

LWV OF MASON COUNTY BOARD: Mar. 6, 2020, 12:30 to 2:30 PM

SHELTON TIMBERLAND LIBRARY

MINUTES

Cindy S. called the meeting to order at 12:30pm. Present were Cindy S., Bobbie S., Nancy M., Amy D., Jonnel A., Linda W. Pat C., Lynn B., Sherri D. Polly H.

February Board Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Pat C.

The CD was renewed. This fund is held in case of emergency or unexpected expenses.

The current budget was distributed. Pat noted that \$415.00 was raised at the February Centennial Celebration. Cindy S. noted that the chapter spent \$636.29 on the reception for Catering, room rental, etc.

Currently, 53 members have paid annual dues.

Pat C. inquired about the greeting cards that were printed up a few years ago. Is the purpose to sell them as a fund raiser or use them as official thank you cards to speakers at meetings and events. It was decided that the remainder would be used as thank you cards and Pat will research the cost of printing more. The Board will decide how to proceed once the cost is known.

Priority agenda

Nominating Committee

Lynda L. reported that another member is needed for the committee, someone not on the Board. The slate of candidates will be presented at the April Board meeting.

Voter Services:

Bobbie S. reported

LWVMC volunteers will assist with the Presidential Primary Election; Mar. 9 and 10. Training for volunteers was held Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Bobbie S. and Arlene A. visited Choice High school on March 4 to register eligible students to vote.

Bobbie S. is working with Pioneer Elementary School to help register parents to vote. She registered nine parents at the last Parent meeting.

A Candidates Forum will be held in October, 2020 at the PUD. Lynda L. will contact the PUD to reserve the space for Thursday evening, Oct. 8 or 15.

Linda W. presented the updated Citizens Guide to Elected Officials of Mason County. The brochures are ready for distribution.

Voter Services Committee will meet Weds. Mar. 11, 10:30 to 12:30 to plan outreach for voter services for 2020.

Member Services

League 101 was held at Lynn B.'s home on Monday, March 2nd. Lynn B. , Cindy S., Bobbie S., Lynda L., Amy D., Sherrie D. assisted and 8 new members as well as one potential new member attended.

A survey was distributed at League 101 to ascertain the interests of the new members and afterwards, Bobbie S. contacted those interested in Voter Services and Sherrie D. contacted those interested in participating on the Climate Change Committee.

Nancy M. distributed the current roster of members. All members will receive a copy through email.

Cindy S. has invited five of the new members to join her on a field trip to Olympia on March 18th to tour the Capital and the Governor's mansion. Others interested should contact Cindy S.

Board members agreed that the new newsletter was excellent. Thanks to Dee Ann K. Lori B. will attend our April board meeting with an update on the new web page.

Program

Amy reported on the upcoming March and April meetings

March – “Home Rule Charter: A local government designed by the People for the People” Our first speaker, Eric Johnson of WA State Association of Counties, will present an overview of Home Rule Charter. Nan Henriksen from Clark County will discuss the Freeholder election process; third Norma Jean Parker from Clallum County – a LWV member – will enlighten us on the Charter Review process.

Amy D. will meet with the County Commissioners on Monday, March 9 to inform them about the program and answer any questions.

Concern was raised regarding the possible need for additional seating. Lynda L. will speak with Olympic College about moving the meeting to a larger space.

April is Mental Health month. Our program is: “Addressing the Effects of Childhood Adversity” with Ann Renker, PhD from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Dr. Daniel Stein, Thurston-Mason County Public Health Officer.

May follow up program from the April meeting will focus on intervention for ACEs with speakers from the community.

June 2: Annual Meeting; Presentation of Mason County Women Leaders

Report on LWVUS Program Survey

Cindy S. responded to the survey from LWVUS regarding the Making Democracy Work Campaign with a list of activities completed by LWVMC and completed the check list of National League positions used.

Book club

The Deepest Well by Nadine Burke Harris will be discussed at a meeting on March 31st. Time and meeting place to be announced. The event will be announced at the March meeting on March 17th and Nancy M. will follow up with an email to the membership.

