

League of Women Voters of Mason County
Executive Board Meeting – (ZOOM)
1 October 2021; 12:30 - 2:30
MINUTES

Attendees → Cheryl W (Meeting Chair) / Lynn B / Linda L / Jonel A / Cindy S / Sherri D / Amy D / Nancy M / Linda W / Pat C / Randy L

1.0 Call to Order

Cheryl W called the meeting to order @12:30 pm

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Agenda add requested by Sherri D

Item 6.2 -> *'Potential Coverage of meetings by MasonWebTV'*

Correction to item 5.6.1 requested by Sherri

Jonnel A motion to approve agenda / Cindy S Second

Unanimous vote approval of agenda

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Pat C motion to approve 21 Sep general meeting minutes / Lynn B Second

Unanimous vote approval of minutes

4.0 Question of the Day

Cheryl W - "What freaked you out but turned out ok?"

Cindy S - Speakers take up to three times allotted times

Linda L – Sometimes speaker doesn't show

Lynn B – Accident but turned into the best thing for her and Bill

Amy D – Glad to be here

Randy L – Taking minutes

5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 Leadership Team

5.1.1 *Shelton-Mason County Chamber membership – possible vote*

Cost of annual membership = \$249 per year

Sherri D – Objected to LWVMC Chamber membership

Supreme Court Justice Powell wrote paper 50 years ago

Subsequent to the meeting Sherri emailed link to article about paper

'Powell urged corporate leaders to collectively bend government, the

courts, the media, and academia to the will of corporations.”

Amy D – Should not join if Chamber values conflict with LWVMC

Chamber non-partisan? What about North Mason Chamber?

Jonnel A – Do Chamber values conflict with mission statement?

Randy L – Described Chamber benefits to members

Can promote LWVMC at the Chamber but not personal candidacy for public office unless individual membership has been purchased

Lynn B and others – Not in favor of joining Chamber

Linda W – More research needed

Cheryl W – Will research Chamber and report back

5.2 **Treasurer**

Pat C (LWVMC Treasurer) – To Date 18 members have paid dues
\$4,381.04 in LWVMC account

Procured debit card which has been useful

Lori Bickford will serve as Backup Treasurer

Attended quarterly State League Treasurer’s meeting

\$440 in Education Fund – LWVMC money but resides in a State account

Used for items such as TRY brochures

Should LWVMC pay for storage?

Currently LWVMC materials are all over such as at Cindy S’s garage

Cindy S – Has ‘tubs’ of voter services materials - canopy

Sherril D - LWVMC materials s/b stored in a central place

Linda W – Needs to be a safe place

Pat C – How much space do we need? Cindy S – Cubic feet?

Jonnel A – Commercial storage is very expensive

Randy L - \$60 per month for an organization he belongs to

Amy D – Reach out to membership – perhaps someone has space to donate

Lynn B – Send inventory to Cheryl – opportunity to cull materials

5.2.1 *zoom membership as LWVMC – possible vote*

Pat C - Paid zoom account = \$163 including tax (Base = \$149)

5.3 **Voter Services**

Cindy S - “Be a voter” around the county

Thurston county printed and shared flyers with us

Expense come out of education fund?

Amy D – last year members waved “vote early” signs Oct 13 & Nov 7

Farmers market Oct 23 & Oct 30

4 signs \$71.81 bill including formatting cost (Base = \$16.50 each)

Bill B picked up

“Vote Safe” signs – membership can change signs

Cindy S – fun to wave signs

5.4 **Member Services**

5.4.1 *Importance of Letters to Editor*

Cindy S – two letters to the Journal

First general – second more specific

Optimum time is right after voters get ballots

Draft to Cheryl – first letter to Journal Oct 11

Important to vote for “down-ballot” offices Fire/schools/PUD etc

Nancy M – letter from leadership team – Sherri -> good idea

Linda S – urge more involvement

Register Signs? Could be risky

5.5 **Program**

Oct 19 – Nancy Snyder – climate crisis

Follow up to meeting with Chet Hanson

Nov 16 – William Baynor – Mason County Emergency Management

New curriculum

Dec – Normally will have a field trip – problematic this year due to covid

Jan – Katrinka H – fire districts have emergency preparedness kits

Policing bias – local law enforcement

5.6 **Climate Change Committee**

See Sherri D’s report at end of minutes

5.6.1 *Disaster Preparedness Program Project*

Amy D – related to climate change

Sherri D – Up to programs committee

5.7 **Advocacy**

Linda L – Land for County Jail decided - but no design yet for building

Amy D – \$18 million COVID grant money to County potential funding for jail

Emergency management – Ross McDowell, Will Bayment

Linda L – New water district – consolidate districts 7 and 1

Action alerts to go to Nancy M

One document to disseminate information

Message from WA State league President in “the Voter”

Urge people to provide input to legislators

Upcoming legislation

Action workshops Dec 4 to Dec 11

Lobby Days sb “Lobby Week”

5.8 Observer Corps

Sherri D – How to testify to County Commission

Allison McCaffry – legislative redistricting maps

6.0 New Business

Cindy S – Centennial Committee – 7 signs for 7 MC women leaders

Including Xihn Dwelly – “news” tab on web site

Dee Ann cooked a lunch with Xihn’s cookbook

6.1 *Rights for Centennial Book – possible vote*

Linda W to create children’s graphic book based on LWVMC research
“Sawamish Game Changers”

Would like blessing of League – part of the proceeds to go to LWVMC

Cindy S motion Nancy M second – “The Board of the LWVMC supports Linda Woytowich in her publication of a graphic novel using research by the LWVMC Centennial Committee”

