

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASON COUNTY  
ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2022, 12:30 – 2:00  
MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Nancy Snyder.**

**Attendees:** Lynda Links, Amy Davis, Nancy Snyder, Sherri Dysart, Cindy Shotts, Paddy McGuire, Dee Ann Kline, Randy Lewis, Pat Carpenter, and Linda Steffen

Minutes submitted by Linda Steffen

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

The minutes from the January 7, 2022 Executive Board Meeting were moved by Amy D., seconded by Dee Ann K. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A citizen was recently approached at her home by a person questioning her voting registration/eligibility, implying that they were representing the government. Paddy McGuire was invited to share with us what he knew about the Voter Integrity Project. Paddy said there is a statewide Republican effort to find anomalies in voter registration, which originated from a conference on election integrity sponsored by the Republican Party. No challenges have been filed in Mason County from individuals going door-to-door. **The Leadership Team needs to have a serious discussion regarding League response before this is presented to the General Membership for action discussion.** The issue was addressed in the President's call and will be discussed at the State League Board meeting. In addition, the question of the "empty chair" debates was discussed and a meeting led by Mary Coltrane will be held in April to discuss this issue.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report – Pat C.**

There was a very generous donation of \$1,000 to the educational fund. We now have 65 members who have paid dues, and there may be one new member. The current checking balance is \$7,438.88.

**Climate Change Committee – Sherri D.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

**2/24 @ 6:00 pm – Julianne Gale and Zephyr Elise, The Lorax Coalition**

**3/3 @ 1:00 pm – James Landreth – Food forests, regenerative agriculture and faith-based organizing**

The newsletter “**Our Climate Radar**” is very informative. Sign up by contacting Marty Gibbons @ [mgibbons@lwvwa.org](mailto:mgibbons@lwvwa.org).

The weekly **Legislative Newsletter** addresses why we are supporting various bills. Following the advice of the Issue Chair of the areas you are most interested in is helpful.

#### **Voter Services – Cindy S. for Lynn B.**

Eileen Perfremment did a league event for voter registration at Cedar High School. She has strong connections at the school district. She was asked to come back in January 2023 when all the high schools do a “Temperance and Citizenship” day. We might want to focus on this and give information to the civics’ teachers in October – **Cindy S.**

#### **Member Services – Cindy S. for Lynn B.**

She thanked Pat. C. for keeping track of all the dues that came in late. Losing membership and leadership has been a problem with other Leagues during Covid. Staying in touch with members by neighborhood hosts has helped keep our numbers up.

#### **Programs – Amy D.**

She had received an e-mail from Karen Tvedt (Thurston LWV) asking for input from our Leadership Team as to how the new leadership model is going. Although there can be confusion, it seems to be going well.

Our original program for February on suicide is a no-go, so we are looking at other possibilities. Holly Joseph, the Dean of Students at Evergreen is very knowledgeable about tribal legislation. There is a lot of legislation going on regarding tribal rights. Thurston LWV is putting on a program on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm (Zoom) on tribal health care; we might partner with them for a meeting. Vicki Low will be the guest speaker. She is the executive director of American Indian Health Programs. You can register for this talk on the Thurston County website. There is also a link on the Mason County website. **Amy will let the General Membership know that this will be our program for February.** We could also do our regular monthly Membership Meeting without a speaker. Amy will be talking to Cindy about having Angela Tobias speak about the Sunshine Program for our March meeting.

#### **Advocacy – Amy D.**

There was no response from the legislators, so we were unable to meet with any of them during Lobby Week. Letters were sent to them about four bills we support: The Enhanced Washington Voting Rights Act, Automatic Voter Registration and adding climate to GMA as well as closing loophole in GMA.

Lynda L. mentioned that she got an e-mail from Heather Trim that her bill was pulled from Committee – it didn’t have enough votes. The bill was looking at ways to improve how plastics were produced.

#### **Observer Corps – Cindy S.**

We have a manual for our new observers to use as a basis for training. Lynda L. and Brenda H. have been observing the Commission hearings on the Belfair Sewer. There was a very good, long article in the Journal regarding this. Cindy feels we need a system where Observers have a way to report to the

Board in case action needs to be taken. The Committee will be getting together in the next 2-3 weeks about how to recruit Observers. One suggestion was to have a “Happy Hour” get-together on Zoom to discuss what we saw at the County Commission meeting.

**Centennial Committee – Cindy S.**

March is Women’s History Month. The Historical Museum will be displaying at least four of our women by displaying their posters, and will try to get them all in. **Cindy will get in touch with the Journal to see if they will highlight one woman per week.**

**Nancy S** – The Leadership Team has been trying to smooth out communication and come up with a system that will help with the flow of minutes. Dee Ann K. met with the secretaries via Zoom and they developed a plan that will help with the flow and distribution of minutes.

**Cindy S** – Because of a family death she had to cancel the book discussion group for January. She wants to focus on Advocacy during the month of February. The Legislative Session ends on March 10<sup>th</sup>, so wanted to look at dates after that for the book study. Cindy will promote her “Ted Talk” to the General Membership in February and March. There are currently nine members who have signed up for the study.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February 15 – LWVMC General Membership and Program TBD, 11:30 – 1:30**

**February 23 – LWV/Thurston Tribal Health Care Forum (Zoom) 6:00 – 8:00 pm**  
RSVP needed. [www.lwvthurston.org/tribalhealth](http://www.lwvthurston.org/tribalhealth))

**February 24 – Climate Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm – Speakers are Julianne Gale and Zephyr Elise of The Lorax Coalition**

**March 3 – Climate Committee – 1:00 – 2:00, James Landreth/Food forests, regenerative agriculture & faith-based organizing**

**March 4 – Board Meeting, 12:30 – 2:30**

**March 15 – LWVMC General Membership Meeting and Program, 11:30 – 1:30**

**March 21 and March 28 – Saving Us Book Study @ 6:00 pm**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing” – **Edmund Burke**

