

LWVMC Board of Director's Meeting May 3, 2024, 11:30 am, Zoom.

Present: Dee Ann K., Sandy M., Lynda L., Peggy M., Amy D., Eileen P.

1. Dee Ann called the meeting to order at 11:35 am
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes of the April 5, 2024, Board meeting were approved.

4. Executive and Committee Reports

A. Leadership Team. Amy reported LWVWA Council May 31 to June 2, 2024, registration is ongoing. The Early Bird ends May 5. Volunteers are being solicited by email. Amy listed the sessions as reported previously, including a session on the initiatives appearing on the November 2024, ballot. Dee Ann reported she and Eileen are registered as virtual delegates for the LWV National Convention.

B. Treasurer's Report. Sandy reported \$6480 balance, with \$3600 designated for LWVUS dues, so we have \$2800 available to spend. The one-year CD is valued at \$1100. The Education Fund contains \$5400, with a \$1000 donation in March 2024.

C. Advocacy. Amy reported on the Council advocates for the Voting Rights Act. Post card writing to encourage unlikely voters to vote was discussed. The post cards can be written at home or in a group setting. Bulk mailing is \$.35 per card, which can come out of the Education Fund.

D. Programs. Amy reported the May 21, 2024, General Membership meeting, will be held at Olympic College library at 11:30 am. Cynthia Stewart will be joining virtually from 12:00 to 12:30 to explain the three initiatives that will be voted on in the November 2024, ballot. Steve Duenkel, Mason County Auditor, will speak and answer questions in person from 12:30 to 1:30.

Lynda is accumulating questions to send to him in preparation for the meeting. Other questions From the floor will also be encouraged.

A location for the June 27, 2024, Annual meeting is being explored. Lynda will check on Fire District 4 Hall on Arcadia. The committee reports are due prior to the meeting.

E. Climate Change Committee. Lynda reported the League has a seat on the Climate Plan Advisory Committee to the County Commissioners. LWVMC members have attended the meetings of the County Planning Commission. They have been speaking as citizens, and need to keep showing up to the meetings to make sure the Commissioners understand the importance of climate change.

F. Communications. Peggy reported 373 followers on Facebook. The April 16, 2024, general membership meeting on college programs post generated 500 hits. Gordon Weeks, reporter from the Mason County Journal, took pictures and wrote an article in the Journal. He will be invited to the May 21 meeting as well. Peggy will post one-page briefs on issues important to the League in a non-partisan, factual, neutral way, stating consequences of the pros and cons. She never says "The League of Mason County supports ..." There was discussion on how the League takes positions on issues. The State Board decides. The "Issues and Impacts" book was referenced.

G. Voter Services. Dee Ann reported on the first Voter Services meeting of the year on April 29, 2024. Engaging voters will be the focus. Lynda will be looking for a speed dating venue for the October 15 event. The Civic Center costs \$300, while the PUD 3 auditorium is free. Eileen is arranging visits to all 6 high schools in Mason County. Dorothy O. and Karen R will accompany her. She will deliver the TRY brochures and distribute buttons and stickers to the students. Cedar High students will be invited to the May 21 General membership meeting as it is the same time as their class and on their campus. Eileen will also work with the Allyn Days organizers to get a free booth. A presentation of Women of the Salish Sea is May 16 at

the

Washington Center for Performing Arts in Olympia. Monica Gusman, introduced by Denny Heck is May 22 at the Washington Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are available online.

5. Ongoing and New Business.

A. Committee Structure. Peggy presented a draft structure document. She used various League documents, including National, as models. It will be considered over the summer.

B. Nominating Committee. Lynda has completed her search. No new volunteers for leadership have emerged. Sandy is still standing for Treasurer, and Eileen for Secretary. The vote will be held at the annual meeting June 27.

Lynda asked leadership to come up with a list of tasks to delegate. Amy pointed out that arranging programs can be overwhelming, and it was suggested to hold fewer general membership meetings with programs.

Before adjournment, the Board decided to hold the June Board meeting at Sandy's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Perfremment
Secretary