

Minutes  
LWVMC Board Meeting  
May 6, 2016  
Shelton Library Meeting Room

Present: Ruby B., Pat C., Sandra H., Lynn B., Cheryl W., Connie S., Michelle B.,  
Guest: Sue H.

President Ruby B. called the meeting to order at 12:35, and introduced guest Sue H., State Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) Coordinator.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for the April 1 board meeting were approved (Sandra H., Connie S.,)

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. reported a balance of \$3,343.48, and 33 paid members. Lynn B. will confirm one new member. Pat will resolve an apparently erroneous billing from the *Mason County Journal* for \$9.00.

Member Services: Ruby B. noted the positive press coverage for the April membership meeting (Council vs. Commission form for city government), with an article in the *Journal* and two letters to the editor.

Lynn B. reported that two members renewed and three new members joined in the last month. Lynn B. will contact Amy C. to request that the list of guests attending membership meetings be sent to Nancy M.

Discussion of when it is appropriate for members to wear LWV badges ensued. LWVMC rules regarding wearing of badges will be announced at the next general meeting. Sandra H. commented that League members must clearly differentiate when they are speaking for the League and when they speak as individuals. The President/Board must give permission for members to speak for the League.

Sue H noted that, local Leagues may make their own rules regarding non-partisanship, though the rules may not be less restrictive than those of the state of national Leagues (e.g., a local League could not rule to support/oppose candidates. In light of a question that arose in Oregon, LWVWA will request local Leagues to review their policies regarding non-partisanship. The LWVMC Board should review its policies each year.

Voter Services: Michelle B. reported plans to send a letter to the editor of the *Journal* regarding the Young Voter Registration Project. The letter would have three parts: 1) appreciation to students and teachers at Shelton HS and CHOICE HS for their participation, 2) importance of engaging young people in the voting process, 3) a note to all voters of Vote411 as a means to get information on candidates and ballot issues. The letter will be drafted and sent to

the Board for approval before forwarding to the Journal. The Board voted to approve the letter in concept (Sandra H, Connie S).

Michelle said the group plans to repeat the process of registering young voters next year, with expansion to North Mason HS. Suggestions for contacts at NMHS included: Randy Netherlin and Ken Van Buskirk. More LWVMC members will be asked to join the effort.

Sue H. said some groups have promoted working with assisted living facilities to register and update registrations among residents.

Skookum Rotary Presentation: Sandra H. described the presentation on April 20, using a slideshow she created. The meeting was well attended, and Rotary members asked good questions about LWVMC. Michelle B. added that we would like to get other members involved in making similar presentations.

Sue H suggested Sandra share the slideshow with LWVWA liaisons.

#### Programs:

May 17: History of Voting Rights and A.L.E.C. by Pat C., and the TransPacific Partnership by Nancy M. Each speaker will have about 20 minutes.

June 9: Annual business meeting at Harmony Hill, 11:30. Program will include: Annual report by Ruby B., introduction of officers for 2016-17 and turning over the gavel to new President, discussion of program ideas for next year, and a presentation by a representative of Harmony Hill.

June 24: Board retreat at Amy C's. Directions to follow.

#### Announcements:

2016 Council in Vancouver, June 3-6, joint with Oregon.

Roll call presentation: Each League will have one minute to present highlights of the year. Amy D. or Lynn B. will present for LWVMC.

Raffle basket: Ruby will ask Roslynn Reed for suggestions of businesses to ask for donations. She will ask Amy C. to collect donations.

Representatives: Amy D., Lynn B. Sandra H. will go as State Board member. Amy C. and Cheryl W. will not be able to attend.

Sue H. announced that Lynn B. will be a new Membership and Leadership Development coach.

Lynn B. announced that several members attended a program at CHOICE HS in which students presented posters and videos on Japanese internment camps of WWII.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary