

LWV OF MASON COUNTY BOARD: Nov. 1, 2019, 12:30 to 2:30 PM
SHELTON TIMBERLAND LIBRARY
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 by Cindy S. Present at the meeting: Cindy S, Jonnell F., Nancy M, Constance C., Lynn B., Karen H, Amy D., Bobbie S, Polly H, Cheryl W

Cindy S. added an item to the agenda and the agenda was approved. October board minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report

Cindy S. reported for Pat C. who was not present. The current balance in the checking account is \$4,306.77. A reminder to pay outstanding dues and to remind others was made by Nancy M.

1. Centennial Committee: Feb. 14 event will be at the Magnolia Rm from 5-7pm. The informal event will include a short awards ceremony. Invitations to LWVMC members and local elected officials will go out with RSVP. Donations to help offset the cost will be requested. There will also be a book exchange with a request for donations for books. A subcommittee will be formed to decide who should be honored at the ceremony.

The committee is working on researching NW women leaders of the Suffrage Movement in order to complete short essays of 700 words or less that will be printed in the Mason County Journal each month beginning in January 2020. The committee hopes to have the essays ready for publication ahead of time. Volunteers are needed for research and writing. There will be an emphasis on diversity of the women selected to be profiled.

Décor for the event will include posters, pictures and banners that can be used for other events in the future. Cindy S. proposed that Linda Woytowich be hired for 2 hours at \$75.00 per hour to help design and supervise the banners and posters. Bobbie S moved to contract with Linda Woytowich and Amy D seconded. The motion was approved.

Connie S is working on a calendar with quotes from women. She will look into the cost and the Centennial Committee will decide if it is a viable fund raising scheme.

The next meeting of the Centennial Committee is November 12th, 1-3 p.m. at the Shelton Library.

2. Climate Change Committee:

The committee met on Friday, Nov. 1st from 11:00-12:30 p.m. at the Shelton Library. 12 members attended the first meeting of the committee. Members shared their concerns and goals. Nancy provided many printed resources. Suggested areas for focus: climate science in the classroom; the County Climate Coalition Campaign; building voter and consumer awareness and action.

Nancy M resigned as chair. Next meeting is Nov. 22nd from 12:30-2:00, Shelton Library

3. Member Services:

Lynn B reported on what she had learned from the survey she had done regarding mentoring of new members. Mixed feelings from the new members on mentoring but it does seem that those who received active mentoring had become more active in the chapter. Jonnell F suggested offering a mentor to new members by phone call and be okay that some will say yes, some no. Cindy S suggested that cohorts of new members could be identified and offered mentorship by the same member. Amy D. suggested more direct

email communication and asking new members to serve on a committee. Lynn B proposed that Bobbie S. reach out to new members from Allyn , Bobbie S agreed.

Also noted that the membership is growing.

4. Program:

November 19: Speaker: Donna Albert, Climate Reality Project

Nancy passed out postcards for members to share with friends, family and neighbors. The program will include a presentation from 12-1:00 p.m. and questions from 1:00-1:30pm

December 17 Field Trip: Squaxin Museum Tour and speaker—
Amy D. to check on time and who the speaker will be.

January 21: Democracy Lobby Day in Olympia, with Fix Democracy First. This will take the place of our general meeting. Let's recruit members early and hope for good weather.

Program runs from 9-3 p.m. , sponsored by LWVWA. Legislators will address the group and then attendees will meet with legislators in their offices in small groups.

February – Our Centennial Celebration ---Feb. 14
See notes under Item 1, Centennial Committee.

Spring Programs – In development---Public Health Officer, Daniel Stein to speak on environmental justice, ACE's

Amy D. and Karen to look into finding a speaker on Home Rule Charters. The City of Shelton has gone to that system with good success. Could the County also be improved?

Amy D. to check with Harmony Hill to set date for June meeting.

Book Discussions –

Should the book discussions occur outside of regular meetings? Topics to look into included: income inequality, U.S. immigration policy, communications with others with differing perspectives, intervention in the elections.

Polly H. will research titles for each subject and provide a list to the Board. The list could be included in the newsletter.

5. Post card project:8 members sent 57 cards in October on voting rights, gun control, thank yous for sponsoring legislation

Next meeting is Nov. 14, 11 AM Postcards and Coffee.

Amy D. to provide information to Connie S. on subjects and who to write to.

6: AV Training: Nov. 2, 10 AM to 4 PM, Thurston Community College, Olympia----
Cindy S. Dee Ann K and Linda W. to attend

7. Action Workshop: Sat. Nov. 9; 9 AM to 3 PM, South Puget Sound Community College, Lacey Campus; 4220 6th Avenue SE, Lacey, WA

Focus will be on the coming election, the census and redistricting, health care, fair and equitable taxation. Register on line, LWVWA. \$30.00 fee includes lunch.

8. Program Planning

Cindy S. proposed that we partner with Thurston Co. to learn their process. We would not necessarily adopt the same programs, just learn a process. Our programs need to be tailored to Mason Co. needs and issues. Cindy S. will look into when their planning event is scheduled. has checked with the WA State Chapter and they are okay with this.

Lynn B. suggested we learn more about the Kitsap Co. chapter and their process. Based on reports, they have an excellent process. Lynn B. will look into the possibility of meeting with them.

Calendar

- Nov. 1: 11:00 AM to 12:15; Committee meeting,
1: 12:30 to 2:30 PM; Board meeting
2: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, AV training, Thurston Community College, Olympia
9: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Action Workshop, South Puget Sound Community College
12: 1:00PM to 3:00 PM, Centennial Committee, Shelton Library
14: 11:00 AM, Postcards and Coffee, Craft Pie and Art Bar, 118 S 3rd St, Shelton
19: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM; LWVMC Membership meeting, Olympic College, Shelton
22: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM; Climate Change Committee, Shelton Library
- Dec. 6: 12:30 to 2:30 PM, Board meeting
12: 11:00 AM, Postcards and Coffee, Craft Pie and Art Bar, 118 S. 3rd. St., Shelton
19: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Membership meeting, Olympic College, Shelton
- Jan. 3: 11:00 AM, Committee meeting
3: 12:30 to 2:30 PM, Board Meeting
21: LWVMC Membership/Lobby Day, Olympia