

## LWVMC Membership Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2014 11:30am, Johnson Library, Olympic College

Attendance 24 (19 members, 4 guests, 1 speaker)

President Amy D. called the meeting to order.

### Business Meeting

Secretary's Report: The Annual meeting and Retreats Minutes as sent out by email had already been approved at the LWVMC Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The Draft Budget for 2014-2015 was approved at the Board meeting. The present balance is \$697.03. Copies were passed out.

Member Services: The LWVMC membership dues are now due. If renewals are made through Irene B. Davis the league gets more money to work with. An envelope was passed around for anyone wishing to pay at the meeting.

Voter Services: September 23, 2014 is National Voter Registration Day. There will be a registration table at The William G Reed Timberland Library from 10am-4pm with volunteers encouraging people to register and offering information on voting and the League.

Programs: October - Gun legislation - discussion of Initiatives 594 and 591 with guest speakers.

October Candidates Forum- 6:30 pm, October 16, Olympic Middle School. Questions can be asked of the Senate and Representative candidates for the 35<sup>th</sup> District. Kim McNamara will be the moderator. Set up volunteers should arrive at 6:00pm. We also need a timekeeper.

November: Heroin- Les Watson from the Police Department along with others as speakers.

Announcements: The Commission Watch program - Eyes and Ears Members are encouraged to attend . Monday 9:00am briefings, Tuesday 9:00am regular meeting. [www.co.mason.wa.us/index.php#agendas](http://www.co.mason.wa.us/index.php#agendas) The Commissioners are working on the 2014-2015 budget at this time.

LWVMA Liaison: Amy D. will be the liaison with the Lobby Team and will keep us informed of upcoming legislation. There is a Civic Education Grant of \$1000.00 that we could make use of this year.

LWVMC Note cards: The League will be selling blank Note cards that have a 'Vote' theme by artist Julie Paschko; the image is of suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the League and information about our League on the back. They will sell for \$10.00 for five cards.

ALEC Study Group: fifteen topics at this time. There will be a meeting on September 26, at 11:30am at the William G. Reed Library.

Program: 'Government Is Us' 'The Dilemma of Citizen Participation in an Anti-Government Era - Emphasis on Engaging Young People. Guest Speaker Cheryl Simrell King PhD. Member of the Faculty in the Master of Public Administration Program at Evergreen State College, Olympia.

Citizen Engagement doesn't just happen. There are four levels.

- 1 - Involvement (lowest)
- 2 - Participation
- 3 - Engagement
- 4 - Co-creation

Portals are needed, something you have a STAKE in. Like the NIMBY movements that inspire people to DISRUPT ongoing processes. The 'Millennials' are not at our League meetings. They have low involvement and do not trust the government.

Social media administrators have become the 'soft leaders' using smart phones, tweets and 'going viral' to make an emotional public space which guide dispersed and individual groups of people.

How can we make contact with them?

Minutes submitted by Eileen O. LWVMC Secretary