

LWVMC Board Meeting
February 5, 2016
12:30-2:30 Shelton Library Meeting Room

Present: Ruby B, Michelle B, Gwen G, Pat C, Amy C, Lynn B, Amy D, Jeanette B, Connie S, Esther R

Guests: Maurie Louis, State Board Liaison; Sue Hughes, State Coordinator for Membership & Leadership Development; Kim Abel, past State LWV President, MLD Coach

President Ruby B called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January 8 Board Meeting were approved (Michelle B moved, Jeanette B seconded).

Treasurer's Report: Pat C reported a current balance of \$3287.27, and 30 paid members. She received an inquiry re a membership scholarship, which was recommended for approval. Approved (Michelle B moved, Connie S seconded).

Member Services: Lynn B has sent letters to members not yet paid and people who haven't attended recently. Nancy M has copied, stapled and folded TRY brochures and will bring to the February 16 Membership Meeting. Lynn B & Gwen G presented a summary and review of the LWVMC 2016 Member Recruitment Plan, highlighting accomplishments and areas in which work is still needed. Ideas were discussed for alternate ways to make LWV more accessible to people who cannot attend meetings and this was identified as an agenda item for the summer retreat. Lynn B invited members to review the Member Recruitment Plan and contact her with feedback.

Voter Services: Michelle B reported that she and Bobbie S are working on a Young Voter Registration Project with a Shelton H.S. government teacher and a motivated student. They are using a High School Voter Registration Training Manual compiled by LWVUS. There are 3 separate classes in government & civics required by seniors, and all may be involved this spring. Lynn B has contacts at Choice H.S. and will be working on developing a program there. Bobbie S contacted the auditor's office and will incorporate her materials. Jeanette B & Amy C have contacts at North Mason H.S. and the group discussed the possibility of pursuing a project there, either this spring or next.

Programs: Amy D & Amy C

February – Superintendent of Shelton Public Schools, Alex Apostle on 'Graduation Matters'.

March – Human Trafficking. Amy C will explore possible presenters.

April – open. Commission vs. Council as form of local government – Amy D is working on development.

May – Voting Rights and ALEC – Pat C will give a history of past activities. Trans Pacific Partnership – Nancy M will give a brief report of her study.

Announcements

*Kiwanis Presentation report – Michelle B reported that she and Sandra H recently presented a power point and talk re LWV history & activities to a Kiwanis club, at the invitation of Mary Lou B, who is a member of both LWVMC & Kiwanis. Members discussed organizing a speakers bureau & Connie S indicated an interest in being involved.

*Lobby Team/LWVWA Newsletter – Amy D reported that the 2nd page of the LWVWA Legislative Newsletter is underused. It lists issues before the legislature and provides an opportunity for comments and messages to local legislators. She encouraged members to check the newsletter weekly to stay current on issues under consideration and activities of the lobby team, and to communicate with those representing us. Maurie Louis reminded us that the newsletter is an opportunity to “brag” about local projects. Amy D will send a copy of the recent Mason County Journal article regarding our program on “Modern Day Debtors’ Prisons”. Michelle B will write an article for the April Voter on the Voter Registration Project.

Anyone not receiving the newsletter should contact jbrown@LWVWA.org or call the state LWV office: [\(206\)622-9061](tel:2066229061) to make sure their email address is correct.

*Commission Watch – Ruby B circulated a sign-up sheet for scheduling attendance at county commission meetings.

*Jeanette B suggested sending thank you’s to our local representatives for voting yes for HB 1390.

*Maurie Louis reported (1) a chart of the caucus process, including precinct caucus locators for both parties, is available on the state LWV website. (2) A Washington State Master Media List is available from Kathy Sakahara and is being updated at present. (3) As part of the strategic plan process, virtual focus groups and a survey are being conducted. Sandra H has information. (3)LWVWA is cosponsoring an initiative “Government Accountability Act” focusing on ethics & campaign financing. (4) Candidate Forums are encouraged for statewide offices this year: Supreme Court, OSPI, Auditor, Secretary of State, U.S. Senator.

*Sue Hughes presented an MLD questionnaire in which members graded our local organization on 8 items: Number of members, Extent to which members are engaged in League meetings & activities, Orientation of new members to the League, Varied outreach and recruitment strategies to gain new members, Visibility in the community, Incorporate succession planning into the everyday work of the League – develop future leaders, Training new board members so they are effective leaders, and Effective use of media to get our message out. She congratulated our League for its many strengths, and she urged anyone interested to consider being MLD coaches.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Rowland, Co-Secretary