

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASON COUNTY
ZOOM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 20, 2021, 11:30-1:15
MINUTES**

Twenty members and two guests attended.

Amy D. opened the meeting at 11:30 am.

Lynda Links moved to approve the March 16 Membership Meeting Minutes, seconded by Pat C. and the membership voted to approve.

Treasurer's Report

Pat C. reported the bank balance is \$7,710.21. 69 members have paid dues, some paying on line.

Voter Services

Bobbie S. reported that the Civics Education book, *'The State We're In'*, can be sold to bookstores for resale.

Voter Services Committee will be attending outdoor events over the summer to promote the league and register voters.

Member Services

Lynn B. announced that the committee is looking to reach 70 members by the end of June and that new member will receive a free copy of *'The State We're In'*.

Another League 101 will be announced when the chapter has ten new members. The phone tree will be utilized to connect with members over the summer.

Programs

May 18 – Democracy at Work with speaker, Kathy Sakahara – Elections, Campaign Finance, & Government Ethics Advocacy Chair (Zoom meeting)

June 15 – Annual Report Meeting. Scott Brewer, Executive Director of Hood Canal Coordinating Council will be the speaker. The meeting will be at Harmony Hill in person as well as on Zoom.

Nominating Committee

Cindy S thanked the committee members: Lynda L., Bobbie S. and Lynn B.

Next year the LWVMC will trial a new leadership model in order to spread the work over a larger group.

Cindy S. presented the proposed slate of officers to be voted on for 2021.

Leadership Team: Lynn Busacca, Cheryl Williams, Dee Ann Kline, Nancy Snyder

Secretaries: Linda Steffen, Randy Lewis (one more secretary is sought)

Treasurer: Pat Carpenter with Sandy Miller

Climate Change Committee

Amy D. reported for Chair Sherri D. that the next meeting is at 11:00 am on April 21 on Zoom.

Advocacy

Amy D. reminded members to contact legislators based on information found in the Legislative Newsletter and the Monday legislative alerts sent out by Karen H.

Amy D. noted that the chapter had two letters to the editor published in the Mason Co. Journal on Violence against Asian Americans and on Advocacy. A letter to the Port of Shelton was written expressing concerns of an expansion of the airfield. A response from the Port Commissioners stated that they shared our concerns.

Speak Up School – Dee Ann K. and Cheryl W. co-chaired the team. Additional team members include Linda A., Randy L. and Tamara I.

Program on May 13, 'Intro to Data Lenses'

Program on May 19, 'Preparing and Presenting testimony to the Redistricting Committee'.

This will be the final presentation in the series and Dee Ann and team will be responsible for this one. Dee Ann asked members to help promote it in order to have a big turnout. More information about Speak Out School is on the LWVMC website.

Observer Corps

Lynda L. reported that the County is working to find a site for a new jail and that US Representative Marilyn Strickland visited with the commissioners to look at a new sewer project in Hoodspout. And the Commission is working to set up a citizen Development Committee.

PROGRAM: 12:00 Stress Embodiment and Building Resilience in the Post Pandemic Era – speaker, Lorelei Walker, PhD.

Ms. Walker presented her work with the Social Safety Initiative.

Gretchen Stewart reported on Project Resilience, an effort to get backpacks full of personal items for teen girls entering local shelters due to Domestic Violence. Amy D. will send info to members in order to donate funds or materials.

Recommended Reading List

"On Tyranny" by Timothy Snyder

"Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson

"Becoming a Democracy" by Kristin Eberhard (upcoming book group with Kitsap)

"The End of Ice" by Dahr Jamail

Calendar

April 22 – **EARTH DAY!** And CCC Meeting, Confederate Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation; 11:00am

April 29 – People Powered DAY OF ACTION (shining a light on Re-districting)

May 7 – LWVMC Executive Board Meeting (ZOOM)

May 18 – LWVMC General Membership Meeting (ZOOM)

June 4 – LWVMC Executive Board Meeting

June 15 - LWVMC Annual Report Meeting

June 24-27 – LWVWA Convention on Zoom

Amy D. adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm

