

League of Women Voters of Mason County
2015-2016 Annual Report
June 9, 2016

Treasury/Budget

- Beginning balance was \$1270.49, the balance as of June 9 is \$2744.05, minus National dues (\$1024), and approximately \$600 for Council delegates and contributions to facilities. CD balance is \$.
- Expenses throughout the year have included state and national dues, printing of the TRY brochures, P.O. Box rental, website/domain name, donations for facilities including Harmony Hill and Olympic College library, sending delegation to LWVWA Convention.

Programs –

- A series of programs on ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) in relation to Unions, Wisconsin and Workers' Rights, Privatization and the Post Office, Prisons and Education, ALEC and Voting Rights and the Trans-Pacific Partnership. We also highlighted Modern Day Debtors' Prisons, Legal Financial Obligations, Money in Politics and Amending the Constitution, Graduation Matters, Human Trafficking and Commission vs Council form of local government.
- Well-attended meetings and good media exposure.
- December's field trip to the Washington State Women's Correctional Facility in Purdy.

Study Group –

- Money in Politics

Membership –

- 34 Paid members, 2? New
- Recruitment efforts included a new recruitment plan using what worked well last year, increased visibility and engagement.
- Focus on retention and engaging new members to be included in volunteer activities.

Outreach and Statewide Collaboration –

- Invited State Board Members and committee chairs from other leagues to join our discussions
- Reached out to media to cover our meetings resulting in several good news articles.
- Speakers Bureau
- Newly established relationship with Shelton High School faculty.

Voter Services –

- Partnered with Senior Center on a Candidates' Forum for the November 2015 election – moderated by Sandra Herndon.
- Participated in National Voter Registration Day at the Shelton Library.
- Conducted our first Young Voter Registration Program at Shelton High School and Choice High School, registering over 50 new young voters.
- Printed and distributed TRY brochures.

Special Activities –

- Represented a new legislative priority, 'Economic Justice' as a member of the Lobby Team, advocating for equality of opportunity, preventing and reducing poverty and promoting fair policies for all individuals struggling to realize their human potential.
- Sponsored a well-attended LWVWA Action Workshop.
- Coordinated with the LWV of Thurston County a joint meeting on "The Living Wage".
- Our member, Sandra Herndon was elected and served her first year as Secretary on the executive board of LWVWA.