League of Women Voters General Membership Meeting, May 19, 2026, 11:30 am Faith Lutheran Church, In Person and on Zoom

Present In Person: Lynn B., Dee Ann K.P., Llyn D,, Patti B., Peggy J., Peggy M., Francesca R., Tracy M., Carole W., Karen R., Peter C., Steve D., Nancy S., Amy D., Carolyn M., Terri P., Gloria S., Connie S., Vicki V., Esther R., Terri P., Cindy S., Randy L., Tom D., Sherrie E., Sandy M., Tamra I., Heidi Bohan (guest), Carla Walfsberg (guest), Eileen P.

Presenters In Person: Mary Boone, Sean Lotz, Kristine Techavanich

Present on Line: Diana F., Cheryl W., Laurie D.

Amy called the meeting to order at 11:33 am.
Attendees introduced themselves.
The agenda was approved.
The minutes of April 21, 2026 were approved.

Leadership Team. Lynn thanked the members who prepared and distributed the TRY brochures. Lynn ordered 500 more.

Amy reported on the President's meeting. The League is partnering with the Association of Newspaper Editors on the importance of Letters to the Editor. She is recruiting local members to write to the Mason County Journal.

The LWVWA Council is June 6 and 7, 2026, in Lacey, titled “Power of Us.” Members wishing to attend can still register on line.

The next LWVMC meeting will be the last one until September, 2026, when we will most likely be returning to Faith Lutheran Church. It is June 16, 2026, at Sacred Waters at 11:30 am. It is a potluck, there will be a speaker, committee reports will be given, and new officers for 2026/27 will be elected.

August 8, 2026, is the Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act.

Treasurer. Patti B. reviewed the Treasurer's Report to April 30, 2026, which had been emailed to all members prior to the meeting. The balances are $8113.16 in checking, $1.00 in savings, $1199.23 in the CD, and $7391.16 in the Education Fund. The income was from memberships totalling 94 currently, and donations for the Education Fund and annual meeting. Expenses were $415.36 for 20 copies of “The State We're In,” $100 for the meeting room, and $325 for the TRY brochure printing.

Voter Services. Dee Ann announced the next meeting will be on Zoom July 6, 2026. Speed Dating candidate event is October 15.

Eileen reported no more visits to the high schools this school year. The next ones will be in the fall. She did make contact with the Civics Teacher at Shelton High. He will distribute 15 each of the TRY brochures and Pocket Constitutions, with a brief description of the League.

Gloria is coordinating the tabling events. She briefly explained tabling to encourage voters to participate in elections. We are officially participating in two events this year, with plans to add events next year. Allyn Days is July 18, 2026. We get a free table at the event in exchange for volunteering. Eileen has secured the table with the organizers, to be set up Friday night and dismantled Saturday afteroon. TRY brochures and other League literature will be distributed. A sign up sheet for sitting at the table was circulated. Members could sign up for morning or afternoon sessions There is also a table at the Pride Event in Belfair at the Salmon Center on July 26. Gloria is putting together a binder of event dates and contacts.

Member Services. Terri P. has been active in Observer Corps, the PUD 3 meetings. The next one is Tuesday, May 26.

Ad Hoc Governance Committee and Ad Hoc Elections Committee. By-Laws Amendment.

Peggy M. read the changes to the By-Laws regarding elections, which had been introduced at the April 21, 2026, general membership meeting. The motion carried to change the by-laws to include the ad hoc governance committee and the ad hoc elections committee. The Ad Hoc committees will run the elections at the June 16, 2026, meeting.

Nominating Committee. Patti B. read the slate of officers: President, Amy D., Vice-President, Peggy J., Secretary, Eileen P., and Treasurer, Patti B. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the annual meeting June 16, 2026.

Storytelling Update. Peggy M. announced 72 interviews have taken place, and 50 more are planned. Portable recordings will take place at Allyn Days and Pride.

Advocacy. Amy encouraged members to look at the LWV State newsletter for topics to advocate. The Evergreen Voter comes out once a month and has many ideas.

Amy adjourned the business meeting at 12:06 pm.

Llyn introduced the panel after introducing herself. Lynn B. had a journalist father and a librarian mother. She described the meetings of censored journalists and authors in her living room when she was a young child.

Sean Lotz and Kristine Techavanich are librarians at Timberlands Library in Shelton. They presented a slide show on censorship and freedoms in the public libraries.

Mary Boone introduced her book “Pedal Pushers” and new book “The Flying Feminests” coming out in July. She explained the attempts at censorship of these children's books.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Perfrement

Secretary