

**ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 5, 2021. 12:30 – 2:30
MINUTES**

Present: Lynn B., Carole B., Amy D., Sherri D., Karen H., Dee Ann K., Randy L., Lynda L., Sandy M., Cindy S., Connie S., Bobbie S., Linda S., Cheryl W.

Amy D. called the meeting to order at 12:32
February 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The chapter's bank account has \$6,459.52. We now have 63 members!

Voter Services

Nothing new to report regarding voter services.

Bobbie mentioned that Gretchen Stewart has started a program for teenage girls in which they are able to read a book and write a book report to give to a judge. She could use some ideas on good books for teenage girls to read.

Member Services

The Telephone Tree has been a good way to stay in touch with people and has received positive feedback. Amy and Karen will be contacting new members.

League 101 used a form for people to complete as to what League activities they want to be involved with. The recent League 101 was on Zoom so only about half the forms have been completed and sent to Lynn. When meeting in person, there was a much better completion and return of the forms.

Programs

March 16 –**Denese LaClair** and possibly **Karla Miller** of the Skokomish Tribe will speak on traditional medicine and how it fits in with modern medicine.

Charles Adkins of the Yurok Tribe is active regarding homeless issues for tribe members. New legislation that would affect the tribe and homelessness will be discussed.

April 20 – **Mental Health Month** – speaker TBD

Climate Change Committee

Discussion at the March 4 Planning/Strategy meeting centered on ways for members to become better educated about climate change; ways to reach the broader community about the impact of climate change; holding an in-person format in the community to discuss what citizens see as the Vision for the county; reaching out to Mason County/City of Shelton Planning Commission about airport expansion through letters to the City of Shelton and the county. Concerns about the airport expansion, the new proposed housing development on the City's watershed could be expressed through Letters to the Editor and/or Op-Ed articles.

The Washington Climate Assembly was well-attended. Lunell Haught, President of the LWVWA was emcee for a Brown Bag event on 2/26/21 where she introduced legislators to the Assembly process. Recommendations generated by the Assembly can be viewed on the WA Climate Assembly website. Sherri will be writing an article about her experiences on the Monitoring Team, to be published in TMIL (This Month in League).

Sherri has established a connection with Miriam Bertram, Assistant Director of the UW Program on Climate Change. They are collaborating on two issues:

- 1) A series of webinars with the SHS Natural Resources Academy students. Deena Alley, Director of Academies K-12 at the Shelton School District is working with Sherri to connect graduate students at the UW with the NR Academy teachers/students. The webinars will focus on the specific requests of the students in the Academy programs. UWPCCC was able to find graduate student speakers on 3 of the 4 topics requested by SHS teacher/students. Awaiting feedback from Deena Alley about success of the program.
- 2) An in-depth "conference" type webinar focusing on the climate change impacts specific to Mason County. This could include the latest research on ocean acidification, increased risks of wildfires, drought and sea level rise. Carbon sequestration projects in Mason County could be included. The intended audience for this conference would be local citizens, but also explicit invitations to the MC Planning Advisory Board.

Suggested speakers for upcoming meetings:

- . Connie S. suggested Pahl Jamal, author of “ The End of Ice”
- . Don Gourlie, Puget Sound Partnership
- . Skokomish Tribe Natural Resources Dept.
- . Mayor Dale Ross, Georgetown, TX- committed to green energy

GMA/Mason County Comprehensive Plan Study Group

Continuing to attend the 2021 Critical Areas and Shoreline Monitoring & Adaptive Management workshops through the Dept. of Commerce. Mac McLean, Kell Rowen, Lynda Links and Linda Steffen are also attending.

Marilyn Vogler and Randy Lewis expressed interest in taking over leadership of the GMA/CP study group.

On March 25 @ 11:00 Thomas Ackerman, Ph.d, Professor Emeritus, UW Dept of Atmospheric Sciences will be the guest speaker. April 1 @ 11:00 is a Planning/Strategy Meeting, and on April 22 @ 11:00 (Earth Day!) there will be a meeting. Speaker TBD

Advocacy

Ideas on ways to engage new members were discussed. A new Leadership Plan is being formulated to spread activities and jobs among more people by developing and assigning tasks to more members depending on their passions, interests, and strengths. Reaching out to community members through Affinity Groups such as the Kiwanis, utilizing the “Voter”, letting people know about the various League activities they might be passionate about such as climate change, redistricting, housing, voting rights – all possible areas of interest. Dee Ann mentioned that we can have a broader outreach with Zoom. She wondered if people would be interested in participating in an online Book Club. We could have online community presentations such as the one Olympia just did on Immigration. Members could join online discussion groups such as how to navigate digital information, participate in webinars regarding common areas of interest.

