

June 3, 2021
League of Women Voters Mason County (LWVMC)
ZOOM Board Meeting
Attendance: 12 members
12 pm -2:30 pm
Submitted by Jonnel Anderson Fagergren

Lynn B politely requested that attribution identifying the Secretary taking minutes be regularly included in the minutes for each Board and Program Meeting. President Amy D requested attribution as well. To clarify the oversight: Jonnel Anderson submitted Board Minutes on May 7, 2021 and Linda Steffan submitted Program minutes on May 18, 2021.

In honor of Memorial Day, Amy D led a deep discussion of those people we each lost or were affected by wars. Personally insightful and heartfelt feelings were shared of those who died and those who return from war, lives forever altered, leading to post traumatic injuries, stigma, generational illness, and careers changed forever in watershed moments.

Amy D requested a correction in the May 18, 2021, minutes to include the fact that Pat C was voted in as Treasurer for another year.

Pat C reported on the Treasurer's report. LWVCM has \$6,882.44. It was reported that their will be a Live Stream with Mason County TV for which the LWVMC will pay \$100, when appropriate. We are overspent in Advertising, but we got a sizable grant that offset this overspending, so the Budget is in good shape. We could use Quick Books, and that may be considered at a later date. The budget for the 2021-2022 year will be discussed at the June, 2021 and voted on in September, 2021.

Bobby S reported on Voter Services. She requested a discussion on adding a stamp "Compliments of Mason County League of Women Voters, Mason County" to each book delivered to local public and private libraries including pertinent information to enable those individuals who wish to contact us to do so.

Lynn B reported on Member Services. She has copies of The State We are In and Impact on Issues. It was agreed that all new Board members will receive an Impact on Issues; they will be available to pick up at the June 15, 2021 Program meeting at Harmony Hill. Other members members were requested to call Lynn B two days in advance if they wish a copy and when they wish to pick them up from her home in Shelton.

Deanne K reported on Speak Up Schools. All who attended enjoyed learning a wide variety of information. The "schools" were particularly informative with regard to redistricting and preparing written and verbal testimony to the elected members of Wa State Legislature. She also spoke about "Data Lenses" that allow the Washington Redistricting Lenses Project of LWVWA, to use geographic and demographic data to create redistricting maps that would balance desires of may disparate groups. The next Speak Up School is July 7, 2021. The Congressional races in the 5th and 10th Congressional Districts are important.

Amy D reported on Programs. Sherri D led a detailed discussion among members on candidate forums and Vote 411. The feeling seemed to be that the LWVMC questions should focus on two

issues. First, on the Biomass Issue, it is important to hold candidates accountable and place them on record before the election in November 2021. Second, questions on Climate Change and BioMass Issues for the purpose of these forums are the LWVMC primary priority. Questions for candidates on these two issues should be sent to Amy D by June 11, 2021, with candidate interviews following on August 3, 2021.

Vote 411 should also have Climate Change Questions they should be used interviews of each candidate by Cheryl W.

Amy D reported that June 15, 2021 is the Annual Meeting at Harmony Hill.

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The AGENDA will be a Report Card on the Health of Hood Canal, presented by The Hood Canal Coordinating Council. They work with partners and communities to advance a shared regional vision to protect and recover Hood Canal's environmental, economic, and cultural wellbeing. Speakers will be Scott Brewer, Executive Director and Haley Harguth, Watershed Program Manager of the HCCC. They will update us on the continuing efforts to safeguard this beautiful place for future generations.

In response to COVID-19 safety precautions, there only 23 people allowed at Harmony Hill on June 15. Old and new Board Members are encouraged to sign-up. I was reported that the Annual Meeting is NOT a pot-luck, as in previous years. Please use "Sign Up Genius" when it is sent to you to RSVP. LWVMC Committee's will make annual reports. The Chair of each committee is requested to submit their annual report to Amy D by June 7, 2021. She will allocate time for each report to be presented at the Annual Meeting. The reports will also be distributed on-line.

In addition, Amy D reported that the speaker will be Scott Brewer (in person), Exec Dir, Hood Canal Coordination Council offering a "Report Card on the Canal".

Sherri D reported on the Climate Change Committee (CCC). It was reported that one member wanted to change the name of the LWVMC Climate Change Committee to the Clean Environment Committee. Discussion ensued. It was discussed that The Climate Change Committee is a good name, reflecting the science and as a result, wisdom on planning for future climate changes that will effect our community. The next meeting of the CCC is June 17, 2021 at Noon to hear a presentation by Eileen Quigley, ED of the Clean Energy Transition Institute seeking on "Accelerating Decarbonization in the Northwest." There will be no meeting in July and August, 2021.

Sherri D may/will step away from chairing the CCC between January, 2022 - March, 2022, although she will continue to be a member in the CCC. She is seeking through application membership of the LWVWA LOBBY TEAM, as Issue Chair of Forests. Congratulations On stepping up to this important policy issue and LWVMC members voiced support.

If you would like additional detail of the work of the CCC, contact Sherri Dysart.

Amy D reported on the LWVWA Convention, which will be held on ZOOM June 24-28, 2021. We have one Delegate and need three more. If Members register to be a delegate by June 16, 2021 the cost is \$20.21.

Amy D reported we had a letter to the editor in the Mason County Journal by Nancy Snyder. Nancy and Carolyn Maddux will collaborate on another with points from Nancy's Climate Reality Training.

Karen H reported that the 2022 Wa State Legislature convenes in Olympia on January 10, 2022 for a 60 day (short) session. HB 2528 on Carbonization...

Linda L and Cheryl W reported on two issues before the Mason County BOCC from the LWVMC Observer Corps. Cheryl W reported that city and county leadership met May 24 to discuss options for building a new jail versus continuing to use the existing county jail. This was brought up in at least 2018, when the County formed a Budget Advisory Committee to look into a sales tax increase for a new jail. One thing discussed was creating a partnership with Gray's Harbor County, however the ballot measure failed and the discussion ended. Now, in 2021, they have three sites (junction of HYW 101 and HWY 102 which is North of the Port and the other one near the Ridge Motor Cross Sports Park), the BOCC reports that they are not feasible because of very high cost of utility (water electricity and sewer) hook ups. That leaves the third site which is the enlargement of the West Cedar campus. That site was discussed as requiring demolishing the 4-H building, near Safeway. They need more information or other motivation to decide a direction to take. Much discussion ensued with regard to site location, safety for all parties, and other correction and community issues among Board Members.

The other policy issue was a change to the Mason County Clean Water Districts. Lynda L reported that the Mason County Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) created one District out of eight existing Districts and increased revenue from fees will be used to hire two full time staff to monitor compliance with water regulations. It was pointed out the monitoring is not enforcement.

The BOCC will continue to meet virtually on Zoom for the foreseeable future.