

LWVMC Membership Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2014 11:30-1:30 Johnson Library , Olympic College

Attendance : 30 (21 Members 9 guests)
President Amy D. called the meeting to order.

Business Meeting:

Secretary's report: A motion was made by Nancy M. and seconded by Ruby B. to accept the minutes from the 10/21/2014 Membership meeting. It passed.

Treasurer's Report: Account balance \$2692.

Member Services: Lynn B. passed out a 'Make a Difference; Get Involved' sign up sheet describing ways to be active in the League.
Sandra H. encouraged buying our note cards for Holiday gift giving. The money collected will be used for rental space costs and off -setting membership fees.
Nancy M. said she would be sending out an email about the cards.

Voter Services: Amy D. reported to Kim Abel on this year's LWVMC Candidate Forums: first at the Olympic Middle School with Kim McNamara as moderator, and second co-sponsored with the Senior Center with Sandra H. as moderator. Both were well attended.
The League also had two voter registration drives, at the Shelton Library and at North Mason Resources in Belfair.

Programs:

December 16th : a field trip to the Shelton Wastewater Treatment Plant . Lunch to follow. RSVP Nancy M. if you are going to attend.
January: "The Mysterious World of Recycling."
February: "Lost in Transit" the new MTA Center with speaker Kathy Geist.
March: Fossil Fuel Transport, coal trains etc.

Announcements: A Promotional Committee has been formed to make use of social networking. Tracy M., Ruby B, Michelle B, Pat C and Sandra H are involved. A motion was made by Sandra H to send out a survey to League members about Facebook participation. Nancy seconded the motion. It passed. The Facebook page will require an administrator, and a code of conduct. Also considered are a column in the Shelton Journal and a News letter.

Commission Watch:

They are finalizing the closing of the Fair grounds. The County budget should be approved sometime in December.

ALEC Study Update:

Nancy M reported that they will be ready by the end of February. Bringing the information to the League meetings will be spread out over 2015-16. We may have the first report in May.

Program:

The Rise of Heroin and Substance Abuse - Truth and Consequences

Lieutenant Les Watson from the Shelton Police Department was the first speaker. In his 27 years of service he has seen the shift from cocaine to methamphetamines to oxycontin to heroin. It is cheap and widely available.

Patty Ayala Ross spoke about her daughter's continued involvement with drugs despite expensive rehab and family support .

Robert LaCount spent many years of his life doing drugs, lost his family and business. He now takes part in 12 recovery meetings in two counties, is involved with Recovery houses and helping those "Wanting to be Clean" get an education, a driver's license , and live a real life.

Ben Johnson of Mason County Public Health wants to get the message about drugs to kids in middle school with a Healthy Youth program.

Dennis Neal, owner of Northwest Resources works closely with the community to rehabilitate addicts. The waiting list for his program is long.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45.