Climate Change Committee

Sherri D. reported on the Mar. 4 meeting with speaker, Patti Case. The committee will meet two times per month. Meetings are scheduled for March 26, April 9, and Wed. Apr. 22, 10:30 to 12:30 PM.

Glenn Anderson approached Sherrie D. about providing a series of 6 workshops in Shelton on community engagement and Grassroots organizing around Climate Change issues. Mr. Anderson needs a commitment of 6 people, at a cost of \$15.00 per participant in order to carry the plan out. The Board agreed on the benefits of said workshops and Sherrie D. will continue to look into it.

Centennial Committee

Cindy S. reviewed the Feb. 14 event. \$208.00 was spent for an ad in the Mason County Journal. The Journal published 2 articles about the event on Feb. 14th.

Cindy S. reported that LWVMC has received a \$500.00 Historical Preservation Grant for "Women Leaders of Mason County". \$500.00 from our budget will also be used to produce 6 more posters to match the one that was created honoring Irene Davis. Members of the Centennial Committee will meet with Daughters of the Pioneers, Mar. 19, Noon to 2:00 PM at the Historical Museum to seek their assistance in locating stories, pictures and other artifacts from early residents of Mason County.

Advocacy

Amy D. reminded all to stay vigilant regarding Action Alerts. The Legislature adjourns on March 12th.

Post card project

Next Meeting—Wed., Mar. 25, 11:00 AM, Fat Cat Café.

Cindy S. reported that she and one other member were the only ones who attended the meeting in February. More promotion of the project will be done at the monthly membership meetings.

LWVWA Council

May 30-31, 2020; Yakima

Cindy S. , Sherrie D. to attend. Lynda L. and Lynn B. uncertain at this time.

Other Business

Edison Research contacted Amy D. looking for someone to report Mason County election results on March 10th. \$85.00 will be paid for the service. Cindy S. will check with the Auditor's office to see if they approve. An email will be sent to solicit someone if appropriate.

Nancy M. shared a letter from Cat Ross, publisher of the Belfair Bugle and North mason Lighthouse, two Mason County Community papers. Ms. Ross expressed interest in a story about the LWVMC, its origins and plans for the future. She also offered to share our calendar with readers.

Jonnel A. reported on a presentation about Immigration to be held on April 16th at United Churches in Olympia from 6:30-8:30. The event is sponsored by LWV of Thurston County. A request was made for LWVMC to cosponsor the event. Cindy S. will respond yes and Nancy M. Will attend and represent the chapter.

Amy D. asked if LWVMC should create an event to recognize Earth Day on April 22. No decision was made.

Calendar

March: 9 and 10: League volunteers assist with same-day voter registration.

10: Presidential Primary

11: 10:30 to 12:30, Voter Service Committee, Shelton Library

14: 2:00 PM, "Washington's Undiscovered Feminists", speaker—author, Mayumi Tsutakawa, Mason County Historical Museum, 427 W. Railroad, Shelton

17: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Membership Meeting, Johnson Library, Olympic College

19: 12:00 to 2:00 PM, Daughters of the Pioneers---Women Leaders project, Mason County Historical Museum, 427 W. Railroad, Shelton

25: 11:AM to 12:00 PM, Postcard Party, Fat Cat Coffee Shop, 118 S 3rd, Shelton

26: 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM, Climate Committee, Shelton Library

31: 12:30 to 2:30 PM, Book Study, The Deepest Well, Shelton Library

April: 3: 12:30 to 2:30 PM, Board Meeting, Shelton Library

9: 1:00 TO 3:00 PM, Climate Committee, Shelton Library

21: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Membership Meeting, Johnson Library, Olympic College

22: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Climate Committee Meeting, Shelton Library

29: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Postcard Party, Fat Cat Coffee Shop, 118 S 3rd, Shelton

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June 2: Annual Meeting and Centennial Presentation, 11:30 to 1:30, Harmony Hill Retreat Center