, Unions

October: Open. Suggested topics: 1) Ballot issues (if there are any); 2) Kathy Haigh to review her experience as state legislator; 3) American City County Exchange (ACCE), local activities related to ALEC. Sandra H. suggested including this topic in other ALEC presentations.

4) Wolfpack and Move to Amend speakers re: strategies to overturn Citizens United. Amy D noted that LWVWA expects to have tools and consensus questions out in the fall re: Money in Politics, and these topics could be combined. Lynda will contact Move to Amend potential speaker Jeff Eidness.

Candidate forum: Sandra S. suggested we partner with Senior Center to sponsor, and possibly Republican and Democratic parties if both agree. Potential dates: October 13 or 14. Contested positions include Shelton City Commission and Mayor, and Shelton and North Mason School boards. . A potential new format for forums was discussed, using tables where attendees could meet and talk with individual candidates. Sandra will follow-up with Senior Center re: co-sponsorship, date and format for the forum.

November: ALEC

December: Field trip. Two main suggestions: Revisit Shelton Correctional Center and focus on education, mental health and family issues; or Purdy Correctional Center for

Women focused on the same issues. Vote was for Shelton CC in December, and Purdy in March or April.

January, February, March: ALEC.

April and May: Leave open for now. Suggestion for an open meeting: hospital mergers. Voting rights will be covered in ALEC presentations.

North Mason Community Voice: Ruby B. will contact Ken Van Buskirk to thank him for presenting to LWVMC, but the topic does not fit with LWVMC goals.

Media: Develop a plan to increase visibility of LWVMC, and provide information re: meetings. Connie S. will convene a group of members who indicated interest in publicity and outreach to develop a plan for contacts with Mason County Journal, KMAS, Mason County Life, Senior Center Newsletter, and possibly media outside Mason County.

Project Citizen: Ruby B. received a letter from the North Mason Middle School teacher and students, thanking LWVMC for the Citizen Award given to the class.

Facebook page: Sandra H. will follow up with Tracy M. for an update re: what items to post, and contact with LWVWA Facebook page.

Name tags: Nancy M is printing table tents with members' names printed on both sides and LWV logo. These will be more visible than old name tags.

Convention report: The Butterfly Award won by LWVMC was displayed. Ruby B. attended sessions on how to grow your League, Vote 411, League Common Book (like a local book club), leadership is everyone.

Commission Watch: Ruby B. suggested forming a team of people who can attend one Mason Co. BOC meeting each week. She will meet with interested people.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40.

**Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary**