

League of Women Voters of Mason County, Annual Report Meeting, June 16, 2026

Sacred Waters Center, Union, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Present: Mark T., Peggy M., Sue U., Lynda L., Gloria S., Dee Ann K.P., Patti B., Steve D., Cheryl W., Peggy J., Lynn B., Karen R., Sally B., Terri Pre., Carole W., Randy N., Kim J., Terri Pra., Dawn S., Amy D., Ellen S., Tamra I., Vicki V., Llyn D., Esther R., Carole B., Linda W., Francesca R., Eileen P.

Guest Speaker: Paddy McGuire, Mason County Chief Superior Court Administrator

Amy called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the May 19, 2026 General Membership Meeting were corrected by Dee Ann. She will add to the Ad Hoc Committee Section. Tamra moved, and the corrected minutes were approved

Election of the 2026-2027 Board Officers. Peggy M. led the attendees through the election process. The slate of candidates as presented by the Nominating Committee were read. Amy D., for President, Peggy J. for Vice-President. Eileen P. for Secretary, and Patty B. for Treasurer. Ballots were distributed. There were no nominations from the floor. Ballots were marked and turned in for a count by the Ad Hoc Elections Committee.

League of Women Voters of Washington State Treasurer. Cheryl Williams has been elected.

Presentation of the Annual Report. Dee Ann circulated the annual report she had prepared from the Executive and Committee Reports she had received. Rather than go through it step by step, committee members were asked to report on the highlights of their section. Eileen spoke of the visits to Civics and other classrooms in the County. Over the year, she had visited 8 classrooms in all high schools except North Mason. Lynda reminded us of this cycle's Speed Dating event October 15, 2026, at the Public Works building, in the evening, which will include all candidates with opponents in Mason County and the 35th Legislative District. Amy announced 7 members had attended the state LWVWA Council meeting June 6 and 7, 2026 in Lacey. The Council presentations were recorded and available through the state website. She encouraged members to follow the Evergreen Voter emails. Lynn noted 111 members, with 20 new members. There was one League 101 Orientation and a "Find Your Place" meeting for new and current members to help them identify specific pursuits and interest to help them make an impact within the League.

Amy adjourned the business meeting for lunch at 12:10 pm.

The Facility administration welcomed us following lunch.

Election Results. Peggy M. announced the election results from the 29 voting members,

President: Amy D., Vice President: Peggy J., Secretary: Eileen P., Treasurer: Patti B.

Program: “The Justice System and Public Defense Crisis in WA” with speaker Paddy McGuire, Mason County Chief Superior Court Administrator.

Amy introduced Paddy's extensive election experience, including international overseeing of election results. His new role with the Mason County court system has alerted him to a crisis that could affect public safety with the release of detainees who cannot access a public defender due to new requirements in the system.

Paddy answered questions and gave some actions the League members could pursue. He suggested some questions we could ask at the Speed Dating Event. For Legislators: Why isn't funding public defenders a state responsibility? For Commissioner: Are you willing to move money from the Sheriff's budget to fund Public Defenders?

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Perfrement
Secretary
League of Women Voters of Mason County