

**LWV OF MASON COUNTY**  
**Membership Meeting, March 21, 2023 11:30-1:30**  
**Johnson Library, Olympic College, Shelton and on Zoom**  
**(First Hybrid meeting)**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Lynn B. Polly H. took minutes.

Introductions were made around the room and by Zoom attendees.

## **REPORTS**

### **Leadership Team**

Lynn B. invited members to attend the LWVWA Annual Convention in Pasco, WA May 4-7. Dee Ann K. noted that registration is \$260.00 but members can apply for a scholarship of \$130. (In addition, our Local League has \$800 in its budget for members to attend convention.) Wine tasting, fine dining and hiking are among available activities along with valuable sessions that help the League plan for the coming year.

### **Treasurer**

Pat C. reported that the chapter has 67 paid members and the current balance in the checking account is \$5,704.28. Packs of five Vote greeting cards with Carrie Chapman Catt on horseback are being sold for \$10.00.

### **Journalism Study**

Dee Ann K. reported that the committee had completed its consensus questions and sent them on to the state LWV to be included in the final report. The April LWVMC newsletter will have the complete report.

### **Voter Services**

The Voter Services Committee has four projects on-going. Dee Ann K. outlined them:

1. Civic Engagement- window displays, presentations, highlighting the League's book "The State We're In" with both the English and the Spanish edition featured.
2. Voter Registration Drives.
3. Voter Education- focus on the role of local school boards.
4. Candidate Forums.

Next meeting of the Voter Services Committee is March 27

### **Member Services**

Lynn B. announced the next 'League 101' will be held on April 29, late morning, at Lynn's home in Shelton. This event is for new members as well as any others wanting a refresher on how our League operates. [Lbusacca@gmail.com](mailto:Lbusacca@gmail.com) to register.

### **Programs**

Amy D. reported the following:

April program will be the Mason County Forest Alliance.

May program is a tour of the new Tiny Homes community, Quixote Village.

June is the Annual Meeting, held at Harmony Hill on June 6. Program TBD.

Next years programs are in the planning stages but will focus on civic engagement and school boards.

### **By-Laws Committee**

Peggy M. and Lynn B. are working to update our by-laws with a goal of having a draft ready by Fall of 2023. They have been looking at the State by-laws as well as Thurston Co. LWV as models. Judge Cadine Ferguson-Brown is providing valuable feedback on their work.

### **Climate Change Committee**

Lynda L. announced a presentation from Legacy Forest Defense Coalition and virtual tour of the tract of land that DNR is planning to have logged that is a Legacy Forest. (A Legacy Forest is one that was last logged before the introduction of mechanization.) The event will be held on April 6, 11:00 am on Zoom and in person at Timberlake Library Shelton.

### **Advocacy**

Amy D. reminded all to read and respond to the legislative newsletter that LWVWA sends out each week. Also, ACT- Action Coffee Time happens every Monday through April on Zoom at 10:00. Those interested in participating should contact Amy D. to get the link or go to our website for the link.

Cynthia Stewart from WA LWV will attend the next ACT session to discuss the State budget.

### **Centennial Committee**

Cindy S. reported that the newest poster, celebrating Joyce Cheeka, is complete and will be presented on May 9, 2:00 pm at the Squaxin Museum. Joyce's son Cecil Cheeka will attend.

### **Nominating Committee**

Lynn announced that one more member is needed on the Nominating Committee. Currently, Amy D., Lynda L., and Dorothy Oetter have agreed to serve.

### **Today's Program:**

Trauma and Resilience, presented by NAMI of Thurston and Mason Counties

Lynn B. adjourned the meeting at 1:35 pm