

LWVMC  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2016

Present: Cheryl W, Donna H, Cindy S, Lynda L, Amy D, Ruby B, Nancy M, Pat C, Amy C, Michelle B.

1.0 President Cheryl W called the meeting to order at 12:37.

2.0 The agenda was approved as amended, with three additional items.

3.0 Minutes of the June 27 Board retreat were approved (Lynda L/Amy D)

4.0 Cheryl W posed the question for the day: How are state initiatives and referenda numbered?

5.0 Executive reports

President:

5.01.1 Cheryl announced LWVWA wants volunteers to proof read the Voters Guide. Pat C. and Amy C volunteered.

5.01.2 Cheryl asked if we need a publicity committee. Nancy gave a history of unsuccessful attempts to set up an outreach committee, and has a list of tasks. Donna H asked if this was separate from VP's role. Amy D said we need outreach to the public, so they know who we are, and mentioned the Speakers' Bureau. Cheryl tabled the issue for now but will bring it up later.

5.01.3 Cheryl asked if we want to hand out a brochure at the Candidates' Forum with information the proposed Mason County Parks Board and election of board members. After discussion, Cheryl decided to include a discussion of Prop 1 at the October 18 membership meeting, along with ballot initiatives and referenda.

5.01.4 Lynda suggested we use the information posted on the LWVWA website for the October discussion of initiatives and referenda, and the state League positions on each. Cheryl added that we should devote a set amount of time to each issue. Cindy S will moderate.

Nancy will send out the meeting announcement, which will ask members to read materials before the meeting, and will direct members to the LWVWA website to print out their own copies.

5.01.4 Ballot issues and presenters for Oct. meeting:

I-1433 – Minimum wage - Amy D will present

I-1464 – Campaign finance laws and lobbyists

I- 1491 – Extreme risk protection on access to firearms

I-1501 – Protection of seniors and other vulnerable populations Ruby B will present

R-732 – Carbon emissions tax- Lynda L will present

R-735 – Asks state Congressional delegation to propose amendment to US Constitution against *Citizens United* - Pat C will present

Proposition 1: Proposal to adopt new Parks Board in Mason County, and election of 5-member Parks Board – Lynn B will be asked to present (she was not present for the meeting)

Cheryl directed the group to work out other presenters.

5.01.5 TRY update. Pat C will make changes after the election. She will ask Jeanette B to update the information. Nancy M will handle printing. Aim for January publication.

5.02 – Vice President

5.02. Poster and advertising: Donna H reported on new member recruitment. Committee members will post a new League poster, developed by Barb P, on community bulletin boards. Donna has a master list of sites for posters. All LWVMC members will be asked to print out copies of a new postcard and send it to friends who might be interested in joining LWVMC. Nancy M will email the pdf so members can print out the postcards.

5.03. Member services and TPP. Nancy M passed out the current roster of members and Vote411 materials to be handed out at the membership meeting on September 20. Cheryl asked that TPP information be limited to the email previously sent out, in the interest of time.

5.04. Treasurer Pat C reported a 2015-16 ending balance of \$1131.65. She handed out the 2016-17 proposed budget. Most

budget items will remain the same as last year. The new budget was approved (Michelle B/Ruby B).

## 6.0 New business

6.01 Ruby B showed the new officers' binders, which were well received. Cost per binder will be \$12.25. Cheryl asked Ruby to make 15 copies so that all Board members will have one. Every member will pay the cost of her own binder rather than take the money out of the budget. Ruby will maintain/update them for as long as she serves on the Board.

6.03 Cheryl noted an editorial that appeared in the Olympia paper that proposed housing homeless people in abandoned hotels. No action.

6.04 Cheryl announced the Mason County Preliminary Budget is out.

6.06 Michelle B reported that the Young Voter Registration Project is gearing up for fall, and hopes to register 18 year olds by October 10. The project will focus again on Shelton High School, and will try to get contacts at North Mason. Amy C. will help with contacts.

Amy D and Cheryl W will go to Alpine Way assisted living facility to update voter registrations.

6.08 National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 29: Amy D, Ruby B, Bobbie S and Tracy M will register new voters at the library.

7.0 Discussion on nonpartisanship message tabled due to lack of time.

## 8.0 Upcoming events

8.01 Amy D reported the state lobby team is working on a strategic plan to increase LWV impact. The lobby team has asked if LWVMC will host an action workshop again this year, in October or November. We would choose a topic and speaker. Cheryl will put this on the agenda for the Sept. member meeting, and asked Amy to contact Thurston Co. LWV to see if they would co-sponsor.

## 8.0 Upcoming events

8.01 LWVMC membership meeting, Sept. 20, 11:30-1:30, Olympic College. Topic: Voting Rights. Pat C will present.

8.02 LWVMC Board meeting: October 7, 12:30-2:30, Timberland library.

8.03 Lynda L reported on the agenda and format for the Candidates' Forum, October 10. Cheryl W will introduce the eight legislative and county commission candidates will make their brief statements, then go around to tables where attendees will be seated. Lynda will ask for additional volunteers to staff the tables.

Cindy S announced she will hold a coffee hour at her home on Sept. 16 and invite new residents for an information meeting about LWVMC. She will report the outcome at the Sept. member meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 (Donna H/Nancy M).

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary