

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASON COUNTY**  
**ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**APRIL 2, 2021, 12:30-2:10**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Amy D. Present: Lynda L., Linda S., Karen H., Sherri D., Cindy S., Carol B., Lynn B., Pat C., Marilyn V., Nancy S., Cheryl W., Amy D., Polly H.

March 5, 2021 Board Meeting minutes were approved; Cindy S. moved and Pat C. seconded.

Amy D. asked: As Board members get vaccinated, should we set a date to meet in person?

Most agreed that the June Board meeting might be possible if weather cooperates and there isn't another big surge.

**Treasurer's Report, Pat C.**

Current balance is \$7,620.46. There are 67 paid members, highest membership ever.

\$500.00 grant from Mason County Historical Commission was received. Cindy S. explained this was for the Centennial Committee project.

The Board agreed to print an additional 100 TRY brochures to distribute at a cost of \$.50 each, or \$50.00. Linda W. will make the order.

**Nominating Committee, Cindy S.**

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

The nominating committee presented the proposed slate of officers to be voted on for 2021.

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

The board voted to the leadership team to replace President and Vice President as a trial for 2021.

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

**Treasurer:** Pat Carpenter with Sandy Miller

**Board positions that are not elected:**

Voter Services Chair: Bobbie Stady

Member Services co-chairs for Orientation and recruitment: Lynn Busacca, Cindy Shotts;

Member Services co-chair for Communications: Nancy McMahon

Program co-chairs: Amy Davis, Lynda Links, Karen Herr

**Additional committees. Study groups, or Workgroups contact person:**

Advocacy: Karen Herr

Climate Committee chair: Sherri Dysart

Observer Corps: Cheryl Williams, Lynda Links

Tech Communications team: Cindy Shotts or Dee Ann Kline

Growth Management/Comprehensive Plan Study: Marilyn Vogler

Centennial Committee: Cindy Shotts

Speak up School: Dee Ann Kline

**Seeking:**

One more secretary

Newsletter editor

Amy D. moved to accept the slate of nominees; Lynda L. seconded the motion and the Board voted to approve.

**Voter Services, Carol B.**

Last week the Voter Services Committee held a Zoom meeting to discuss marketing, 'The State We're In'. The authors of the book attended and it was a lively meeting with many ideas offered on how to make it available to members and the general public. The newest edition is aimed at grades 3-6 and the older edition if for grades 7 and up.

Voter Services requested the Board approve purchase of 2 sets at \$330.00 each. One set for one of our local school districts and the set for older readers to be sold for \$11.00 each to LWVMC members.

Board members expressed concern that the books would not be used in the classroom for a variety of reasons including a lack of time in the school day, School districts may mandate which textbooks are to be used and the online version might be more valuable to students.

Amy D. reminded all of the importance of educating the public on how our state government works and the excellence of the book.

Karen H. recommended that the committee do more investigation as to whether the books would be used in the classroom and bring a recommendation back to the Board for the next meeting. Carol B. agreed.

**Member Services, Lynn B.**

Lynn B. will reengage the telephone tree committee to check in with members.

A new online, statewide orientation program is being created for League 101. Cindy S. and Amy D. are participating.

**Programs**

April 20 – “Stress Embodiment and Building Resilience in the Post Pandemic Era”, speaker, Lorelei Walker, PhD

Gretchen Stewart will attend in order to engage members in Project Resilience.

Amy will send out information to the membership before the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

May 18 – TBD

June 15-Annual Report Meeting; Lynda L. to call Harmony Hill to check if we might meet there outdoors.

**Climate Change Committee Sherri D.**

**CCC Regular Meetings**

April 1, 2021 @ 11:00: Planning & Strategy

April 22, 2021 @ 11:00: Dan Penn, William Thoms; Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation

“Our Wealth Water: Protecting the Spirit of the Chehalis”

### **Future Meetings**

May 6, 2021 @ 11:00: Planning & Strategy

May 27, 2021 @ 11:00: Speaker TBD

### **Suggestions for future meetings:**

- Don Gourlie, Puget Sound Partnership
- Skokomish Tribe Natural Resources Dept
- Mayor Dale Ross, Georgetown, TX. He is a Republican, a conservative who is so committed to green energy he has pushed his city to become one of the first in the country to get all of its electricity from the wind and the sun

### **Focus of CCC**

The 4/1/21 Planning & Strategy

Major themes:

- Letter writing protocol discussion
- Community forum to discuss what citizens see as the Vision for the county (wait for in-person format)
- Reach out to Mason County/City of Shelton Planning Departments

### **Raise Awareness**

Letters to the Editor and/or Op-Ed articles

- SCMJ – letter regarding “City of Shelton – Save the Watershed”?
- Mason County – contact with Kell Rowen; Revising Comprehensive Plan (awaiting outcome of HB 1099)
- Shelton-Mason County Journal – continuing coverage of CCC meetings?
- MasonWebTV – engage with MWTV to cover CCC meetings?

