

League of Women Voters of Mason County
Membership Meeting Minutes **Sept. 18, 2018**
Johnson Library, Olympic College Shelton, Shelton, WA 98584

Call to Order: President Cindy S. called the business meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.

Business Meeting

Reports

Secretary: Norma B. There were no reports. Pat C. moved to approve the minutes for the 6/22/18; Arlene A. seconded. Esther R. arrived later & Michelle B was absent.

Treasurer: Pat C. The budget for 2018-19 was tabled until next month pending upcoming proposals. Pat reminded us to pay our dues [\$60] by Oct.1 & passed around The Envelope for our checks. Those who are able are encouraged to join at the \$100 Irene Davis level which supports our Education Fund. The membership form can also be found online at http://www.lwvmasoncounty.org/join_form.html. Our fiscal year ended on 6/30/18. As of the meeting date, we had \$2335.81 in checking and \$1040 in a CD.

Programs: Lynda L. & Amy D. Upcoming programs include:

Thurs. Oct. 4: Candidates' Forum, PUD3: Contact Cindy, Amy or Lynda to volunteer as a facilitator.

[note: please share ideas for candidate questions with Lynda L. & Amy D.]

Tues. Oct. 16: LWVMC Membership Meeting program:

Electoral College [Amy] Campaign Finance [PDC] Cheryl W.

Tues. Nov. 20: *What the State Legislature Can't Do*. Karen Fraser, former Senator of the 22nd L.D.

Tues., Dec. 20: December luncheon & book discussion. Read & discuss *Democracy in Chains* by Nancy MacLean, available from the Timberland Library or at local bookstores.

Voter Services: Amy reminded us that *Tues. Sept. 25 is National Voter Registration Day* and Cindy stated that this day is about *spreading a culture of voting*. Congratulations to two of our newest members, Jen D. & Sandy P., who have received achievement awards for facilitating several No. Mason Co. registration events. There will be additional opportunities for helping register voters here at OCS from 12-2 p.m. on Tue. 9/25, Wed. 9/26 & Thurs. 9/27. Contact Bobbie S. & Michelle B. if you'd like to help register young voters at SHS on Fri. 9/28. Contact Bobbie regarding the SHS volunteer form.

Member Services: Communications: Nancy M. reported that she & Lynn B. will update & redesign our trifold brochure, "They Represent You," a.k.a. T.R.Y. *Please let Nancy M. know if your contact information has changed* as she is updating our directory. New badges are also being created by Nancy.

New Members: Joanne B. welcomed all new members and encouraged guests to join our League. Reminder: all members are welcome at board meetings! The first 15 minutes of the Fri. Oct. 5 LWVMC board meeting will focus on how to mentor new members.

Commission Watch: Cheryl W. is spearheading an effort to keep watch over the Mason County Board of Commissioners. They meet in the Commissioners' Chambers on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues. of each month at 9 a.m. and at 6 p.m. on the 4th Tues. On months when there are 5 Tuesdays, they meet offsite in Belfair [administration building at NMHS] or Hoodspout.** Call the Board of Commissioners' office at 360-427-9670 X419 to verify sites. **Note that the upcoming Oct. 30th meeting will be held in Hoodspout.** Monday morning 'Commissioner Briefings' are also as - if not more - important to witness. Visit the Commissioners' webpage to learn more: <http://www.co.mason.wa.us/commissioners/index.php>

Program:

Candidates for Mason County Auditor: President Amy D. introduced Paddy McGuire & Charles Rhodes. Each candidate had 90 seconds to answer ten questions submitted by the LWVMC membership. Dedrick Allan of MasonWebTV recorded the program which is posted here: <http://masonwebtv.com/>

General Election Initiative Measures:

Initiative 1631: Connie S. outlined this initiative which concerns pollution fees.

Initiative 1639: Cheryl W. described this measure which concerns firearms.

Initiative to the Legislature 940: Amy D. explained the content & background of this initiative.

Calendar:

Sept. 25: National Voter Registration Day

Oct.: 4: 6:30-8:30 Candidate Forum, PUD3 Auditorium. 2621 E Johns Prairie Rd., Shelton

5: Executive Board Meeting, Shelton Timberland Library.

8: Last day for mail-in or online voter registration for Nov. 6 Election.

16: LWVMC Membership Meeting

20: Thurston LWV Education Fund Luncheon: speaker: Kim Wyman, State Auditor.

29: Last Day for in-person registration at the Mason Co. Auditor's Office for those not registered.

Nov. 6: General Election Day!

Take Action:

Cindy S. explained that the meaning of the LWVMC "Year of Action" is to take action each month. She reminded us that *all members are welcome at the Executive Board meetings* which are generally held the first Friday of each month from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Shelton Timberland Library's meeting room. Cindy reiterated how volunteers can help: greet at membership meetings, facilitate the Oct. 4th forum, register voters, 'watch' our local government & mentor new members.

Adjournment: 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attendance: 20 LWVMC members; 10 guests

Norma B.