

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASON COUNTY**  
**ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2020, 12:30-2:30**  
**MINUTES**

**Attending:** Cheryl Williams, Lynda Links, Lynn Busacca, Amy Davis, Sheri Dysart, Jonnel Anderson, Carole Butkus, Bobbie Stady, Kathy Brooks, Randal Lewis, Linda Steffen, Sandy Miller

Welcome and Approval of September 4 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**Treasurer's Report**

We currently have \$5430.05 in our account. Donations in the amount of \$906 by local non-league members were made to enable us to place ads in the Shelton Journal. These ads will mainly focus on encouraging people to vote and inform them of where Ballot Boxes are. Those people who submitted donations for newspaper ads and want them to be tax-deductible need to indicate so by writing checks to the Education Fund @ Washington State. Payment of annual dues was discussed, and it was pointed out that although they are usually due by October 1, there is a lot of leeway. People also pay them on the month they joined the League. It should be mentioned at the next General Membership meeting that dues are not tax-deductible.

**Voter Services**

National Voter Education Day is on 10/24. It was suggested that we could have signs reminding people to vote, Bobbie mentioned that at the Farmer's Market on 10/10 we only have two people who are working, and that more people are needed.

**Membership Report**

The goal of the membership co-chair (Lynn Busacca) is to oversee the recruitment, involvement and retention of members; her goal is to make this a very satisfying and effective experience for members through:

1. Outreach to potential members, reflecting the diversity within our county
2. Orientation to what the League is all about
3. Engagement in meaningful activities
4. Support and connection with all our members

Currently we have 57 members, with great participation.

- Voter Services has 20 members involved, with 30 people participating in the postcard project
- 20 are on the Climate Committee
- 10 have worked hard on the Centennial projects
- and others are involved in individual voter education and advocacy

Dues' Renewals: Nancy has redesigned the renewal form and will send to all members. At this time, only checks are accepted, but after the election we should have a Pay Pal option.

New Members: Lynn will ask Amy and Karen to welcome new members, then she will contact each about a good time to hold a virtual League 101. Cheryl offered to help Lynn create a good new member orientation Power Point, based on one used by the LVA-WA.

Members who haven't been involved or attended meetings will be contacted by board members. We will update each person on league activities, see what barriers exist to meeting attendance and urge renewal. Zoom may make it more difficult for members to attend meetings. Lynn will send a letter to former members who didn't renew last year. The Board agreed that strategically we should approach these potential renewals now, before the election, while interest in voting rights and our voter education efforts is so high.

### **Programs**

October 20: (Meeting time changed to 1:30 - 3:30 to accommodate speakers) Be Vote Ready - MC Auditor, Paddy McGuire and Secretary of State Kim Wyman

November 17 - Racial justice - speakers TBA

12/15 - Centennial Committee presentation - three more notable Women Leaders of Mason County

### **Climate Change Committee**

The Town Hall Forum on Climate Change has been tentatively scheduled for October 22 beginning at 6:30. It will include all four candidates who are running for office, or will not take place. It is tentative because not all four candidates have committed at this time to participate in the Forum. Two of the candidates have committed, one is unsure, and the other has not responded. League guidelines are that we can't hold a Forum unless opposition candidates participate. The possibility of drafting a Letter to the Editor on Monday for the Thursday paper was raised. Questions would be submitted ahead, and the whole county could participate and watch on Web-TV. Joel Meyers has offered to be the moderator. We could have Tim Sheldon at a Town Hall because he is not running for office and could discuss upcoming legislative issues. University of Washington climate experts could also talk about climate issues specific to Mason County; the shellfish industry and local economy.

### **Advocacy**

Courses on how we lobby our legislators are available through State Webinars. Legislative sessions will be on-line virtually this year.

### **Calendar**

October 20 - LWVMC Membership Meeting (start time 1:30)

**November 3 - Election Day**

November 6 - Executive Board Meeting  
November 17 - LWVMC membership Meeting  
December 4 - Executive Board Meeting  
December 15 - LWVMC membership Meeting