

LWV OF MASON COUNTY BOARD: DEC. 4, 2020, 12:30 - 2:30
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

Amy D. called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Present were Sherri D., Amy D., Karen H., Lynda L., Lynn B., Jonnell A., Linda S., Carole B., Pat C., Cheryl W., Dee Ann K., Harstine H., Polly H.

November Board Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pat C.

The current balance in the checking account is \$6,937.99. Thirty-eight members have paid dues

Member Services:

Lynn B. reported that there are five new members.

League 101 will be held on Zoom, aiming for mid-January. Lynn will e-mail new members to find out what would be a good time for them. She would like us to let her know of anyone who might be interested in joining the league.

Climate Change Committee: Sherri D.

On November 19, 2020: Guest speaker was Steve Ghan, climate scientist from PNW National Laboratory, who

spoke on the topic of "Common Ground on Climate Change". Suggestions for future meetings are:

- . Candace Penn, Climate Change Specialist for the Squaxin Island Tribe
- . Mayor Dale Ross, Georgetown, TX. He is so committed to green energy that he has pushed his city to become one of the first in the country to get all its' electricity from the wind and sun.

The CCC is committed to the process of raising awareness of climate change in Mason County. The CCC is brainstorming a list of "what if" questions to present to the Mason County Planning Board. Can also write Letters to the Editor and/or Op-Ed articles.

Would also like to submit 2 items to the SMCJ:

- . Support for the Clean Fuel Standard Bill
- . Support for the WA Can't Wait campaign by Futurewise (endorsed by LWVWA)

Sherri would like to launch a study group on the Mason County Comprehensive Plan.

She is participating in the WA Climate Assembly Monitoring Team. The major tasks of the Monitoring Team are to review the Rulebook; the governing document of the Assembly; monitoring compliance of the

Assembly process with Assembly standards and rules; and reviewing reports on possible violations of those standards and rules.

She established a connection with Miriam Bertram, Assistant Director of the UW Program on Climate Change. They are collaborating on two initiatives:

- 1) A series of webinars with the Shelton High School Natural Resources Academy. Deena Alley, Director of Academies K-12 at the Shelton School District is working with her to connect graduate students at the UW with the NR Academy teachers/students. The webinars will focus on the specific requests of the students in the Academy programs.
- 2) An in-depth “conference” type webinar focused on the climate change impacts specific to Mason County. This could include the latest research on ocean acidification, increased risks of wildfires, drought and sea level rise. The intended audience for this conference would be local citizens, but also explicit invitations to the MC Planning Advisory Board.

There will be a Holiday Hiatus: no CCC meetings during the month of December.

Advocacy:

Amy mentioned there are two upcoming virtual Action Workshops: On 12/5 there will be a workshop on the Legislative Session, with an hour-long training by lobby team members in the afternoon. On 12/12 there will be a workshop on Lobby Team Issues of economic justice, criminal justice, gun safety, education, climate change, the environment, and transportation.

Observer Corps: Lynda talked about the water quality program in Mason County. Currently, the program is under the auspices of the Health Department, but the possibility of hiring a full-time person to monitor marine water pollution is being considered. Fees may be charged based on the number of parcels a person has. There would be one large water district rather than seven smaller ones.

Cheryl talked about the Belfair Reservoir and concerns that Belfair is not benefitting from the reservoir. She suggested that a request be sent out to league members after League 101 to see if they would be interested in attending the Observer Corps meetings once a week.

Programs:

The December program includes Cheryl W.’s presentation on the correct use of gender pronouns, and the Centennial Committee will present on three more outstanding women of Mason County., all from the Hood Canal.

The January program will host “Braver Angels”, finding common purpose through civil discourse, speaker TBA.

February program will be ACE’s in Mason County, speaker TBA.

Community Outreach:

Suggestions of positive ways league members could interact with the community by writing Letters to the Editor were discussed. Suggestions were that letters from members focus on Citizenship Awards,

information on the Growth Management Plan, and ways the public could use fact-finding links to educate themselves on the inaccuracy of information often found in Letters to the Editor. Several links were mentioned by Amy as possible ways to fact-check. They are: Senior Planet, politifact.com, truthorfiction.com, hoaxslayer.com.

Reading Group: People were encouraged to do an art project on how to become better adults. E-mail Dee if interested in joining.

Calendar

12/5 and 12/12 - Action Workshops

12/15 - Membership Meeting

1/7 - Climate Change Committee Planning Meeting

1/8 - January Board Meeting – 1st meeting of new year

1/19 - Membership Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 by Amy D.