

**MINUTES: League of Women Voters of Mason County  
Executive Board Meeting Mar. 1, 2019  
Shelton Timberland Library, Shelton, WA 98584**

**Present:** Lynn B., Norma B., Amy D., Joann B., Pat C., Lynda L., Nancy M., Cindy S., Connie S., Bobbie S., Cheryl W.

**Call to Order:** Cindy called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from Feb. 1, 2019 meeting:** Lynda L moved to approve the minutes from the Feb. 1, 2019 meeting, Nancy M seconded & the motion passed.

**Reports:**

**President:** Cindy thanked Nancy M. for the beautiful Sunshine Award certificates. Cindy apologized for a misspelling. Nancy M. will redo. Cindy has contacted the Award recipients and all plan to attend the March membership meeting. The play & reception for *Many Maps, One Voice* was a success & several members attended. We finalized the details for the Tues. March 5<sup>th</sup> Mason County jail tour. Amy recommended a recent *New Yorker* article on the Jail Health Care Crisis. Cindy has returned the form to the WA State League: we will focus on these initiatives: Making Democracy Work, Climate Issues, Behavioral Health issues.

**Vice Presidents:** Bobbie S. and Connie S.: Bobbie usually has the member sign-in sheets & will be sure to get the names to Lynn B.

**Treasurer:** Pat. C.: We are up to 43 members. Our account has \$4830.92. Our CD, current balance is about \$1041 & matures shortly. Joann B. moved & Bobbie S. seconded to renew the CD for 1 year. We had a discussion about the Pink Boot money.

**Voter Services:** Bobby S.: Bobbie S. & Jenn Devan registered two classes of No. Mason High School students today! We also discussed the use of our \$440 of educational funds: the Board had already approved purchasing 30 copies of *The State We're In* for a high school or Sound Learning Civics class and a canopy for events such as Allyn Days. The Board clarified that further approval is needed only if we exceed the budget allowance for an item. Cindy will inquire about shipping costs for the books & report to the Board. We are considering a Saturday morning movie fundraiser at the Shelton Cinema. Several titles came up but the new documentary *Period. End of Sentence* raised the most interest. Cheryl W. will look into how to obtain it for an event & report back. More member brochures are needed for the committee.

**Programs:** The **March 19<sup>th</sup>** program on *Climate Justice* will include David Troutt, Natural Resource Director for the Nisqually Tribe, Phyllis Farrell of the LWVWA Lobby Team and two youth from the Sunrise Hub. To help educate us for this program, Nancy M. shared extensive research on the LWVWA and LWVUS Toolkits on Climate Change.

She printed copies of the *LWV Toolkit for Climate Change* and *A Green New Deal* for each member. After much discussion on this complex subject, the board agreed to continue our climate change focus by reading a book on the subject together. Several members volunteered to identify an up-to-date title and report back at the March membership meeting. Paddy McGuire will speak at Harmony Hill for the **April 16<sup>th</sup>** program on *Redistricting, Voting and the U.S. Census*. Cindy S. suggested that we publicize our April Harmony Hill program in the Union & Belfair areas, perhaps by using bookmarks and postcards. The topic for the evening program at PUD3 in **May 21<sup>st</sup>** is *Behavioral Health*. We'll hold a short business meeting beforehand to elect officers. The **June Annual** meeting will be held at Harmony Hill as in prior years.

**Lobby Team:** Democracy Lobby Day was successful with good participation. Amy D reported on HB 2117, which aims to modernize the State tax structure, and several other bills including one that introduces ranked choice voting, another that bans plastic bags and others.

**Membership Services:** Lynn B.: We have 1 new member including Carol B.

**New Business:** We discussed applying for a LWVWA grant to purchase a projector or other equipment. Cindy commented that the application is not difficult to fill out. There are ample funds at the State level and the general consensus was that we should find a way to use those funds to improve our reach.

### **Action Items:**

- \* Several members decided to read *A Green New Deal*. We will also select another book on climate change to read together and discuss at the June Annual meeting.
- \* Cheryl W will find out more about showing a movie at Shelton Cinemas and how to obtain *Period. End of Sentence*.
- \* We will choose a climate change book to read & discuss together.
- \* Cindy will investigate shipping costs for 30 copies of *The State We're In*.

### **Calendar:**

March

- 5: 10:00 a.m. Tour of Jail
- 19: 11:30 a.m. Membership Meeting, Olympic College, Shelton

April:

- 5: 12:30 p.m. Executive Board meeting, Shelton Library
- 16: 11:30 a.m. Membership Meeting Harmony Hill, Union.

May:

- 21: 6 p.m. Membership Meeting Mason PUD 3

June:

- 6-9: LWVWA Convention at Murano Hotel, Tacoma

**Adjournment: 2:30 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted, Norma B.*