

LWVMC - Minutes

Board Meeting, November 6, 2015  
Public Safety Meeting Room

Present: Ruby B, Sandra H, Jeanette B, Lynn B, Nancy M, Pat C, Lynda L, Amy D, Michelle Bell

President Ruby B called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.  
Minutes of the October 2 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C reported a balance of \$2,976.21. A new donation to the Education Fund brought the balance to 210. Pat also reported the availability of grant funds from the LWVWA Education Fund for use in public education projects.

Member Services: Lynn B announced mentors for new members: Sandra H for Marilyn V and Donna H for Cindy S. The new member orientation will be held on November 13, 10-12 am at Lynn's house. Jeanette B, Amy D and Ruby B will attend.

Nancy M. Sent out packets to new members, and dues renewal forms to old members.

Voter Services: Amy D received announcement of materials by LWVUS for a Youth Voter Registration Project, to go to schools to register new voters. The announcement was sent to Bobbie S. to follow up.

Programs:

November: A.L.E.C. and Privatization. Nancy M will send out articles on privatization in higher education after the November meeting since the meeting will only cover K-12 education.

December: Field trip to Washington Corrections Center for Women on December 17. Those wishing to attend should notify Lynda L before Dec. 3 and provide copy of photo ID/driver's license and Social Security Number for the FBI background check. Theme of the visit is "Poverty to Prison Pipeline." Lynda will submit questions for WCCW to address, such as "How are relationships between incarcerated women and their children maintained.?"

January: "Modern Debtors Prison." Amy D is looking for speakers.

February: Two options – "Air Quality" or "Transpacific Partnership. To be decided.

March and April: Open

May: "A.L.E.C. and Voting Rights." Nancy M is gathering reports of voting rights abuses in various states. Given the volume of materials and inconsistent formats, she agreed to draft summaries using a common format. Sandra H agreed to review the drafts; Nancy will also contact Amy C to ask if she would like to be a second reviewer. The final materials will then be sent out to members as background for the May meeting.

Action Workshop: Amy D announced the workshop will be held at the PUD building, 2621 Johns Prairie Road, 9:30 am to 3 pm. Title will be "Economic Justice: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty." Speaker will be Robin Zukoski, Policy Director of Columbia Legal Services in Olympia. Registration must be done in advance, online at [www.LWVWA.org](http://www.LWVWA.org) at a cost of \$25 per son to

cover lunch, coffee and snacks. Amy D will investigate whether speakers for action workshops are usually paid an honorarium. Lynn requested copies of the workshop announcement to hand out at the new member orientation. Amy D will invite Gordon Weeks of the Journal to attend/cover the speaker's presentation.

Study Group on Money in Politics: Jeanette B. announced the group has met twice and will meet again on November 20, 1-3 p.m. at the library, with the option of an additional meeting on December 11, 12-2 if necessary to complete the work. The study group will make its recommendation regarding consensus at the January board meeting, and the board's recommendation will be presented and voted on at the general membership meeting in January.

Results must be submitted to LWVUS by February 1, 2016. Michelle B suggested that Nancy M send out the description of the consensus process along with the January meeting notice, so members, especially new ones, will understand the process.

Facebook Page Update: Sandra H reported that Linda A has been administering the page. Sandra requested that we all go to the page and "Like" it, in order to track the number of visits. Photos from LWVMC events are requested so they can be posted, along with meeting announcements. Sandra clarified that only Linda A is authorized to post materials.

Thank you notes policy: Sandra H clarified that the relevant secretary should send thank you letters to invited speakers on LWVMC letterhead. For other courtesy thank yous, note cards are OK, e.g., donations, outgoing officers, and others, as directed by the Board.

TRY Brochures: Jeanette B. will make revisions as needed in the text. Pat C will make the technical changes, and Nancy M will print the new brochures. Jeanette expects to make the revisions by January 5 or 6.

LWVWA Legislative Priorities Cards: Amy D announced the new cards will be available at the Action Workshop on Dec. 5.

Other business: Lynn B asked if we would be interested in sponsoring a showing of the film "Suffragettes." After a positive response from the Board, Lynn agreed to follow up with the local theater.

Michelle B posed the question forwarded by LWVWA: How would we measure impact of LWVMC on our community? To be discussed at a future meeting,

President Ruby B adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary