

LWVMC Board of Directors' Meeting April 5, 2024 on Zoom

Present: Lynn B., Mark T., Lynda L., Peggy M., Amy D., Eileen P.

- I. Lynn called the meeting to order at 11:33 am. Members shared their most memorable volunteer experience.
- II. No additions to the agenda were added.
- III. The Minutes of the March 1, 2024 Board meeting were approved.

IV. Executive and Committee Reports

A. Leadership Team. Amy reported on the LWVWA Council June 1, 2, 2024, at South Puget Sound Community College Lacey campus, beginning June 1 at 10:00am. Cost is \$120 or \$75 for volunteers. There is some money in the Treasury to support members who cannot afford the registration fee. Amy is looking for a Squaxin Tribal member to deliver the opening and lunch speech. Mark suggested John Edward Smith may be interested in speaking on Native art. He also suggested Rick Endicott.

Lynn encouraged members to get ideas on the Newsletter to Liz.

B. Treasurer's Report. Lynn gave the report in the absence of Sandy M. The balance was \$6642.14 at the beginning of March. Lynn wrote two checks in March: \$161.24 to the Shopper for printing of the TRY brochures, and \$579 to Philadelphia Insurance Company for Board insurance. The new balance is \$5901.90. The CD will remain as it is for now.

Amy D. moved, Lynda L. seconded, and the motion passed to remove Pat Carpenter from the LWV of Mason County list of checking account signatures. Lynn Busacca and Sandy Miller will continue as approved check signers. Lynn and Sandy will inform OURCU of this change.

The Shopper accidentally reprinted the original incorrect TRY brochure, but since has corrected the error. We now have 300 correct TRY brochures that need folding and 300 that potentially could be corrected with labels. Lynn will look into the cost of ordering these labels. Lynn will also send the corrected electronic version to Peggy and Dee Ann for future communications and website update.

C. Member Services. Lynn reported that the next League 101 is delayed until summer. She noted that in previous years we recruited new members from attendance at the General Membership meetings. Good news: we had 5 non-members attend the March meeting, just like before pandemic.

D. Advocacy. Now that the Washington legislative session is over, Amy is turning her attention nationally. She recommends League members contact their Congressional representative to support the Ultra Millionaire Tax Act. Earth Day on April 22 is supported by environmental organizations such as Sierra Club. For local concerns, Mason Web TV reports the County Council meetings, next one being Tuesday, April 9. The courts also needs an interpreter to assist the Public Defender at \$75.

E. Programs. Amy turned discussion to Lynn who, along with Ellen Shortt-Sanchez, arranged the April 16 General Membership meeting on "Why College." Four speakers will present for 15 minutes each, and questions from the audience will be taken after their presentations. Amy will direct the questions and have some questions prepared in case.. The reasoning behind the meeting is the rate of students attending college in Shelton School District is 31%, while Olympia is 65%. Lynn will request

volunteers to call members about the meeting and also about volunteering at the LWVWA Council June 1, 2. Eileen will send a notice to Mason County School Retirees' Association members along with school superintendents and counselors.

Amy is working on the May 15 general membership meeting, perhaps the Mason County Auditor Steve Duenkel.

The June Annual Meeting may be at Olympic College since we can't meet at Harmony Hill. Paddy McGuire is available to speak if it is held June 25.

F. Climate Change Committee. Lynda reported League success in being invited to participate in County Planning Commission, April 15 at 6pm in the Commission chambers. A group is planning to attend.

Lynda suggested we all view the new PBS series "Brief History of the Future" presented by futurist Ari Wallach, at 9pm on Wednesdays. Amy also recommended the book "The Heat will Kill You First".

G. Communications. Peggy announced the problem we are encountering with Facebook. She cannot enter text posts, and only recently has been able to post a caption with a picture. Other Leagues have experienced the same problem. It is under investigation. We have 368 followers.

H. Voter Services. The committee will begin again April 29 on Zoom.

V. Ongoing and New Business

A. Committee Structure. Peggy presented a draft committee structure addressing a need to clarify how an ad-hoc committee can become a standing committee. The draft offers a third category of committee: Issue Committee. Chairs would be appointed by elected members of the Board. The Board agreed in the general direction, and Peggy and Lynn will continue to work on the draft.

B. Nominating Committee. Lynda has not found any new recruits to the Leadership team. Secretary and Treasurer are secured. A suggestion is to get more support to Amy, Lynn and Dee Ann, so they may delegate the responsibilities that make the positions burdensome. We could also decrease the number of programs per year to 6, with some meetings being activities. League 101 could be a meeting, along with postcard writing, TRY brochure folding. This discussion will continue at the Summer Retreat.

Before adjournment at 1:23 pm, we were invited to the Southside School District Choir on April 23 at 6 pm to be honored as heroes. Peggy is working on a member survey with the addition of one question on Social Media usage.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Perfrement
Secretary