

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASON COUNTY
ZOOM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2020, 11:30-1:30
MINUTES**

Amy D. brought the meeting to order at 11:34 am. 23 members attended.

Approval of the November General Membership Meeting Minutes was so moved by Linda W. and seconded by Lynda L. Membership voted to approve.

Treasurer's Report

Pat C. reported a bank balance of \$6,938.70 with one check of \$60.00 to be deposited. The value of the CD is \$1,065.30.

40 members have paid dues for the year so far. Pat reminded all that dues can now be paid with a credit card, on line, through LWVMC website.

Voter Services

Bobbie S. reported that she is waiting to hear from the Thurston County LWV about plans for a joint civics education project but does not expect to hear until after the first of the year.

Amy D. submitted a report to LWVWA regarding our activities for the past year:
112 members volunteered a total of over 3,000 hours, participating in 70 activities.

Member Services

Lynn B. reported that League 101 will occur the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 23. Exact time to be announced soon in a formal invitation. All are invited- new and old members as well as those community members who want to learn more. It will be a virtual event to last 1-2 hours long.

Sherri D. asked if committee chairs would be invited to give an overview of the committee's activities. Lynn B. replied yes and that it is an excellent opportunity to let new members know where the needs are.

Programs

January 19 – Braver Angels, Finding Common Purpose through civil discourse, speaker, Amy Funkhouser, Deputy State Coordinator for the Braver Angels.

Amy D. reported that there is a documentary but does not think that it will be available for viewing before our event. Karen H. agreed to send a link to the Braver Angels website.

February 16 – Cynthia Stewart, Lobby Team Issue Chair on Housing, Homelessness and Transportation will address these topics and the upcoming legislative session as part of League Advocacy

March 16- Issues facing the Indigenous Peoples of Mason County

Climate Change Committee

Sherri D. reported on activities of the committee.

WA Climate Assembly will meet on January 12th. The assembly will be made up of 80 randomly selected citizens from across the state to compile a report to the State Legislature.

UW Program on Climate Change

Sherri D. is working with Marion Bertrum to create a webinar for Mason County Highschool students on Climate Change. High school students will submit questions to be answered by UW graduate students.

Sherri D. is working on an in-depth webinar on the impacts of Climate Change on Mason County. The target audience is elected officials of the county as well as local citizens.

Washington Can't Wait campaign, endorsed by LWVWA, is an effort to require an update to the Growth management Act of 1990. There is need for the Act to include response to Climate Change challenges in the state.

A committee to study the Mason Co. Comprehensive Plan is being formed. Anyone interested is encouraged to email Sherri D. to volunteer.

Advocacy

Amy D. urged all to contact legislators to get on board with the WA Can't Wait Campaign. Also, on Dec. 14th, Gov. Inslee proposed a 365-million-dollar initiative, the Equity and Diversity Policy Project that members should show support for.

Action Workshops Report

Many members attended workshops on December 5th and 12th put on by LWVWA.

LTE – a work in progress

Observer Corps

Lynda L. reported that the Co. Commissioners passed the annual budget. Mason County received a grant for Emergency Housing and there will be a rate increase for solid waste.

Cheryl W. observed the final meeting of the year. The Commissioners accepted resignations from the Timberland Library Board, announced grant applications available for education, \$62,000 for rental assistance and more money for Covid response.

Program

“Three Women Who Impacted Life and Culture in Mason County”

Cindy S. reported on Ethel Dalby (1893-19980): a poet, storyteller, and historian who helped build a community

Llyn D. reported on Clara Eastwood (1887 -1971): an entrepreneur and early developer of Alderwood

Lynn B. reported on Anne Pavel (1930-2005): a leader, culture keeper, and Skokomish tribal advocate

The program was recorded and will be on the Mason Co. LWV website and on YouTube. Printed posters will be on view at Mason Co. Historical Museum.

“Explaining Gender Pronouns” speakers Cheryl Williams and AB Gammons
Discussion followed with questions and personal anecdotes.

Calendar

January 7 – CCC Meeting

January 8 – LWVMC Executive Board Meeting

January 19 – LWVMC General Membership Meeting

January 20- Inauguration Day

January 23- League 101

At 1:17 pm. Amy D adjourned