Unanimous “yes” vote on motion by Board

Idea from Linda’s 6 year old granddaughter

Linda W contact families of women

Copyright issues? Copyright vs trademark

Linda W research indicates no formal legal documents needed from LWVMC

Linda W – “Sawamish” is the name of the Salish sea

Randy L – “Sawamish” is the anglicized Squaxin tribe word describing themselves – it means “People of the Water”

Sawamish was the original name of the County, until changed to “Mason”

Randy has promoted reverting the County name back to original “Sawamish”

Is hoping the LWVMC will promote the concept

Linda W very interested in a name change – Randy will send her materials

6.2 *Potential Coverage of meetings by MasonWebTV*

Sherri D – Dedrick Allan will set up cameras no cost

People can see meetings via zoom – but tv streaming better

MasonWebTV might not cover all meetings due to conflicts

For example, Mason County has signed a contract to cover all meeting

Cindy S – Can we make zoom better?

Sherri D – Dedrick willing to coach us

No money involved thus no vote

7.0 Upcoming Events

Cheryl W – Upcoming candidate forums?

Sherri D – October Climate Change Committee meetings

October 7th 11 am– CCC planning and strategy meeting

October 28th – CCC membership meeting

7.1 LWV General Meeting Tuesday, October 19, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM zoom

7.2 LWV Board Meeting Friday, November 5, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

8.0 Adjournment – Cheryl W adjourned meeting at 2:30 PM

“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.” L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

From 5.6; LWVMC Climate Change Committee

Report to Board of Directors by Sherri Dysart

Oct 1, 2021

CCC Regular Meetings

Sept 23, 2021 @ 11:00 AM: Welcome Back, Welcome In/ Nancy Snyder presentation (Climate Reality training)

October 7, 2021 @ 11:00 AM: Planning/Strategy

October 28, 2021 @ 11:00 AM: Topic/Speaker TBD – MasonWebTV?

Suggestions for future meetings

- Ask for input at 10/7 meeting
- Skokomish Tribe Natural Resources Dept

Focus of CCC

Discuss program/advocacy steps at the 10/7 meeting:

- Do we need to reassess our mission?
- Should we identify climate goals for Mason County?
- Should we advocate for climate change resiliency assessment (e.g. Kitsap County)?

Projects/Actions

- Advocate for responsible building in public buildings (e.g. new jail)

- Investigate water quantity/quality issues (status of Hirst decision)

Raise Awareness

Letters to the Editor and/or Op-Ed articles

- SMCJ – Nancy Snyder and Carolyn Maddux will collaborate on a “guest editor” article regarding Nancy’s odyssey to doing Climate Reality training
- Arrange for more presentations of Nancy’s Climate Reality slideshow
- SMCJ – Continue to ask for coverage by The Journal
- The Olympian; Kitsap Sun
- Regular Guest Editor columns / LTE / Press Release articles covering the LWVMC meetings
- MasonWebTV
- Interviews on KMAS

Outreach/Collaboration

LWVWA:

Collaborating with Marty Gibbons to organize a webinar “Science and Policy Decisions”; objective is to show how science should be used more carefully and effectively to craft public policy.

Washington Can’t Wait:

I’m following the WCW (Futuerwise) campaign:

- Pass HB1099 to ensure Washington cities and counties are planning for climate-resilient communities while reducing our contributions to the climate crisis.
- Fully fund HB1220 to ensure that the state legislature does not short-change housing equity and that we are doing everything we can to address race and income-based housing discrimination.
- Close the GMA’s ‘vesting loophole’ to protect farmland, forests, and critical habitats from unnecessary sprawl by passing SB5042.

Mason County Planning Manager (Kell Rowen):

No updates.

Kitsap Environmental Coalition/LWV-Kitsap County:

I am strengthening my connection with Kitsap County organizations.

Education:

I have established a connection with Miriam Bertram, Assistant Director of the UW Program on Climate Change (continuing collaboration). TO DO: Discuss the effectiveness of the UW programs with Deena Alley, and ask about programming for the upcoming school year.

Forestry:

I have been nominated to become a member of the LWVWA Lobby Team, as Issue Chair-Forests. If my application is accepted by the LWVWA Board, I would be one of the volunteer lobbyists, joining Marty Gibbins and Raelene Gold who I have been interacting with frequently over the past year. Raelene would continue as Issue Chair-Rivers and Water. I would need step out of the Climate Change Committee “chair” position for Jan – March 2022, but want to continue membership in the Committee.

I have been invited to join the Board of the Center for Responsible Forestry.

I am attending the DNR Board of Natural Resources meetings which are held the 1st Tuesday of each month (except for August) at 9:00 AM. The BNR sets policies to guide how the WA State Department of Natural Resources manages our state’s lands and resources.

I am attending the Olympic Climate Action (OCA) meetings (OCA is a chapter of 350Seattle). OCA has a Forestry Management committee, which has been dormant for many months. I am helping revive/refocus the committee. The focus is HB 2528 (2020), and its ramifications in current legislation.

PNW Forest Climate Alliance – WA Forestry Working Group

I’ve established a Working Group to advance an Ecological Preserve proposal, applicable to WA State trust lands (proposal crafted by former land commissioners Peter Goldmark and Jennifer Belcher). Met with staff member of Pramila Jayapal on 9/24 to discuss possible Federal funding.

I’ve joined (as an individual) the PNW Forest Climate Alliance organization, and their Wildfire Working Group.

I’ve joined the LWVUS Wildfire group (most of the members are from CA).

I’m maintaining contact with Mason County Climate Justice (they have formed the Lorax Coalition).