

LWVMC Board Meeting
September 3, 2015, 12:30-2:30
Shelton Fire Station, 122 Franklin

Present: Ruby B, Amy D., Pat C., Amy C., Esther R., Connie S.,
Jeanette B., Michelle B., Sandra H., Nancy M., Norma B., Gwen G., Linda A.

President Ruby B. called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the Board Retreat of June were approved (Amy D. moved, Pat C. seconded).

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. delivered the final 2014-15 budget, which showed a balance of \$1,270.49, due mostly to the timing of dues payments to LWVWA and LWVUS (dues were based on 30 members at the January cut-off date, but LWVMC added 10 new members after that date). Vote card sales have netted \$236 to date, thus adding to the balance. Pat also delivered the draft budget for 2015-16, which was approved (Amy D moved, Amy C seconded).

Facebook Page Update: Linda Amar, Facebook page administrator, presented an overview of the new page. She noted that the page will have to be used in order to get it out to others. Sandra H and Pat C will draft guidelines for items to post on the page, and procedures for posting, for discussion at the next board meeting. Suggestions for the types of items that would be appropriate were: meeting announcements; letters to the editor; special events such as Candidate Forums; the citizenship award given by LWVMC to the eighth grade class at North Mason Middle School.

Member Services: Nancy M will send out the September meeting announcement, along with dues statements in a separate email. She passed around samples of the new table tent cards with members' names and offices,. Amy C. will investigate the cost of laminating the cards, and will manage their distribution at membership meetings.

Programs:

September: A.L.E.C.

October: Sandra H and Amy D proposed a program on money in politics. Speakers Jeff Eidness of Wolf PAC and Michael Savoca of Move to Amend will address the issue from the perspectives of Congressional action (Wolf PAC) and Constitutional amendment (Move to Amend), respectively.

Jeanette B and Pat C agreed to review the LWVUS materials related to consensus questions on How to Make a Constitutional Amendment. They will report at the September membership meeting and ask for volunteers for a study group to develop LWVMC responses to the questions. Responses are due in early October. Jeanette and Pat will also review a second set of materials and consensus questions for February.

A proposal to invite the new Superintendent of Shelton Schools to speak was tabled until later in the year.

November: A.L.E.C.

December: Field trip to a nearby correctional facility.

January: Jeanette B proposed a program on the justice system specifically pertaining to the fines, fees and interest costs imposed on ex-felons, non-payment of which often results in jail terms.

Amy C. suggested a future program on human trafficking.

Voter Services: Amy D announced an event for National Voter Registration Day, to be co-sponsored by and held at Shelton Timberland Library on September 22. Amy D, Connie S and Bobbie S will register voters; more volunteers are requested. Ruby B will write a letter to the editor announcing the event; the letter will also be posted on the Facebook page.

Membership and Leadership Development: Michelle B reported 1) LWVWA is considering providing a web server for use by member Leagues. 2) Vote 411 question for Mason County candidates for office: "What impact do you anticipate for the office for which you are running from the lay-offs among Shelton workers?"

Norma B suggested LWVMC request use of the library display case for September or as available. The display could feature LWVMC programs, Vote 411 and other materials. Norma will schedule and help set up the display, others will contribute materials.

Announcements: Sandra H announced the Candidates' Forum will be co-sponsored with Senior Center on October 13, 2:00 pm at the Senior Center. Invited candidates include Shelton City Council and Shelton Schools. Sandra will moderate.

Amy C. offered her house for the 2016 board retreat.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary