

League of Women Voters of Mason County
Annual Meeting, June 9, 2015, 11:30-1:30 - Harmony Hill Retreat Center

President Amy D. called the meeting to order following the potluck picnic.

Attendance: 17 (16 members, 1 guest)

Randy Neatherlin, LWVMC member and Mason County Commissioner, reported that community attendance and involvement in meetings of the Board of County Commissioners (BOC) has declined. He recalled the presence of LWVMC at these meetings during the study of Advisory Committees and audit (Budget Study), and noted "We (Commissioners) need people to hold us accountable and to ask questions... We can't think of all of the questions that need to be asked."

Harmony Hill Executive Director Emerita Gretchen Schodde welcomed the group.

President Amy D. gave the Annual Report (full report is available at www.lwvmasoncounty.org) Highlights of the year included:

*Treasury has \$3223.91 as of this date, with dues yet to be paid to LWVWA and LWVUS. Included in the total were net proceeds from card sales of \$236.

*Programs for the year focused on Building a Better Community and are detailed on the website.

*Study group on ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) began in spring 2014 and will continue into the 2015-16 program year.

*Membership: LWVMC has 38 members including 7 new. (Note that 2 more members joined at this meeting, bringing the total to 40)

*Outreach and Statewide Collaboration included establishment of a new Promotional Committee which developed a LWVMC Facebook page; regular communication with State Liaison and Membership/Leadership Development team.

*Voter Services: Sponsored two candidates' forums for the November 2014 election, one with Senior Center which focused on issues affecting seniors; participated in National Voter Registration Day; printed and distributed the TRY (They Represent You) brochures.

*Special activities: Several members attended LWVWA Lobby Team meetings at the state Capitol; Commission Watch.

Guest speaker Sue Hughes, Liaison to LWVWA, gave an update on state board and her activities with Kitsap LWV. Of note, she said she was "impressed with the energy of LWVMC." She provided an update on liability insurance for local League events: LWVWA will co-sponsor events held in sites without such insurance, provided no alcohol is served. Finally, she announced that LWVWA Council next year (2016) will be held jointly with the Oregon League, either in Portland, OR or Vancouver, WA.

Amy D. officially turned over the gavel to Ruby B., newly elected LWVMC President .

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Bell, Secretary