

LWVMC Board of Directors' Meeting October 3, 2025 on Zoom

Present: Lynn B., Lynda L., Patti B., Peggy M., Dee Ann K.P., Amy D., Randy L., Cheryl W., Eileen P.

Lynn called the meeting to order at 11:32 am.

The agenda was approved.

It was decided to hold approval of the minutes of the September 5, 2025 Board meeting to the next Board meeting in November due to a glitch in saving the minutes. No one has had the time to review the alternative AI generated minutes.

Attendees shared their “necessary trouble” memories.

Executive and Committee Reports

Leadership Team. Amy had previously reported on the State President's meeting. She encouraged all members to pay attention to Diana Wynn's messages as they are great. The League is encouraging voters to “decline to sign,” a paid campaign to get signatures on a petition to reduce voting rights. We will have fliers at the Speed Dating and other locations in town.

Dee Ann brought up the “Vote at Home” campaign to keep vote by mail. There was a list of county auditors across the state who support keeping mail-in voting. It was noted that Mason County Auditor Steve Duenkel was not on the list. Peggy is invited to speak with Auditor Duenkel to get a quote. Dee Ann also discussed a Coordinated Communications Plan.

Lynn brought up the quality of the Voter from Pierce County. She also mentioned an event by Jill Lepore, Harvard professor and author of “We the People: A History of the U S Constitution”, on October 22 at 1 pm on Zoom. Lynn will send to Board members.

Treasurer's Report. Patti presented the draft budget she and Dee Ann prepared. There will be no mitigation on national dues. Half of the dues from National can come from the Education Fund, with the rest coming from checking. Patti suggested we wait until January to pay the National dues. Lynda pointed out that we do not have a free space to hold general meetings. If we continue to hold the meetings at Faith Lutheran we should make a donation, with \$100 suggested. Dee Ann suggested we could solicit donations from members attending the general meetings by passing the boot. Patti will let members know to bring cash or a check to the meetings. Patti will also change the budget to \$1000 to cover the general membership meetings. Most people are paying \$75 dues, of which we get \$13.61. We recommend if members wish to give more, they send a check directly to the local to go into the Education Fund, so we all of their check. Patti moved to approve the budget, Dee Ann seconded, and the motion carried. Patti will send the revised budget to all Board members.

Patti reported \$6606.01 in checking, CD balance of \$1177.48, \$6245.38 in Education Fund. The revised budget has been sent.

Voter Services and Speed Dating. Lynda has been tracking down all the candidates, and all 12 City Council, Shelton School Board, and Hospital Board candidates with opponents will be present. There will be a radio announcement, a sign on Railroad, and a mention in the Journal under community events. Each of the 12 tables will have a League member moderating, and those members who are not assigned as moderators will sit at tables to learn to be moderators in the future. Each table will have

questions as back up in case the community members do not have their own questions. Eileen will greet and time the event. Members are asked to arrive at 5:30 to get a placement. Those who wish to help set up should arrive at 5. Help will also be needed to clean up.

Dee Ann announced the next Voter Services Zoom meeting will be October 20. Eileen has contacted all the Civics teachers in Mason County, but has only heard from a few. She will report October 20 with dates. She has the list of members who wish to assist. When she has dates of visits set, she will solicit assistance from the members. Future tabling will be discussed.

It was suggested that next year we arrange an event at the Library to read the constitution.

Climate Change Committee. Lynda looks forward to next steps after PAC watch is completed. She is suggesting Legacy Forests. Randy sits on the PAC, and approved the climate change resiliency language from the RCW. He also announced the resignation of three members, one from the previous month and two last meeting. He would like to see a woman on the Board.

Programs. The League decided to hold a meeting October 21, 2025, with the theme “Discover Your Place.” It will be at 11:30 am at Timberland Library. It is mostly for new members or those who haven't yet figured out what they would like to get involved in. Leadership is hoping to find some emerging leaders. Peggy will send a template to include all tasks we would like to get help with. Some of the areas to be included are education, impact on community, monitor boards in county, advocacy, resisting threats to democracy, and tabling and recruiting. Lynn will be in charge of the meeting.

Future programs include Karen Crowley for November 18, 2025. Other meetings might be David Lund on Criminal Justice in the State, including State Prison in Mason County. Thurston County is holding a meeting on the NW Detention Center in Tacoma as a for-profit private detention center for immigrants. Patti mentioned WAIN monitoring immigration arrests. It was suggested to get the LWVWA President in December. Dee Ann said that Beth Pellicciotti would like to attend on Zoom. Amy will look into a special Zoom meeting.

Member Services. Lynn reported 97 members. She is still planning another League 101.

Communications. Peggy reported an outstanding Emily Randall town hall. Amy will announce the LWVWA General Meeting October 21 at Speed Dating, and the telephone tree will be used. There is a communication plan for Voter Services with a clear set of desired outcomes. Michael Bowman is holding the Civics Story Telling November 4, 5, and 6, and December 4 and 5. The recording will be about 10 to 15 minutes. He will also train us to record our own interviews. Peggy reported over 1000 hits on the “Decline to Sign” campaign.

Advocacy. Amy recommended calling our US Representative and Senators on ACA subsidies.

Observer Corps. In addition to the great turn out we have been getting at the PAC meetings, we need to widen our observations. Peggy will add some organizations to the lengthy list Cheryl produced and hand it out at the October 21 meeting.

Eileen announced that she will not be able to make the October 21 meeting as she is presenting her position on the State Pension Plans at the Select Committee on Pension Planning at the Capitol. Peggy volunteered to take minutes.

Amy explained her paper clip she was wearing for pro-democracy. Lynn will put a supply of paper clips on the table at the October 21 meeting and explain what they represent.

Lynn adjourned the meeting at 1:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Perfrement
Secretary