

**LWV of MASON COUNTY**  
**September 4, 2020 Board Meeting**  
**ZOOM**

Present: Lynn Busacca, Dee Ann Kline, Amy Davis, Karen Herr, Pat Carpenter, Lynda Links, Linda Steffen, Sherri Dysart, Carol Butkus, Cindy Shotts, Cheryl Williams. Polly Hankin, Jonnel Anderson, Harstine Hawkins, Bobbieie Stady, Esther Rowland

A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 7, 2020 Board/Retreat Zoom Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report: Pat Carpenter said there is a beginning balance of \$3,708.55. The Budget was approved for the 2020/21 fiscal year.

Cindy mentioned that in addition to the budget already in place for the Centennial Project more time and money is being spent on the project. The original grant was for \$500 and they are now up to \$1800.

Secretaries' Schedule: the Schedule for 2020/21 was sent to the Board and is on file.

**Voter Services:** LWVMC will be contacting approximately 5,000 voters in Mason County. In the age of Covid-19 it is difficult to vote, and ways were discussed on how to meet this challenge. Members from Voter Services are encouraging people to vote by asking volunteers to send out postcards to targeted Mason County voters. By sending postcards to young voters, first-time voters and infrequent voters, volunteers can reach many people. Information on the postcards will encourage and enable new/young voters by addressing pertinent questions such as whether they know where their Ballot Box is located, that their ballot can be mailed, the importance of voting early, and that Their Vote is Their Voice.

Personal messages will be written by volunteers on each hand-addressed postcard. Ideally, each volunteer will address 120 postcards, and can also ask friends and neighbors to help. An anonymous donor contributed \$1500 for postage, volunteers can also provide their own postage.

For National Voter Registration Day Voter Services will be contacting local media regarding voter registration places and events. On September 19th there will be a drive-through registration station at Pioneer School. They are thinking that Kneeland Park would be a good place for a booth on September 22nd. Hoodspout, Belfair and Shelton libraries took voter registration forms and put those forms with some other material they are sending out. All post offices said "no". The possibility of Farmers' Markets will be discussed at an upcoming Zoom meeting.

**Member Services:** In the age of Covid, ways to recruit and engage new members and how to reconnect with non-participating current members were discussed. Zoom

meetings create difficulty for non-members to attend. It was suggested that we provide a Zoom link that is posted through local social media and Facebook informing the general public of upcoming LWVMC meetings. Screensharing what some other organizations are doing showed that most websites offer a PayPal option for payment of dues. Currently, the LWVMC dues are \$60 without a PayPal option. Adding PayPal and charging a \$5 fee cannot be made until after the November election, at which time the option will be revisited. A motion was made and seconded that we add a "Jean Moore" category of \$120.

### **Guest Speakers:**

October 20th Paddy McGuire and Kim Wyman will speak on the importance of voting early, voting safely, and the upcoming election.

November 17th will address race -speaker TBD.

December 15th the Centennial Committee will present three more notable women leaders from Mason County.

Personalized thank-you notes to speakers will be written by the secretary who took notes at the meeting. Relevant information regarding the speakers such as their title and mailing address will be provided to the secretary.

**Climate Change Committee:** The possibility of doing a Town Hall Candidate Forum focusing on climate change was discussed. The LWVMC has partnered with Mason Web-TV in the past, and they might be open to the idea of our submitting questions to them that could be put on their website. Sherri Dysart offered to check with Ben Jones to see if he would craft some questions. Dee Ann will check with the Chamber of Commerce to see if they would be amenable to the idea.

The CCC agreed to having two meetings a month. The first will focus on planning/strategy, while the second will focus on education/guest speakers. Co-hosts for each meeting will be identified. The CCC will identify Action Alerts to broadcast to the entire LWVMC. They will attempt to reach out to youth about the impact of climate change.

Young people are most concerned about social injustice and climate change issues. Lynda Links will contact the local Sunrise Movement about presenting to the CCC, possibly in October. She will look into their meeting schedule, how we can attend and support them. Reaching out to the community needs to include language that is respectful and will invite and encourage everyone to the table for discussion on these environmental/social issues.

Sherri made a proposal that the LWVMC look into racism within Mason County by developing a study group that focuses on action.

Book Discussion/Recommendations:

"Falter, Has the Human Race Begun to Play Itself Out?" by Bill McKibben  
"White Fragility - Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism" by Robin DiAngelo - available in paperback  
"How to be an Anti-Racist" by X Kendi - available in hardcover and paperback  
"Caste - the Origins of Discontent" by Isabel Wilkerson - available only in hardcover - easy to purchase and a fast-read at only 192 pages.

Calendar:

September 15 - LWVMC Membership Meeting  
September 22 - National Voter Registration Day  
October 2 - Executive Board Meeting  
November 3 - Election Day  
November 6 - Executive Board Meeting  
November 17 - LWVMC Membership Meeting  
December 4 - Executive Board meeting  
December 15 - LWVMC Membership Meeting