

LWV OF MASON COUNTY BOARD: April 3, 2020, 12:30 to 2:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Welcome, Call to order

Cindy S. called the meeting to order at 12:30. Present via Zoom, were Jonnel F., Lynda L., Amy D., Dee Ann K., Pat C, Sherri D., Cheryl W., Lynn B., Bobbie S., Cindy S. and Polly H.

The Agenda was approved with no additions.

Pat C Moved to approve the minutes of the March Board Meeting and Cheryl W. seconded.

Treasurer's report: Pat C. reported that there are currently 52 members. The account has a balance of \$6,185.91 and current expenses are \$ 2,451.28

Priority agenda

1. Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee requested an extension and the board approved the request. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominated officers at the May 1st Board Meeting.

2. Voter Services:

Members are gathering information for events in Mason County where we may have our voter education booth. Dee Ann K. will create an online sign-up.

Bobbie S. is organizing volunteers to attend parent events at Mason Co. Elementary and Middle Schools to register voters.

Cindy S. reported she had received a request from Cynthia Stewart of Pierce Co. LWV to co-host a video forum for District 10 primary candidates for the US Congress. Amy D. said it was a good idea and would like more info in order to be of service. Lynda L. concurred, offered that our chapter could help form questions for the forum, help publicize and possibly contribute funds to cover the cost. Cindy S. will follow up and send more information to Board Members.

Fall Mason County Forum: Lynda L. has reserved two rooms at PUD in Shelton, Oct. 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm

3.Member Services:

Lynn B. expressed gratitude to all the Board members who reached out to current members by phone and email to express the League's support during our current Corona virus epidemic. Various Board Members reported positive responses from those calls. The Board agreed to reach out again in the coming weeks to encourage members to stay connected through the website.

4. Programs:

Amy D. reported the March speaker, Eric Johnson of WA State Association of Counties recorded his presentation on Mason Web TV and could be viewed by searching the archives on March 17, 2020. Amy D. will send the speaker's handouts to Board members and Lori B. to post on our website. Amy D. reported that the Program Committee would like to see Home Rule Charter on the November ballot.

Cindy S. proposed that our April Membership meeting be a Zoom meeting. Amy D. will ask Nan Henriksen and Norma Jean Parker, the scheduled speakers for the canceled March meeting, to do their presentation on the Zoom platform.

Cindy will look into doing a practice session with the two speakers and will open the April meeting 30 minutes early in order to help members get connected. Currently, we have reserved 11:30 to 1:30 with the state LWV for their Zoom account.

May 19:

Plan for ACES presentation:

"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.

This program has been postponed until September, 2020

June 2: Annual Meeting; Presentation of Mason County Women Leaders by the Centennial Committee

5. Book club:

Sherry D. reported:

The League's April 2020 (postponed until September 2020 due to corona virus epidemic) meeting topic is "Addressing the Effects of Childhood Adversity". In preparation for the presentation by our guest speaker, Gretchen Stewart, we read *The Deepest Well*, by Dr. Nadine Burke Harris. The book discussion was held online, using Zoom, on March 31, 2020 (12:30 – 2:00 PM).

All attendees were in favor of continuing the conversation. Amy Davis will contact Amelia S. (and perhaps Randy L.) about leading future discussions, and possibly forming a study group. Amy also mentioned the survey distributed by Rep. Dan Griffey which included a question about addressing the issue of mental illness; there was great interest expressed in understanding the root causes of this issue in Mason County.

6. Climate Change Committee:

Sherry D. reported:

The last formal "in person" meeting of the CCC was held at Shelton Timberland Library on March 3, 2020. Patti Case, Public Affairs Manager of Green Diamond Resource Company was the guest speaker. She gave a comprehensive report about the history of Green Diamond, the climate changes that are affecting the timber industry, and the regulatory challenges that are commensurate with operating in 8 states, including Washington, Oregon and California as well as in southeastern states in the U.S

Meetings that had been scheduled for March/April 2020 were cancelled due to the corona virus epidemic.

I will reconvene the CCC by the April 10, setting up a Zoom meeting with all members. We will need to strategize about accomplishing our work in the midst of ongoing uncertainty around the health crisis.

I plan to approach the local news agencies about running regular features/articles about environmental issues and climate changes pertaining to local issues.

7. Centennial Committee: Cindy S. reported the Historical Preservation grant was approved by County Commission.

Committee is working on 3 panels for our Women Leaders of Mason County display: Maggie Velasco, Xihn Dwelley, and Mary M. Knight. Goal is to have these 3 completed for the June 2 Annual Meeting.

Cindy S. will apply for an extension to the grant in order to work with Mason County Historical Museum which is currently closed.

8. Advocacy:

Amy D. stressed the importance of our League taking leadership in educating the public of the effect of the current pandemic on government. We can check out Gov. Inslee's programs and decide which ones to support and how best to do that.

Cindy S. reminded all to talk to the members they are contacting to read the National LWV newsletter, 'The Voter' and take the advised actions. Also, to refer members to our website for information and notices of upcoming events.

The Board agreed to work to keep our website relevant and a source of information. Dee Ann K. will contact Lori B. to offer assistance in keeping the website up to date.

9. LWVWA Council:

May 30-31, 2020; Yakima: Members interested in attending---Lynn B., Sherri W., Lynda L., Cindy S. We may register now on the LWVWA.org website. Invoices will be sent if the event goes forward. There would be an opportunity for virtual workshops.

Calendar

April 21: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Membership Meeting, Zoom

May 1 : 12:30-2:30 Board Meeting, Zoom

May 19: Membership Meeting, TBD

May 30-31: LWVWA Council, Yakima

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