

LWVMC Board Meeting January 6, 2023

Lynn Busacca called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm.

Present: Lynn Busacca, Dee Ann Kline, Peggy Morell, Francesca Ritson, Pat Carpenter, Amy Davis, Cadine Ferguson-Brown, Lynda Links, Eileen Perfrement

Minutes of Board Meeting December 2, 2022

Amy Davis moved, Francesca Ritson seconded, the minutes were approved.

Lynn Busacca noted the date January 6 is the anniversary of an important event in the history of the United States. We need to be cautious of misinformation that may arise. Members shared their news sources.

Leadership Team

Lynn Busacca: The TRY brochure is updated and 200 will be printed. It will also be available on the Website.

Dee Ann Kline noted the OWL training update. We have the equipment. It needs to get connected to the software.

Francesca Ritson discussed the online survey sent to members. She received 26 responses to date, and she will collate all responses when more have come in. She noted so far members prefer a hybrid format for meetings, with those attending in person wear a face mask. She will forward program ideas to Amy Davis. Regarding letters to the editor, writers need to allow a week for the letters to get approval from the Leadership Team.

Treasurers Report

We have a balance of \$4665. We had 77 members last year, and 50 have renewed so far. The Roster of members is due to the national organization by January 31, 2023. We are encouraging members to renew by that time. 250 Voter cards were ordered and are available. Request what you need from Pat. Sandy Miller may take over as treasurer in the summer.

Shoreline Study

Lynda Links reported the study is completed. Nine consensus questions were developed following a lively discussion. Climate change is the biggest issue on shoreline impact. Several people found the study helpful in understanding the community.

Growth Management is the next possible study in Mason County, perhaps by the end of the year. It will involve increasing zoning density in cities and towns.

Journalism Study

Dee Ann Kline and Carolyn Maddox are leading the study. Charlie Gay, former owner of Mason

County Journal, will be one of the experts involved. The kickoff is January 21, 2023 by the State. Charlie Gay is scheduled for February 7, 2023. A report will be given at the February 21, 2023 LWVMC General Meeting. There will be two more meetings of the study group in March. The report is due March 31.

Voter Services

Dee Ann Kline reported the first meeting of the year is January 30, 2023. It was suggested to have Steve Duenkel speak at a future meeting. He is the newly elected County Auditor. The former Auditor, Karen Herr, suggested we may want to volunteer to curate ballots. The committee will discuss at the January 30 meeting.

Member Services

Lynn Busacca proposed mailing reminders with an addressed return envelope to encourage all current members to renew.

Program Services

January 17, 2023. The Shoreline Study results will be presented at the General Membership meeting January 17. The program January 17 is Climate Justice of Mason County on community forests. They will discuss the proposed purchase of lands in Grays Harbor for management by the Skokomish Tribe. The land is traditional Skokomish land.

February 21, 2023 is Journalism

March 21, 2023 is on Trauma. Local experts will be approached as speakers.

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 guidelines of the organization. The process began in December. The desired outcome is to support the growing local league and ensure clarity in how the league operates. Their resources are the National League bylaws template, Washington state league bylaws, Thurston County league bylaws, and the 2022 Washington Nonprofit handbook. 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 offered to work with the Treasurers section. Cadine also volunteered her review.

Climate Change

Lynda Links reported Lobby Week is February 6, 2023. Register on line for \$5. The WRAP act requires producers to develop recyclable packaging. The Legacy Forest hike postponed in the fall will be rescheduled in the spring. Some ideas for future speakers were discussed.

Advocacy

Amy Davis listed topics for May LWV-WA Convention.

- Laws and Practices for Reproductive Rights

- Services for Teens

- Housing

- School Visits to include Middle and Junior High Schools

- Police Reform and Mental Health

The legislative session begins January 9. 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 Kline offered to send the information to the members to sign up. Registration is also available on both our website and the state website.

Lobby Week is February 6 to 10. There will be an opportunity to meet with legislators.

There is an opportunity January 7 to learn how to testify at legislative sessions, available on the LWVWA website.

Observer Corps

Lynda Links reported that the commissioners are meeting in person, but no one is attending right now.

Lynn Busacca adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm,