

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASON COUNTY
ZOOM MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2021, 11:30 – 1:15
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by Dee Ann K. Nineteen members attended.

A motion was made by Nancy S. and seconded by Cindy S. to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes from the November 16, 2021 Membership Meeting were moved by Cheryl W., seconded by Eileen P., and approved/submitted.

Leadership Reports – Dee Ann K and Cheryl W

Affinity Discussion Group

There is a new Affinity Discussion Group forming. Monday from Jan. 3- through March 14 at 10 a.m., join other League members and guests from around the state for Action Coffee Time (ACT) via Zoom sessions! The goal is to provide the background you need on a wide array of relevant topics to become a better citizen advocate. To join the affinity group, contact [Carol Sullivan](#). A link to her email is on the LWV Mason County Website.

Cultivating Civic Conversations

A new Cultivating Civic Conversations seminar program, “About the State of our Democracy”, will be starting in the new year! The latest 10-week session will focus on civic education and engagement. The seminar uses the LWVWA's elementary civics textbook, *The State We're In: Washington*, as the anchoring framework. Sign up to participate on the LWV Mason County website.

Redistricting

The Washington State Redistricting Commission was unable to reach an agreement on the maps before the constitutional deadline and forced the decision to the Washington Supreme Court. However, the Supreme Court ruled that the maps submitted to them were legal and final. The LWV Washington State is concerned about the lack of transparency of the Redistricting Commission deliberations and support strong Open Meeting legislation because citizens have a right to know how government conducts its business. You can read an op-ed on this subject on LWV Mason County website.

Lobby Week Jan 24 through 27. We will hear more about this in the Advocacy Committee Report. Sign up to participate on the LWV Mason County website.

Climate Change Committee- Dee Ann K reported for Sherry D

Climate Change Meetings are Fourth Thursday each month, 1:00-2:00pm Guest speakers educate attendees about climate change, particularly local impacts Jan 27, 2022. Speaker: Linda Shrum, South Sound Restoration Project

The LWVWA provides a weekly Legislative Newsletter, delivered to our Inbox each Sunday during the legislative session. Climate Issue Chair, Martin Gibbins, outlines all the bills that the LWVWA is tracking. Please take time to read and respond to Action Alerts.

Nancy Snyder hosted a Zoom meeting with folks in the community who are not League members, but have interest in raising awareness of the reality of climate change

The Committee is researching the science and climate change curriculum in Mason County. Nancy Snyder re-established contact with Deena Alley at the Shelton High School Natural Resources Academy. Deena supports bringing the best available climate science to the students in the Natural Resources Academy.

The Shelton-Mason County Journal interviewed Nancy Snyder about her teaching odyssey that led her to participation in Al Gore's Climate Reality training. An article should be published soon!

"Washington Can't Wait" campaign

The WCW campaign by Futurewise has been endorsed by the LWVWA. There are three components to the campaign (HB 1099, HB 1220, SB 5042). These are important updates to the Growth Management Act (GMA). Please visit the Futurewise website to learn about these bills.

Bob Ferguson presentation

Cheryl W Reported on a presentation by Attorney General Bob Ferguson on recent major work of the Attorney General's Office, including the inaugural meeting of the Washington State Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Task Force and the ongoing trial in his case against the nation's major opioids distributors.

Treasurer's Report – Pat C.

We have 45 members. Our current balance is \$6,078.50. Funding for the TRY brochures will be through the Education budget.

Program Committee- Amy D

January Membership Meeting-

Topic: How to use the LWV WA Legislative Newsletter

Speaker: Marty Gibbons, Climate Change and Energy Issue Chair

February Membership Meeting-

Topic: Veteran Suicide Prevention Legislation SHB1181

Possible Speaker: Tina Orwall (bill sponsor)

March Membership Meeting-

Topic: Law Enforcement on the local level regarding 2021 legislation and what it looks like practically.

Possible Speaker: TBD

Advocacy – Dee Ann K. and Amy D.

Fix Democracy – on 1/6/22 there will be the first candlelight vigil. Amy will find out more information.

Need to register for Lobby Week. There is a \$5.00 fee. On **1/24 from 5 – 8:30 pm** legislators will be the speakers – a good way to learn about upcoming bills. On 1/25 and 1/26 there will be an opportunity to talk to legislators on-line about issues.

Member Services Committee – Lynn B.

She will be holding a session to brainstorm ways to recruit new members and will contact old members who haven't renewed their membership.

Lynn has copies of *The State We're In* on her porch if you want one. Contact Lynn and you can pick one up.

All LWV/Mason County programs are on our website. You can register there or on the state website for the Affinity Groups, Book Study, and Lobby Days.

Observer Corps – Cindy S.

She is in the process of developing guides which will be on our website – probably in February. There will be some training days. **Cheryl W. and Lynda L.** can give guidance on how to observe and use Zoom.

Book Study – Cindy S.

January Book Study Mason County LWV members are invited to participate in a January Book Study of *Saving Us: A Climate Scientists Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. Cindy S will provide more details later in the meeting. Sign up to participate on the LWV Mason County website

Discussion Groups:

Thursday **1/13/22** on Chapters 1 – 11.

1:00 or 6 pm for 1 and ½ hours.

1/20/22 1:00 or 6:00

Chaps. 12 - 22

There will be follow-up activities. Please register on our website, or contact Cindy through cindyshotts@hotmail.com.

PROGRAM – Reverend Barbra Weza – Development Director for Community Lifeline

She talked about the various support programs for homeless adults without children available in Shelton through the Community Lifeline. Shelter, job training, hot showers, clothing, meals, stability, mental health and case management connections are provided by Community Lifeline as pathways to permanent housing. Currently, they have a 35 bed capacity, which they are trying to increase to fifty. There are about 250 volunteers. In March of 2020 they were asked to be a part of the Emergency Management Plan. They have done outreach on the streets and worked with the Department of Health regarding COVID testing, vaccination, isolation, and quarantine. Call (360) 462-4439 to make a referral.

ACTION STEPS

- 1. Stay informed**
- 2. Be a listener**
- 3. Be proactive – find out about legislation/advocacy**
- 4. Organize/collaborate with others in the community – bring issues to legislators**

How to donate - take basic need items to 218 N. 3rd St. from 10-2 Monday – Sunday:

Large and small bottles of hygiene items. Including those for women's needs

Underwear

Socks

T-shirts

Hats

Gloves

Hand warmers

Coats

Washable blankets

You can make financial donations on-line through their Facebook page. Donations can be earmarked for housing, advocacy, etc.

All the food is provided through the Food Bank and private donations.

Barb Weza can be reached at barbweza@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Affinity Discussion Groups – January 3, 2022

Fix Democracy First Candlelight Vigil - January 6, 2022

LWV/MC Board Meeting – January 7, 2022

Membership meeting – 1/18/22 – Marty Gibbons

Lobby Days – January 24 – 27, 2022 (virtual)

1/24 – 5:00 – 8:30 pm Legislators and guest speakers

1/25 – 1/26 opportunity to talk to legislators on-line

Book Study Discussion Groups – 1/13 from 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm

***Saving Us* 1/20 at 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm**

Affinity Discussion Group is Jan 3 – March 14

Climate Change Committee Meeting is Jan 23, 2022 – Speaker: Linda Shrum, South Sound Restoration

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.