

LWVMC General Membership February 20, 2024, Hybrid, Olympic College Minutes

Present in Person: Francesca R., Chris M., Delores I., Sherri D., Lynn B., Amy D., Diana F., Lynda L., Nancy S., Randy L., Mark T., Peggy M., Tom D., Arlene A., Karen R., Eileen P., Sandy M. Present on Zoom: Cheryl W., Toni D., Dawn S., Pat C. Patti B. joined in person for the presentations.

Amy D. called the meeting to order at 11:35.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the January 16, 2024, General Membership meeting were approved.

Executive and Committee Reports

1. Leadership Team. Amy D. gave a LWVWA Council 2024 update. The dates are May 31 to June 2. Dee Ann K. will give a walking tour of the Capitol grounds. Topics and locations will be distributed.

Lynn B. gave the update on the LWVUS Convention for 2024. Dates are June 27 to 30. One topic of special interest to LWVMC is the national consensus of the Journalism Study. The cost for attending in person is between \$2000-\$2200, includes airfare, hotel, and fees. The cost for attending virtually is \$125. The Education Fund will support 60% reimbursement. Virtual delegates are also eligible to vote.

2. Treasurer. Sandy M. reported \$6210.85 in the account, \$1103.79 in the CD, and \$4153.97 in the Education Fund.

3. Member Services. Lynn B. circulated the posters of the eight influential women shown at the Timberland Library "Shelton Stories" event on February 10.

4. Advocacy. Amy D. reminded members of the weekly Legislative Action Newsletter and the Monday morning ACT presentations. The newsletter makes it easy to take action on bills with just a click. Lynda L. reported that the Rewrap Act died.

5. Programs deferred.

6. Climate Change Committee. Lynda L. pointed out that the County Commissioners hired a professional group to facilitate the update of the County Comprehensive Plan. The CCC noted the element of climate resiliency is not included in the study questions. Shoreline is another area which should be included, following the LWVMC Shoreline Study. There will be a virtual meeting February 22, and many of the Climate Change Committee will attend to point out that climate resiliency is mandated in the update.

7. Communications. Peggy M. introduced her draft Messaging Strategy for members to consider. An electronic copy was sent to members with the meeting announcement. She invited members to review it for future discussion. She reminded members of the Facebook page, which she encouraged members to visit and like. The goal is to increase membership for a strong presence in Mason County and energy in the League.

Amy D. adjourned the business meeting at 12:03 to begin the program. There were three speakers urging advocacy.

Joshua Wright, Legacy Forest Defense Coalition, speaking on Harstine Flats Legacy Forest protection.

Sherri Dysart, Mason County Climate Justice, speaking on action for the Green Amendment

Chris Mason, FairVote and Fix Democracy First, speaking on Ranked Choice Voting

Amy D. adjourned the meeting at 1:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Perfrement, Secretary