There were great programs during Lobby Week. HR 1 For the People Act, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement, and Washington D.C. statehood. The League will continue to advocate for Housing (FHB 1590). Action Alerts are sent out by Karen Herr.

Observer Corps

Observation was done on March 2, 2021. The Planning Commission has two openings, one in District 3. NE Roy Road is being vacated which means the County will vacate public access. 145 homes are going in behind the McDonalds in Belfair, which was not in the County Transportation Plan (TIP). Heard testimony from two neighbors regarding traffic flow, noise pollution. Rezoning was done in 2018 to allow 100 apartments and remove a ten-year moratorium on logging. Opponents and proponents both agree that more study is needed for the County; working on debt for sewer to develop more properties for more connections. Great debate starting at 1:05 between the Commissioners centering around giving up access to Highway 3, or limiting access now and in the future. Motion passed; road vacated.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the newly formed Observer Corps Affinity League Group which is a way for us to see what other Leagues are doing, can contact Cheryl Williams and she will send the link. It is scheduled for March 25 at 7 p.m.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presented a proposal for a LWVMC leadership team as a trial for the year from June 2021-June 2022. The Leadership Team would be 4 to 6 leaders who share the President and Vice-President responsibilities. The By-Laws describe the following powers and duties for the President and Vice-President with the proposed plan for sharing:

- **Meeting Facilitation:** Shared schedule set by team
- **Agendas:** An agenda template with calendar
- **Annual Report:** Committee/Board reports
- **Spokesperson Role:** LTE assigned to board members
- **Liaison with LWV/WA:** Monthly Zoom meeting and occasional correspondence/requests – team decides how to share

These supports will be provided for the team:

- A coach will assist with planning and ongoing mentoring
- A yearly calendar/schedule that designates monthly team responsibilities planned by the team and approved by the Board to be distributed to Board and members

- Tech Communication Team hosts and co-hosts Zoom meetings and assists with communication
- Whole Board and committees will assist with duties
- Program committee continues to plan and manage monthly programs
- Retreat committee plans and facilitates the retreat

Time Commitment for Leadership Team members:

- Meetings plus two hours prep/minutes review
- Attendance on non-scheduled months a plus

Advantages of the Leadership Team:

- Flexible schedule accommodates travel, work, family needs, internet challenges
- Backup and support for leaders
- Allows leaders time and energy to pursue issue areas
- Leaders can bring different leadership styles

Amy Davis and Karen Herr contributed areas to add to the proposal:

- Time allowed to handle communications and requests from the National and State level, other local Leagues, community members, and our League members – a “Go to” leader
- Who will be the “Voice to the Public?”
- League issues such as updating by-laws, regular message from the President, sharing opportunities for members to participate in broader events and advocacy

The Nominating Committee asked for Board approval for a trial year to develop the Leadership Team approach. The committee will add the items suggested by Amy and Karen. The plan will be evaluated and adjusted throughout the year and in June 2022.

Cheryl Williams moved with this plan for leadership: Dee Ann Kline seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board.

The Nominating Committee will conduct a candidate search for members who want to be part of this experiment. Any member of LWVMC is eligible, and we encourage members to contact Nominating Committee Members: Cindy Shotts, cindyshotts@hotmail.com; Lynda

Links, lyndalinks@msn.com; Bobbie Stady, wilstady@wavecable.com;
Lynn Busacca, lbusacca@gmail.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 by Amy D.

Recommended Reading List

“On Tyranny” by Timothy Snyder – Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century

“Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents” by Isabel Wilkerson

“How to be an Antiracist” by Ibram X Kendi (“The only way to undo racism is to identify and describe it – and then dismantle it”)

“Becoming a Democracy” by Kristin Eberhard (director of democracy at Sightline Institute) Three issues – Voting Rights Restoration, Citizen Initiative Review and Ranked Choice Voting.

Calendar

March 16 – LWVMC General Membership Meeting

March 25 – CCC Meeting – Dr. Thomas Ackerman

April 2 – LWVMC Executive Board Meeting

April 20 – LWVMC General Membership Meeting

April 22 – **EARTH DAY!** And CCC Meeting, Guest Speaker TBD

April 29 – People Powered Day of Action to shine a light on the redistricting program