

**League of Women Voters General Membership Meeting April 21, 2026, 11:30 am**  
**Faith Lutheran Church In Person and Zoom**

Present In Person: Dee Ann K.P., Lynda L., Patti B., Sue U., Peggy M., Lynn B., Lyn D., Amy D., Karen R., Nancy S., Randy L., Karen H., Arlene A., Steve D., Sandy M., Debbera C., Terri Pra., Mary K., Linda W., Eileen P.

Present on Line: Carolyn M., Peggy J., Stephanie S., Laurie D., Kim D., Terri Pre.,

Speaker: Lydia Zepeda

Amy called the meeting to order at 11:40 am.  
Members introduced themselves.  
The agenda was approved.  
The minutes of March 17, 2026, were approved.

**Leadership Team.** Dee Ann announced a plant sale at Lynch Creek. Also, local Leagues will receive 250 pocket constitutions, prepared by the ACLU, at LWVWA Council June 6 and 7 in Lacey.

Amy was on the local League Presidents call. Grays Harbor is starting a new local League and is asking for help from Thurston and us. There will be a tool kit for Observers of meetings. Voting rights continues to be a focus for the state League.

The LWVWA Council is June 6 and 7, 2026, at South Puget Sound Community College, Lacey. Justice G. Helen Whitner is the Keynote Speaker. In addition to other sessions, Braver Angels will have a workshop. We are planning to have a table on the Storytelling Project, with the possibility of recording some participants with their stories.

Amy also announced a virtual book club event July 29, 2026, "How the South Won the Civil War," by Heather Cox Richardson.

**Treasurer.** Patti presented the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2026, sent to all members prior to the meeting. The checking balance is \$7473.65, CD is \$1196.01, and Education Fund is \$7631.52. The Treasury has a total of \$16,302.18, which includes the savings of \$1.00. Income included new memberships and donations and expenses included the payment to State and National for the old system of collecting memberships, which is now completed. All new memberships will be under the new system.

**Member Services.** Lynn reported a successful League 101 and thanked all who helped.

**Voter Services.** Dee Ann announced the Voter Services meeting on Zoom May 4, 2026, 10 am.

It will be a planning meeting for events, including Speed Dating, tabling at community events,

and visiting Civics classrooms.

**Storytelling Update.** Peggy M. has submitted an application to the Washington State League to present and set up a table at the June 6 and 7, 2026, Council in Lacey. A team of Lynda and her grandson, Peggy M. and Patti B. attended and interviewed protestors at the No Kings III rally at Kneeland Park March 28, 2026. Peggy M. also spoke of the potential interviews of community participants in the County Commissioners Planning Committee two years ago, as it was quite contentious and interesting. The Cedar Stewards have also agreed to be interviewed and have submitted their own questions. Storytelling will be present at the Pride Festival.

**Nominating Committee.** Lynda reported the general membership will vote on the officers for the next year at the June 16, 2026, annual meeting. The meeting will be held at the old Harmony Hill Nordstrom Great Hall at 11:30 am. The offices are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A full slate of candidates has been identified. At the June meeting, members can also nominate a member with consent or self-nominate.

**By-Laws.** Peggy M. handed out revisions to the By-Laws. The change is to vote only by ballot, removing “or voice count.” Further, “If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken. If no candidate receives a majority on the second ballot, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected, regardless of whether a majority is achieved.” Members will have an opportunity to vote on this amendment at the May 19, 2026, General Membership meeting.

**Advocacy.** Amy announced the League is encouraging members to resist voter suppression. On August 8, 2026, the League will participate in the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act.

**Programs.** Amy announced the following programs and related events.  
May 19, 2026. Lyn D. is organizing the program on Freedom of to Read. There will be a panel discussion on Censorship of Intellectual Freedom.

May 22, 2026. Marmo's restaurant in Shelton is showing “Salt of the Earth” film at 4 pm. Seating is limited to 30 people, and members need to register attendance.

May 23, 2026. The Timberland Library in Shelton will host a follow-up discussion of the film.

April 23 to June 30, 2026. Timberland Library in Shelton has an interactive exhibit “Freedom to Read.”

Amy adjourned the business meeting at 12:08 pm. She turned the meeting over to the guest speaker Lydia Zepeda, reporting on the current prisoner conditions at the Northwest ICE Processing Center in Tacoma, a for profit detention center holding immigrants from communities across our region, including Shelton. She also discussed the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP). Amy introduced Lydia with a long list of her accomplishments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Perfremment  
Secretary