

LWVMC Board Meeting February 3, 2023

Francesca Ritson called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. The agenda was approved. Eileen Perfrement is taking minutes.

Present: Dee Ann Kline, Peggy Morell, Francesca Ritson, Amy Davis, Lynda Links, Cindy Shotts, Eileen Perfrement

Minutes of Board Meeting January 6, 2023

The minutes were approved.

Leadership Team

Francesca Ritson noted the OWL is up and works well. So far Dee Ann Kline, Francesca Ritson are fully trained on the OWL technology and have used it at least once in a meeting. Thank you to those who came to the library in December for orientation and training: Pat Carpenter, Randy Lewis, Lynda Links, Cheryl Williams We are looking for more members to learn how to operate a hybrid meeting and become comfortable with the equipment. Send an email to Lwvmasoncountywa@gmail.com if interested. There is the broadband issue for our remote members who can't get internet access.

Dee Ann Kline joined the meeting late and wanted to remind the board about Lobby Week.

Secretary's Report

Eileen Perfrement reported a new secretary schedule created by Lynn Busacca based on her call for volunteers: February-Eileen, March Board-Eileen, March Membership-Polly Hankin, April- Linda Steffen, May-Nancy Snyder, June-Eileen

Treasurers Report

Pat Carpenter was unable to attend, and she submitted a report to Amy Davis to deliver. The checkbook balance is \$5624.09. We have 64 paid members. We paid \$220 for the 400 TRY brochures out of our ED Fund. Pat has been working on the update for the National Roster, due January 31, 2023.

We got seven member renewals from the reminder letters sent by Nancy McMahon and Pat.

Voter Services

Dee Ann Kline reported the goals the committee produced at the January 30, 2023, meeting. Candidate forums for School Board and city Council; Ports programs similar to the fire departments program; Voter registration increase by attending community events, such as continuing with the Allyn Days event; inviting Steve Duenkel, newly elected Auditor, to a special meeting in the spring after Washington Legislative session closes; undertaking a "Civics in the Window" project in local storefronts.

Eileen Perfrement gave a report on voter services in the schools. On January 13, 2023, she and Dorothy

Oetter presented voter registration in Civics and social studies classes of Mike Kohn and Mason Bryant at Choice High, and again at Cedar High to Luanne Bigbear and Jessica Dean's classes. Josh Camden, Civics teacher at Shelton High, is interested in a League presentation, but it has not been scheduled. TRY brochures were distributed to all high schools in Shelton: 22 to Choice, 22 to Cedar, and 60 to Shelton High. Caleb Sullivan, Civics teacher from North Mason High, requested 60 TRY brochures, and Michele from James Taylor, alternative high from North Mason, requested 15, along with a presentation. Todd Plaisance from Mary M. Knight has been contacted, but nothing arranged.

Advocacy

Amy Davis referred to the League weekly updates of Legislative bills and the ease of advocating for issues. She will send the link to all board members. The Journalism study is beginning February 7, 2023. Dee Ann Kline did bring up a discussion point from the Voter Services committee for post card parties for members to advocate for League issues when they cannot join Zoom meetings because of lack of internet connections.

Program Services

Amy Davis presented the programs scheduled and planned.

February 21, 2023 is Journalism Study: The Decline of Local News and its Impact on Democracy with guest speakers Dee Ann Finken and Dolores Irwin.

March 21, 2023 is Trauma: Connecting the Dots with guest speakers TBD, possible a retired RN from NAMI Board of Directors.

April 18, 2023 is a rescheduled Mason County Climate Justice Community Forests Project

April 22, 2023 hope for a nature hike to celebrate Earth Day

May 16, 2023, Shelton Tiny Village tour with Colleen Carmichael, Director of Quixote Village

June, 2023, Harmony Hill annual report, date and program TBD

Member Services

Lynn Busacca is out of town. No report beyond the seven membership renewal resulting from the invitation to return.

Climate Change

Lynda Links is working on a growth management program with Erica Marbet TBD.

The program dates in the past were on Thursday, usually the 4th one.

Francesca Ritson reported a program on February 23, 2023, with Dominick DellaSala. A forest floor or mushroom hike is also proposed for a future program.

Bylaws Committee

Lynn Busacca, Cheryl Williams, and Peggy Morell are updating the 2019 bylaws. Peggy reported on the process. She noted the purpose is to help an organization map out its purpose and the practical day

to day details of how it will go about its business. The bylaws will serve as the guideline of the organization in clear and simple language. They are going through bylaws article by article. Starting this month, they will be presenting updates to the general membership and the board for comments and review through mid-May with the goal of having final approval of 2023 bylaws by June 2 Board meeting. A timeline was shared. The May 5 Board meeting will receive the draft. Pat Carpenter is assisting with Treasurers section. The main purpose of the League is a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Centennial Committee

Cindy Shotts reported that Llyn De Danaan has been researching Joyce Cheeka to be added to the seven posters already prepared. The seven were introduced in the Open House at the Museum last spring, along with many families attending. Two sets of posters were prepared: a large one for display and a smaller one framed for use at events. Cindy is proposing a permanent home for the large posters at appropriate locations in the community with a ceremony. She is taking suggestions for logical places. The Board congratulated Cindy on her work over the years and wished her well in her pending move to Colorado.

Good of the Order

Action Coffee Time (ACT) is available Monday mornings to discuss the legislation coming up that week. It runs January 9 to April 24 for one hour. Dee Ann K. offered to send the information to the members to sign up. Registration is also available on our website and the state website.

League member Liz Ellis, also president of NOW, sent an email on the Menstrual Equity Bill.

The Journalism Study has three or 4 meetings scheduled. February 7 will kick off the study with Charlie Gay, former owner/editor of Mason County Journal, speaking from Paris. February 21 general meeting will be led by the study co-chairs Dolores Irwin and Dee Ann Finken, March 7 will be the consensus questions. March 14, if needed, would wrap up the study. The report is due March 31.

A Nominating Committee will need to be formed soon for next year's officers in time for the annual report at Harmony Hill in June.

Upcoming Events

Lobby week is February 6 to 10.

Decline of Local Journalism Study Group Feb 7, 10 am on Zoom

General Membership Meeting Feb 23, 11 am on Zoom

Climate Change Committee Program Feb 23, 11 am on Zoom

Voter Services Committee Meeting Feb 27, 10 am on Zoom]

LWVMC Board Meeting Friday March 3, 12:30 to 2:30 pm on Zoom

Dee Ann Kline adjourned the meeting at 2:04 pm,

