

**LWV OF MASON COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

11:00 TO 11:30 AM: SOCIAL AND REFRESHMENTS

Call to Order; Welcome and Introductions: President Cindy S. called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. and welcomed members, guests and speakers. She noted that the chapter would be celebrating the League's Centennial Year and Voting Rights for All over the coming months.

Business Meeting Reports:

Linda L. moved to approve the minutes as presented; Pat C. seconded. Motion passed.

President Cindy S announced that the chapter was awarded a grant from WA state LWV to purchase AV equipment. A projector, accessories, speaker system and screen were purchased. Cindy S. proposed the formation of a speakers bureau and asked members interested to contact her.

Treasurer's report:

Pat shared the draft 2019-2020 budget and explained that although it looks as though there will be a deficit we are actually in better shape this year than last year at this time. Cost for the website will increase from \$250.00 to \$400.00 as we migrate to the new platform. This action was approved at the September Board meeting after a presentation by member Lori Bickford.

Dues for the current year are being collected. Member dues are split between the national, state and local chapters. LWVMC keeps only \$9.75 from the \$60.00. All are encouraged to join at the \$100.00 level, the Irene Davis fund and reminded that scholarships are available for anyone unable to pay the full amount. Bobbie S. or Lynn B. are able to assist with requests for a scholarship.

Fundraising efforts will go on throughout the year.

Cheryl W. moved to approve the budget. Carole B seconded and the budget was approved.

Voter Services: Fina Ormond from Mason Co. Auditor's office presented information on a training session to prepare for Voter Registration Day; Sept. 21, 10 AM to noon, Auditor's office.

Cindy S. announced National Voter Registration Day—Tuesday, Sept. 24 and asked for volunteers.

Members can sign up online. Five locations are planned:

Timberland Libraries in Shelton, Belfair and Hoodspport; Olympic College, and Mason County Transit Center

The "Apple Poll" will also take place in order to engage with voters and learn what people think are the most important local issues.

Member Services: Lynn B. will host LWV Orientation—Mon., October 7, 10 to Noon. To sign up, contact lbusacca@gmail.com. Open to new members and to those interested in becoming a member. 4 people have signed up so far.

Centennial activities report: Cindy S. announced the 11:00 Social and Centennial activities each membership meeting. Feb. 14, 2020 LWV Birthday Celebration is being planned. A signup sheet was passed around for anyone interested in joining this committee.

Advocacy Action: Connie S. reported an opportunity to work on advocacy that partners with Thurston Co. LWV. Next postcard writing event will be Sept. 26; 11:00 AM, Sept. 26; at Craft Pie & Art Bar, 118 S 3rd, Shelton. Postcards and postage provided but bring postcards if you have some. All are encouraged to attend. The topic this month will be the proposed Kalama Methanol Refinery in Cowlitz Co.

Program: Amy D. and Lynda L. announced the programs for October, November and December.
October 15: City Council and Shelton School Board Candidates Forum
Speaker Climate Solutions— Beth Doglio

November 19: Speaker: Climate Reality Project--Donna Albert

December: 17: Field trip to Squaxin Museum with a tribal member speaking on climate

Nancy M. handed out information on the Global Climate Strike: Sept. 20, 11 AM Capitol Steps, Olympia and encouraged all to attend.

Program: For The People Act, HR1; Katy Crabtree, District Representative from Congressman Derek Kilmer's office.

Katy presented the basic components of the bill that passed the House in march 2019 and is now in the Senate awaiting action. Katy also spoke on the other major issues that Congressman Kilmer is working on.

Calendar Announcements

Sept. 20: 11 a.m. Climate Strike, Capitol Steps, Olympia

Sept. 21: 10 a.m. to Noon: Voter Registration training, County Administration Building

Sept. 24: National Voter Registration Day---5 locations in Mason County—please sign up!

Sept. 26: 11 a.m. to Noon: Postcard Party, Craft Pie & Art, 118 S 3rd, Shelton

Oct. 4: 12:30-2:30: LWVMC Board meeting, Shelton Library meeting room—all members are welcome

Oct. 15: 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.: Membership meeting, Olympic College Library

Oct. 26: 11:30 a.m.: Thurston County LWV Education Fund Luncheon, Indian Summer Country Club, Olympia. Speaker, Michelle Gonzalez, Director Washington State Women's Commission

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Pat C. moved, Bobbie S. seconded.

Attendance: 20 members, 4 visitors, 2 speakers, 1 press. Respectfully submitted by Polly H.