

LWVMC
Annual Meeting
June 16, 2017
Harmony Hill Retreat Center
MINUTES

Present: JoAnn B, Lynn B, Cheryl W, Janelle A, Amy D, Lynda L, Emily G, Ellen S, Esther R, Norma B, Pat C, Bobbie S, Michelle B.

Guests: Ariela S, Gretchen ?, Pam T, Lisa M, Katie T

The meeting opened with lunch.

Guest speaker Katie Treend, Comprehensive Cancer Prevention Program Coordinator, Washington State Dept. of Health, speaking on the topic of Preventable Cancers Among Women. She provided statistics for Mason County on the incidence (new cases in a year) of various forms of cancer, noting that Mason County is similar to the rest of Washington state. She focused on four types of cancers that are preventable: cervical, skin, lung, and colorectal. She noted that funding for screening, especially for low income women, has been dropped from the legislature's budget. Also, the Tobacco Cessation Program has been defunded in the current budget.

Business Meeting

President Cheryl W called the meeting to order at 1:10. Members approved the agenda (AD/EG) and the minutes of the May 16 General Membership meeting (MB/LL)

Executive Reports

President: Cheryl passed around a notebook of the activities of LWVMC for the 2016-17 year.

Vice Presidents: No report.

Treasurer: Pat C reported a year-end balance of \$1,171.05. She presented a check for \$100.00 to Harmony Hill for hosting the meeting. LWVUS dues are yet to be paid; Pat estimates those will be \$896.00. She noted the budget has \$500.00 budgeted for delegates attending the State Convention, and requested them to give her their receipts. Next year website and domain payments will be due.

Secretaries: Nor further report.

Voter Services: Amy D reported on activities of the LWVWA Lobby Team for the 2017 legislative session. They supported 9 bills in the regular 2017 legislative session, including two successful bills on ballot boxes: to expand availability and protect the contents of boxes. The Team also introduced a bill to expand civics education in schools. Amy D served as issue chair for Economic/Social Justice. The Team attended more than 115 hearings, provided oral testimony 72 times, and written testimony 65 times, and advocated along with 13 other statewide organizations.

Program: No new report.

Other Business:

Young Voter Registration: Michelle B reported a total of 136 high school seniors registered in Shelton, North Mason and Choice High Schools in the 2016—7 year.

LWVWA Convention, June 2-5: Democracy: Must Be Present to Win. Delegates' update.

Amy D reported that the Convention focused on where LWV has been and will be.

Speakers included:

- Jessica Rohloff of Minnesota, member of LWVUS Board and liaison to LWVWA;
- Noah Purcell, Solicitor General for WA state, who argued the case before the Federal Ninth Circuit Court against the administration's immigrant order;
- Josh Parker, Office of the Supt. Of Public Instruction for WA on 'The State We're In' – teacher training to prepare students to succeed in a diverse world;
- Gerry Pollack, State Representative, provided an update on the Hanford nuclear contamination crisis;
- Cheryl Stumbo, on her personal experience journey from gun violence survivor to legislative activist for gun safety;
- Shahar Fathi, Iranian American international lawyer, on the role of city policy in supporting immigrant/refugee communities.

Workshops included: Advocacy 101 (Zach Hutchins) How to win friends and influence legislators;

- Framing Our Progressive values Shetha Alaskar): Challenging ourselves to change speaking points from Civic engagement mode to Justice mode.

- Internal Communications for Effective Teamwork (Jessica Howard).
- Public Banking (Presenter?) – potential impact of creating public banks in WA. Recommended book by Ellen Brown, ‘Web of Debt: The Shocking Truth about our Money System and How We Can Break Free.’
- Candidate Forums and Moderator Training (Kim Abel).

Lynn B attended workshops on Observer Corps, and suggested LWVMC should consider reinvigorating Commission Watch; and Redistricting. LWVWA is studying redistricting in WA state and has found a lack of transparency in the process and lack of diversity in representation on the redistricting committee. The study group will issue a report in the summer.

New Business:

Cheryl thanked the LWVMC board for its work in the past year. She then announced the new officers for 2017-18: Cheryl W, President; Bobbie S and Cindy S, Co-Vice Presidents; Pat C, Treasurer; Norma B, Esther R, Michelle B, Co-Secretaries.

Upcoming Events:

Board planning retreat, June 29 at the home of Connie S.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary