

League of Women Voters of Mason County

Executive Board Meeting

January 5, 2018, 3:00-5:00

At the home of Lynn Busacca

MINUTES

Present: Cheryl W, Amy D, Lynda L, Lynn B, Michelle B, Bobbie S, Pat C, Joanne B., Cindy S.

President Cheryl W called the meeting to order at 3:17.

Agenda was approved (CS/LL)

Minutes of December 1 Board meeting were approved (PC/LL)

Question of the day: Recall an incident of bad service you have received.

Executive Reports

President: Cheryl W reported that the questions she forwarded to all were delivered to the Mason County Sheriff in preparation for his presentation at the LWVMC General Membership meeting on January 16. Amy D said she also sent the questions to the Sheriff's department budget staff. She noted that many of the questions involve detailed numbers would be better left for the LWVMC Budget Study.

After discussion, the Board agreed that the most important questions for the meeting are

- 1) What can be done to improve the budget process in 2018? (Pat C will ask)
- 2) Explain why the budget for overtime is so high (\$750,000). (Amy D will ask)
- 3) Is prevention of crime part of the Sheriff's job? What % of time is devoted to this activity? (Lynda L will ask)
- 4) What are your priorities for 2018? (Joanne B will ask)

Title: Budgeting for Safety: A Conversation with the Mason County Sheriff.

Process for the meeting:

-Sheriff's remarks (20 minutes)

-Questions from LWVMC (1 – 4) above) (30 minutes?)

-Questions from members and guests (40 minutes?) Cheryl will pass out index cards for people to submit questions'; these will be incorporated into the Budget Study.

Vice Presidents: Cindy S reported that she, Bobbie and Lynn had discussed possible outreach activities to increase visibility of LWVMC. They recommended: 1) forming a

task force of members to design a focused set of activities to improve voter turnout in Mason Co. For example, get data on who votes/doesn't throughout the county, find allied organizations to partner with LWVMC, and use materials already available through LWVWA/US., bring in new members as part of the process. These activities should be part of Voter Services.

Cindy and Bobbie will contact new members to see who is interested in joining the task force. Cindy also asked how they could use VOTE 411 for this process. They should contact LWVWA re: this.

2) The second recommendation is to have a LWVMC Founders' Recognition activity as part of the Annual Meeting. To be decided.

3) Bobbie is investigating setting up a gmail account to make it easier for people to learn about LWVMC. She is also contacting local media for the same purpose.

4) A suggestion from Cheryl W is to hold a Candidates' Forum for the final candidates for the new Shelton City Commission. March 29 was set as a tentative date. Cheryl will call PUD to determine availability of a meeting room for that date.

Treasurer: Pat C. reported a balance of \$3,426.42 in checking. Twenty-five members have paid dues; two others joined last spring. Pat will take over registering members with LWVUS in January. She noted there are many inactive members on the website.

Pat further reported that the new TRY brochure is up on the LWVMC website. She will print 50 hard copies.

Secretary: Michelle B said there is nothing new to report.

Voter Services: Young Voter Registration: Bobbie S reported she will meet with the teacher at North Mason HS on Monday to set up the activity. Michelle B has contacted the teachers at Shelton HS but has not gotten a response.

Legislative update: Amy D reported that the Legislative newsletter will come out the week of Jan. 8,

Commission Watch: The Board decided to hold the events on second Tuesdays of each month; the next one will be January 9. Pat C. will send out a notice to members. Lynn B will contact Brilliant Moon Bookstore to arrange the post meeting.

Programs: Lynda L reported the schedule:

February: Continuing the Budget process, Frank Pinter, Support Services, will be the speaker

March: DACA, with speaker Carolina ???

April: Adverse Childhood Experience, with speaker Laura Porter. March and April meetings might be reversed, depending on availability of speakers.

Other topics to be decided: Budget Study update, Voter Suppression.

Member Services: Lynn B. requested that the schedule for Programs be set for 3 months at a time to allow time for advertising. She said LWV@gmail.com (see above) would be a way for people to contact us. She requested that the link on the LWVMC website to Mason WebTV be moved to the top of the webpage so people could access videos of Commission meetings.

Joanne B is working on a newsletter. Lynn reminded the Board that we had discussed Joanne's idea for a post-membership meeting discussion of Action Steps. If there is no time after meetings, Lynn suggested having someone write a short summary with Action opportunities. Amy D suggested brief letters to the editor (Journal) summarizing the meetings that do not receive press coverage, to increase visibility of LWVMC.

Lynn said she plans to hold a new member orientation soon, date to be decided. Lynn will consider holding two orientations per year; she will report later.

Upcoming events: Commission Watch, Jan 9; General Membership Meeting January 16; Board Feb. 2.

Adjourned at 5:06

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary