

League of Women Voters of Mason County General Membership Meeting (ZOOM)
May 17, 2022 – 11:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 pm by Nancy Snyder
Twenty- three people were in attendance.

Minutes were taken by Linda S.

The minutes from the March 15, 2022 Membership Meeting were moved by Eileen P., seconded by Pat C., and approved/submitted.

LEADERSHIP TEAM - Dee Ann K., Cheryl W., Nancy S., and Lynn B.

Nancy S. – In the May 5th Shelton-Mason County Journal, the editor Justin Johnson criticized the LWVMC for having Sandra Kaiser as a guest speaker on Climate Change at the CCC Committee Meeting, because she is currently running for office. The Leadership Team responded in the May 12th edition with a letter explaining the situation, and personally reached out to Justin by inviting him to today’s program by Stephen Kropp – “Saving Legacy Forests”. We are moving on, and brainstorming ways on how to work with the paper in the future.

Dee Ann – We are thinking of ways to work with them on Speed Dating, and how the voting system works. We are struggling to come up with a policy regarding speakers and candidacy.

Four people have signed up for the **LWVWA Council** –Amy D., Lynn B., Lynda L, and Dee Ann K. There will be a table with a Centennial display. Each League can do a silent auction. We are making up hiking baskets, and contributions such as used hiking books and other recycled hiking items will be put in the baskets. She will coordinate with Lynn for a drop-off site.

Cheryl W. – She is putting a draft together for the Annual Report and asked that information for it be sent to her.

Lynn B. – There was a request from a Service Club for the LWVMC to speak. The Leadership Team will look at that possibility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer – Pat C.

The bank statement shows \$6,299.79, with \$1,070 in a CD. We received a \$300 donation from a supporter for our educational fund. National dues will be paid this summer. Wait until Fall to pay dues.

Climate Change – Sherri D.

The May 26 CCC meeting time changed to 1:00. Speaker will talk about ways to reduce our carbon footprint.

Member Services – Lynn B.

Next League 101 may be this summer for new members.

Voter Services – Dee Ann K.

Will try to meet once a month for Speed Dating. We will need a lot of help. Cheryl and Dee Ann will meet with members about what is working well for Speed Dating. Karen is checking on how to register voters.

Three notifications will be sent out to candidates about the forum – telephone call, e-mail, and a paper invite. Nancy S. and Lynda L. will get together and outline guidelines. They will put together a list of candidates. Amy suggested that an e-mail be sent out to members asking for questions for each candidate who has filed, sending the committee relevant questions. The program will be on October 13, 2022, starting at 6:30 at the Civic Center. There will be between 6-10 tables depending on the size of the audience. Candidates will rotate from table to table answering questions from citizens and the League moderator at each table as necessary. ***We will need lots of volunteers.***

Program – Amy D. and Lynda L.

The program for the Annual Meeting at Harmony Hill on June 7 will be about the ramifications of women's reproductive health. Representatives from NOW and Planned Parenthood will be there. Liz Ellis is coordinating with them.

Advocacy – Amy D.

Kitsap Webinar was held from 7-8 pm on May 17 with Senator Rolfes about who is on the budget committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Spell-E-Bration LWV Team – Cheryl Williams, AB Gammons, and Connie Simpson will be the defending champions!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lynn Busacca, Cheryl Williams, Dee Ann Kline, and Francesca Ritson will be the new **Leadership Team.**

Pat Carpenter will be **Treasurer.**

Eileen Perfremont will be a **secretary. Two more volunteers are needed!** Minutes will be streamlined: what is being discussed, decisions made, actions taken.

Video Contest for High School students: designed to get high school students involved in voting. 6/23 is the registration deadline.

PROGRAM

“Saving Legacy Forests” – Stephen Kropp, Executive Director for Responsible Forestry

He talked about Legacy Forests that are at risk of clearcutting on DNR lands. Legacy Forests are areas in forests that have large trees over 120', generated prior to WW II, and are the closest thing we have to old growth. With a background in forestry, engineering and wild fish habitat he expressed concern over the harvesting of trees within these forests containing a wide variety of plant and wildlife species. He noted that forests harvested prior to WW II and allowed to grow back without the use of herbicides contain many of the plants and animals necessary to sustain a healthy forest.

Upcoming Events

May 26 -Climate Change Committee Meeting - 1:00

June 7 – Annual Meeting at Harmony Hill; 11:30 – 1:30. NOW and Planned Parenthood speakers.
(Hopefully, an in-person meeting)

June 10 – 12 – LWV Council – Delta Hotel in Everett, WA. “Reconnect, Restore, Renew”

June 17 – Sound Learning Spell-E-Bration – 5:00 Civic Center

October 13 – Speed Dating Forum – 6:30 Civic Center