### **Outreach/Collaboration**

#### **WA Climate Assembly:**

Lunell Haught, President of the LWVWA, possible collaboration with PVOC to host meetings with legislators and Assembly members during the interim.

Recommendations generated by the Assembly can be viewed on the WA Climate Assembly website.

I will be writing an article about my experiences on the Monitoring Team, to be published in TMIL (This Month in the League).

**Education:**

I have established a connection with Miriam Bertram, Assistant Director of the UW Program on Climate Change. Continue collaboration:

Deena Alley, Director of Academies K-12 at the Shelton School District; sent information about workshop for Middle School teachers (UW Program on Climate Change is hosting a workshop to share a new curriculum that uses citizen science data to teach about ocean acidification in eel grass communities, in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources).

North Mason School District – *need connection*

Nancy McMahon sent the information to Sandra Herndon at LWV-Thurston County.

**Forestry Working Group:**

I've been attending the Olympic Climate Action (OCA) meetings since August 2020. OCA is a chapter of 350Seattle. OCA has a Forestry Management committee, which has been dormant for many months. I am helping revive/refocus the committee. The focus is HB 2528 (2020), and its ramifications in current legislation. I've also connected Raelene Gold into the effort. This is also the current major initiative of Mason County Climate Justice.

**The League of Women Voters Kitsap County** has a new committee: Environmental Committee. I've made contact with two members, Anita Rose and Marty Bishop.

LWV-Kitsap: "Plastic: The Big Picture, Local Insights and What You Can Do," Webinar April 21 @ 5 pm, with Lori Coultier and Amy Lawrence.

**GMA/Mason County Comprehensive Plan Study Group**

I am working with Marilyn Vogler and Lynda Links to launch study group.

Very timely subject. Mac McLean explained that many planning decisions in Mason County are made on an ad hoc basis rather than a part of a comprehensive plan. Following a robust comprehensive plan will protect natural resources, and address the issue of affordable housing.

### **GMA/Comprehensive Plan Study**

Marilyn Vogler - Chair

Marilyn V. shared with the Board a bit about her background and reported that the committee would meet once a month with the goal of empowering the public to give effective input to guide development that is consistent with the Mason County Comprehensive Plan.

### **Advocacy**

Speak up School – Dee Ann K.

First meeting is on Zoom next week. Five people have signed up.

Amy D. reported that the Capital Gains tax will most likely pass but it will be challenged by referendum. Facts and talking points to support the legislation were sent to the board.

Possible coordination with Kitsap League to participate in a book group re: “On Becoming a Democracy” by Kristin Eberhard (in the Fall)

### **Observer Corps**

Cheryl W. has been named to the Board of Equalization and will serve with Brenda Hirschi.

Lynda L.

\$118 million lawsuit against the County as reported in the Journal. A new position in the county is being created- a Budget and Finance Director.

### **Recommended Reading List**

“Hidden Valley Road” by Robert Kolker – An American family navigates the effects of mental illness (non-fiction)

“On Tyranny” by Timothy Snyder – Twenty lessons from the Twentieth Century

“The End of Ice” by Dahr Jamail

**To View** “Oliver Sacks: His Own Life” Documentary televised on PBS April 9 at 9pm – neurologist who helped redefine our understanding of the brain and mind

## Calendar

April 20 – LWVMC General Membership Meeting

April 22 – **EARTH DAY!** And CCC Meeting - Dan Penn, William Thoms;  
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation "Our Wealth Water:  
Protecting the Spirit of the Chehalis

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

May 7 – LWVMC Executive Board Meeting

May 18 – LWVMC General Membership Meeting

June 4- LWVMC Executive Board Meeting

June 15- LWVMC Annual Report Meeting

June LWVWA Convention – June 24-27, on Zoom

Amy D. adjourned the meeting at 2:10pm