

League of Women Voters of Mason County

Annual Board Planning Retreat

Thursday, June 29, 2017, 11:30 until completion of business

Home of Connie S

Present: Connie S, Emily G, Lynda L, Amy C, Cheryl W, Nancy M, Pat C, Cindy S, Bobbie S, Jonelle A, Theda S, Michelle B.

1.0 President Cheryl W called the meeting to order at 11:46.

2.0 Agenda was approved.

3.0 Approval of minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting and May 3 Board Meeting was postponed until the September Board meeting.

4.0 Exercise in preparation for brainstorming program ideas. Lynn B introduced the exercise, which involved members selecting into one of four groups that best represents their approach to work: 1) "Get it done" person (Lynda L, Connie S); 2) Nurturer (Theda S, Lynn B, Bobbie S); 3) Visionary (Amy D, Emily G, Jonelle A); 4) Analyst (Cindy S, Cheryl W, Nancy M, Pat C, Michelle B). Each group did an exercise of planning a trip, and reported out their plans to the total group. The exercise spelled out the characteristics of each approach, and how best to work with those persons.

5.0 Program ideas for the coming year.

Members took a short break to get food, then turned to the task of brainstorming program ideas. Bobbie S and Theda S were the scribes, compiling lists of potential programs, actions and activities. Members discussed the ideas presented, then voted with stars to select the ones in which they were most interested. Amy D took the lists and compiled the responses. Results were

5 stars: Reform of WA state tax system

4 stars: Investigate Mason Co. Justice System

4 Stars: Learn role of Mason Co. Economic Development Council

4 stars: Voting rights/voter suppression/ gerrymandering/interstate crosscheck throwing thousands off voter rolls

3 stars: Health care – positive aspects of the infrastructure of Mason General Hospital

3 stars: Civil discourse/ free speech

2 stars: Immigration/human rights/ rise of hate groups

1 star: Coal and oil transport

Additional topics were considered but received no stars.

Nancy M passed out the new member roster for the year. There are currently 38 members.

6.0 Ongoing Committee reports.

Michelle B suggested the Board incumbents review the current job descriptions to see if any revisions are needed. Cheryl W asked incumbents to review their job descriptions and present updates at the September board meeting.

Membership: Lynn B said her goal for next year is to get 50 members.

Voter services: Continue with current activities

Program: Lynda L requested someone to take over the task of scheduling meetings at their respective venues. She also wants at least one other person to work on the Program Committee.

Vice President: Job description needs updating.

7.0 New Business

A new committee for Publicity/Outreach/Public Relations was suggested, to increase visibility of LWVMC in the community. Pat C said the webmaster needs a back-up, and she is willing to train someone to do the job. Cindy S said she is working with the Facebook page. Theda S said she would help with the Facebook page, and may be able to help with a new Publicity committee.

Lynn B said she would have a committee sign-up sheet for the September meeting, so members can select committees they want to work on. These may include City and County Commission Watch and Voter Registration.

Lynn B also said the Washington and Oregon state Membership/Leadership Development Committees are planning to hold a joint workshop in Portland in September. She would like to have two more members from LWVMC attend. She will send out a email announcement to the members.

8.0 Upcoming events

September 8: Executive Board Meeting, Shelton Library, 12:30-2:30. Cheryl announced she moved the meeting from September 1 to the next Friday to avoid scheduling conflict with Labor Day weekend.

September 19: Membership meeting, Johnson Library, Olympic College, 11:30-1:30.

9.0 Meeting was adjourned at 3:17.

**Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary**