

Minutes LWVMC Board Meeting  
December 4, 2015 Shelton Library Meeting Room

Present: Ruby B., Lynn B., Gwen G., Amy C., Amy D., Lynda L., Norma B., Pat C., Michelle B. Guest: Cynthia S.

President Ruby B. called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

Amy D. introduced Cynthia S., LWVWA Board Liaison, replacing Sue H. who resigned from the state board. Cynthia explained she is the publisher for *This Week in League* and the LWVWA Voter.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 6 Board meeting were approved as corrected (moved Michelle B., seconded Pat C)

Treasurer's Report: Pat C. reported 27 members have renewed for this year to date. Treasury balance: \$3,366.21 in checking, \$1,022.26 in CD. Treasurer's report was approved (moved Lynn B., seconded Norma B).

Member Services: Lynn B. noted a new member wants to attend Commission meetings. She suggested mentors invite new members to attend Commission meetings. Norma B. suggested mentors and mentees meet after the Commission meetings to clarify what went on. Lynn B. will email mentors with these suggestions. Amy D suggested compiling a list of members who want to attend meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (Dec. 7, 8, 9) when the final county budget will be passes.

Cynthia S. asked if LWVMC publishes a Voter. Michelle B clarified that the board had discussed this, and had decided not to do so given the small membership and many projects to be completed.

Voter Services: Amy D turned this topic over to Michelle B, who said Bobbie S and she had decided not to pursue the LWVUS grant of \$1000 for a Youth Voter Registration Program, but they will set a meeting in early January to begin work on a plan for LWVMC. She will send out a notice to members to attract interested people. Lynn B mentioned that Brenda H has expressed interest, and Ellen S's daughter attends Shelton H.S. and could be a contact. Amy C. said she knows a board member of North Mason SD who also has a son attending the high school. Michelle B will follow up on these suggestions. Other suggestions were made regarding general voter registration (Amy C – grocery stores where Hispanics shop; Amy D – contact county Auditor re: voter accessibility suggestions). Michelle clarified that this work group will focus on Young Voters. Lynn B. suggested asking new members to become involved in this or some other LWVMC activity.

Programs:

December: Lynda L reported 17 people have signed up for the December 17 field trip to the Washington Corrections Center for Women at Purdy. Car pools will meet at the parking lot near Total Health on Railroad Ave. at 8:00.

January: No speakers have been confirmed as yet for the program on Modern Debtors' Prisons. Amy D will follow up. The meeting will include the consensus report of the Money in Politics Study Group.

February: Gwen G. will present her section on Children's Services of the A.L.E.C Privatization Study. Alex Apostle, new Superintendent of Shelton Schools will also be invited to speak.

Money in Politics Study Group: Pat C reported that he study group had completed its work and the consensus process. She summarized the report, and the Board voted to accept the report (Michelle B moved, Amy D seconded). Pat C will send out the summary report and the sheet explaining the LWV consensus process before the January membership meeting. Cynthia S clarified that the membership does not vote on the report. The report will be submitted to LWVUS by the February 1 deadline.

Action Workshop: Amy D announced that 46 are signed up for the December 5 workshop to be held at the PUD3 Building. Pat C has the video camera and will record the presentation of keynote speaker Robin Zukosky of Columbia Legal Services. Amy reminded everyone of the logistics and asked helpers to be there at 8:30 a.m. to set up.

Announcements:

1) Cynthia S announced that LWVWA has two toolkits for next year: Climate Change and Get Out the Vote. A Reverse Citizens United will be coming out. Toolkits are packages of materials that can be used to put on community forums on each topic.

2) *This Changes Everything*, a film based on Naomi Klein's book, is playing in theaters in Seattle (see *This Week in League* for locations).

3) Lynn B announced that Linda Amar will be the new Archivist for LWVMC, and a long time member is needed to write up a history of LWVMC.

4) Amy D announced a meeting Monday night Dec 7, 6:00 pm in City Council chambers. Purpose is to select a replacement for the City Administrator.

5) Michelle B announced that she and Sandra H will make a presentation about LWVMC to Shelton Kiwanis on January 26. Details to be worked out with Mary Lou Borgert. Cynthia S suggested this could be an opportunity to request a donation to the Education Fund, and possibly for the Youth Voter Registration Program.

6) Cynthia S volunteered to help with a program on the structure of county and city government if LWVMC would like to pursue this topic, possibly for the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary