

League of Women Voters of Mason County
2014-2015 Annual Report
June 5, 2015

Treasury/Budget –

- Beginning balance was \$870.29 – balance as of June 5 - \$3223.91, to be revised after the end of the fiscal year. Still to be deducted will be approximately \$1900 for dues to LWVWA and LWVUS and expenses for three delegates to attend the LWVWA Convention and other outstanding expenses. CD balance is \$1019.
- Expenses throughout the year have included state and national dues, printing of the TRY brochure, p.o. box rental, website/domain name, donations for facilities including Harmony Hill and Olympic College library, 100 new LWVMC pins, purchase of fundraising notecards, sending delegation to LWVWA Council.
- Notecard fundraiser with an initial investment of \$174, net - \$236.

Programs –

- A series of programs focused on ‘Building a Better Community’. They were as follows: **‘Government is Us’ – The Dilemma of Citizen Participation in an Anti-Government Era, November Ballot Initiatives Presentation on Gun Legislation and K-12 Class Size, ‘The Rise of Heroin and Substance Abuse’ – Truth and Consequences, ‘The Mysterious World of Recycling’, ‘Lost in Transit’ – The New MTA Center, ‘Delivering Justice’ – Mason County Justice System, ‘Fueling Debate – Oil Transport’.**
- Programs were well-attended (total of 39 guests) and good media exposure.
- December’s field trip was a tour of City of Shelton’s award-winning wastewater treatment plant.
- Additionally, in May we began the introduction of our two year study on **ALEC, American Legislative Exchange Council** which will continue next year.

Study Group-

- ALEC

Membership –

- 38 paid members, including 7 new.

- Recruitment efforts included a new letter, newsletter, and special outreach to guests.
- New members were assigned a mentor and attended an orientation to the organization.
- Focused on retention and leadership pathways by collecting interests from each member (“Make a Difference, Get Involved” survey) and compiling results into a spreadsheet of member interests.
- Implemented new job descriptions for officers and committee chairs and reviewed at year end.
- Passed out copies of the League of Women Voters History as a poster display.

Outreach and Statewide Collaboration:

- Established a Promotional Committee which conducted an online survey indicating the efficacy of Facebook which led to the creation of a LWVMC Facebook page.
- Focused on greater interaction with State and local leagues - conference calls with State Liaison and State Membership/Leadership chair and other league chairs with the goal of developing more effective programs to inform and engage citizens on public policy issues.

Voter Services –

- Sponsored a Candidates’ Forum for the November 2014 election.
- Partnered with Senior Center on a Candidates’ Forum which focused on senior issues, moderated by Sandra Herndon.
- Participated in National Voter Registration Day events at the Shelton Library and at North Mason Resources in Belfair.
- Printed and distributed TRY brochures.

Special Activities –

- Several members attended LWVWA Lobby Team meetings at the Capitol and encouraged local participation by reviewing the Legislative Newsletter each week and advocating for particular legislation by contacting their legislator online. Hand delivered letters to all legislators in support of raising revenue to fund critical needs.
- Commission Watch