

League of Women Voters of Mason County Board Meeting October 25, 2024

Present: Lynn Busacca, Lynda Links, Terri Pressly, Dee Ann Kline Parkinson, Amy Davis, Eileen Perfrement on Zoom

Lynn Busacca called the meeting to order at 11:31 am.

Members responded to the question of the day: How do you plan to spend Election Evening?
The agenda was approved.

Amy Davis moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2024, Board Meeting. Lynda Links seconded, there were no corrections, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Members introduced themselves to new member Terri Pressly.

Executive and Committee Reports

Voter Services. Lynn Busacca read Peggy Morell's report on Election Volunteers. Sixteen members of the League volunteered for training. Dorothy Oetter was commended for her hard work recruiting members to volunteer at the elections office.

Lynda Links reported on Speed Dating. She encouraged the Board to watch the event broadcast on MasonWeb TV. In addition to covering the questions to candidates at one table, he did attempt to capture the room. Dee Ann Kline Parkinson proposed we debrief later in the month at a special Voter Services meeting. A few initial comments were the room was too loud, 10 minutes may be too short, and teach table leaders to break up dominance of one person.

Dee Ann Kline Parkinson applauded the efforts of Carole Butkus and Esther Rowland on the poster distribution in the county. Most businesses accepted them. Eileen Perfrement reported on the school distribution. All schools in North Mason, Pioneer, Grapeview, Hood Canal, Mary M. Knight, and Southside School Districts posted them. Shelton School District needed approval from the School Board to post, and there was no time to get on the agenda for permission. The Civics teachers in Shelton, Choice, and Cedar Highs did accept them for the classrooms. Next time, we need to get on the School Board agenda early.

Eileen Perfrement reported on Civics Classes visits in all high schools in the county. She visited one at North Mason High, one at Mary M. Knight, four at Shelton High, two at Choice High, and one at Cedar High. The only Civics teacher that did not repond after several contacts was at James Taylor High, the alternative high in North Mason. They did accept the poster.

Leadership Team. Amy Davis reported on Bellingham County League candidate forum, where they trained high school students to write questions for the forum. Eileen McCracken is the Bellingham contact. Amy Davis also announced that the Action Workshop is rescheduled to December 7, 2024. Send questions to Cynthia Stewart.

Amy Davis attended the LWVWA presidents' meeting and reported on the new format for Lobby Week. It will focus on educating legislators. This is the long session year, so the legislature will stay in session well into April or even get extended to May. Monday Coffee Time will continue, beginning in January. We need to keep track of the number of members who participate and the LWVMC events to report to

LWVUS for prestige. The LWVWA is organizing an exchange on November 9, 2024.

Lynn Busacca reported on MELD, the LWVUS restructuring of dues collection. Dee Ann Kline Parkinson shared a slide show on the membership changes. The goal is for one system nationally. The option is for auto-renewal and a pay what you can model. Minimum fee is \$20, recommended is \$75. Checks are discouraged, credit cards have an additional fee, and automatic withdrawal from bank account is an option. LWVMC will set up a STRIPE account. The Bylaws will need to be updated to accommodate the new fee schedule. The new system will go online February, 2025, accompanied by an email to members. Members are encouraged to renew membership by December 31, 2024. For online renewals, members will be able to use the donation button to make a special contribution to Mason County. The Irene Davis membership would involve \$60 membership and then \$40 donation. The Jean Moore membership would involve \$60 membership and then \$60 donation. Two submissions would be required. Training will be provided. Dee Ann Kline Parkinson will send the slide show to Peggy Morell to include in notice to members.

Treasurer's Report. No report. Same numbers as October 4, 2024 Board Meeting.

Programs. Amy Davis reported the following programs scheduled.

November: Sheriff Spurling will present Safety First.

December: Civics teacher panel on the curriculum in the high schools. Karen Rice and Eileen Perfrement will meet with teachers to plan.

January: GRIT

June: Annual Meeting will return to Harmony Hill.

We may need to bring tables for the meetings at Olympic College.

Member Services. Lynn Busacca reported 71 members, but most have not renewed. A new membership meeting, League 101, may be offered at the Timberland Library in Shelton, or on Zoom.

Advocacy. Amy Davis reported Action Coffee Time, 10 to 11 am, during the legislative session.

Climate Change Committee. Lynda Links reported that Mark Tuson, Tom Duffield, Francesca Ritson, Peggy Morell, Nancy Snyder, and Lynda Links regularly attend the Commission Planning Group meetings on Monday evenings. Their purpose is to keep reminding the consulting group to include climate change in the plans.

Communications. Lynn Busacca read Peggy Morell's report, 397 followers on Facebook. Send post election messaging to Peggy Morell to summarize.

Lynn Busacca adjourned the meeting at 1:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Perfrement

Secretary