

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAON COUNTY
ZOOM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2021, 11:30 – 1:30
MINUTES**

Amy D. brought the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. 35 people attended. Amy Funkhouser from “**Braver Angels**” was the guest speaker.

Approval of the December General Membership Meeting Minutes was so moved by Pat C. and seconded by Bobbie S. Membership voted to approve.

Treasurer’s Report

Pat C. reported that 53 members have submitted dues’ payments. You can now use Square to pay dues.

Current balance in the checking account is \$7,158.86, with \$1,086.64 in the CD.

Voter Services

Bobbie S. stated that the committee had nothing to report.

Member Services

Lynn B. will host a Zoom League 101 this Saturday from 1:30-3:00. At least 14 new members have signed up to attend. She thanked the Phone Tree Outreach Committee who had made calls to members to keep them updated on current happenings, action alerts, and other relevant issues. Feedback has been positive.

Programs

Today’s program was presented by the Braver Angels, a national citizens’ movement, aimed at reducing polarization. Amy Funkhouser presented skills for helping us understand each other beyond stereotypes and shared practical skills for communicating across our political differences.

February 16 –next General Meeting will be on Housing and Homelessness with guest speaker Cynthia Stewart. She is the LWVWA Lobby Chair on Housing and Homelessness, Revenue and Transportation. Legislative Bills are in the LWVWA Newsletter every Sunday morning.

March 16 – Indigenous Issues – Lynda L. has been in touch with the Skokomish Tribe. Charles Adkins is a member of the Yurok Tribe and will speak on various tribal issues.

April – Mental Health Awareness Month – What is Happening with Schoolchildren during the Pandemic?

Climate Change Committee

Sherry D. reported on activities of the committee.

WA Climate Assembly met on January 12th. The assembly was made up of 80 randomly selected citizens from across the state representing the different demographics and will send a report to the State Legislature.

A study group was launched for the Growth Management Act/Mason County Comprehensive Plan. The GMA is the comprehensive planning framework which requires every county and city in the state to adopt, and periodically update, their comprehensive plan and development regulations. The GMA/CP Study Group will be a separate undertaking from the CCC. Currently, we have six people interested. Ideally, the Committee would have ten members. The Dept. of Commerce is holding weekly workshops on issues relevant to the GMA. The next session will be Jan 20 from 9 – 11 a.m.

Advocacy

Observer Corps

Lynda L. reported that a new full-time but temporary person will be hired to give COVID-19 shots. As yet, Lynda does not have further information on the City of Shelton's proposal to build 400 housing units designed to house low-income populations.

HB 1099 is important legislation dealing with climate change. Letters to the Editor are a good way to support upcoming legislation; there should be some Letters to the Editor addressing climate change this week. People are always needed to help.

Lobby Week is Feb. 22 – 26. People can register for it now. **Legislative Lobby Day** is Feb. 22. Information about it will be in our newsletter. Attending that would be a good way to become involved.

Recommended Reading List

"On Tyranny" by Timothy Snyder

"Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson'

"Becoming a Democracy – covers three current legislative issues of importance to League work. They are Voting Rights Restoration, Citizen Initiative Review, and Ranked-Choice Voting.

Calendar

January 23 – League 101 1:30 – 3:00

January 28 – CCC program, Squaxin Tribe/Sea Level Rise & Indigenous Health

February 5 - LWVMC Executive Board Meeting

February 16 –LWVMC General Membership Meeting

