

## **LWVMC Board Minutes January 5, 2024, via Zoom**

**Present:** Lynn B., Sandy M., Peggy M., Delores I., Dee Ann K., Eileen P., Amy D., Lynda L., Randy L.

The meeting was called to order by Lynn B. at 11:35 am.

1. The agenda was approved
2. The minutes of December 1, 2023 were approved.
3. Members present answered the question "What are you looking forward to in 2024."

### **4. Executive and Committee Reports**

**4.0. Leadership Team.** Amy D. filled out the LWVUS annual survey of 83 questions. She announced that LWVMC will be co-hosting the LWVWA 2024 Council meeting with Thurston. It will be on the Capital grounds most likely in May or June.

Dee Ann K. has been in contact with Cynthia Stewart, guest speaker for January 16, 2024, general meeting on Public Hospital Districts. Dee Ann will tell her to be prepared to answer questions on Medicare with out of network providers, other gaps in health care, Mason Health and the clinic in North Mason that is in alliance with Bremerton health services. Amy D. will also invite Mason Health Board. The meeting will be by Zoom only.

Lynn B. announced the Timberland Regional Library in Shelton will feature Our Women Leaders Centennial display during their Shelton Voices event on Saturday, February 10, 2024. She, Lynn de D. and Linda W. met with Sean at the library to coordinate efforts. Lynn B. is encouraging League members to attend.

**4.1. Treasurer.** Sandy Miller reported a balance of \$5177 as of December 31, 2023. The \$500 bill to KMAS for publicity for Speed Dating has been paid, and will come out of the Education Fund when the paperwork is completed. At this time, the LWVMC has 50 members, with 10 at the \$120 level, and 8 at the \$100 level. The list needs to be finalized by January 31, 2024.

Lynn B. proposed that we spend \$250 from the Education Fund to reprint smaller posters from our for the Centennial Women collection. Eileen P. moved, Lynda L. seconded, and the motion passed.

Sandy M. recommended a committee to conduct a review of the books and budget. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

**4.2. Member Services.** Lynn B. reported next steps in collecting dues before January 31 LWV-US deadline. Nancy M. sent a mailing with return envelopes to those current members who have not renewed yet.

A lengthy discussion ensued about a potential new member who was gifted a membership but has no contact information. It might be more appropriate for him to become a member-at-large. Dee Ann K. will run it by the State League Executive Board, and Lynn will check with the donor.

**5.1. Programs.** Amy D. has arranged the January 16, 2024, general meeting on Zoom only. The topic is Public Hospital Districts with Cynthia Stewart. The February meeting will be determined. The March 19 meeting will be on legislative initiatives.

**5.2. Climate Change Committee.** Lynda L. reported action on Lobby Day, January 15, 2024. Support for the WRAP Act will be in person on the Capital Campus. Lynda is organizing a car pool for interested members to participate.

The County has received a \$125,000 grant for environmental policy planning. The county commissioners are meeting with SCJ consultants of Lacey. The EDC (Environmental Development Council) is included in the planning. The Mason County Journal has not presented an article yet on the Planning Commission.

**5.3 Advocacy.** Amy D. encouraged members to sign up for “Speak Up School” on January 6, 2024. It will explain the beginning of the Legislative session and how to participate in lobbying. She also referred to Zoom meetings with 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative District legislators during Lobby Week.

**5.4 No Observer Corps report.**

**5.5 Communications.** Peggy M. announced Delores I has joined her on the committee. Facebook needs more followers than the 337 so far. There were 86 people who looked at our Facebook following the December, 2023, general membership meeting. A summary of topics from the retreat and dates from the LWVUS calendar will also be included. Instagram is still under consideration. A suggestion to promote January 6, 2024 Speak Up School was also made.

**Old & New Business**

**6.0. Directors & Officers Liability Insurance.** Dee Ann K. reported that the Philadelphia Insurance Company handles the LWVWA D & O insurance covering all state board members. This company would charge us \$579 per year for \$1,000,000 liability coverage with a \$5,000 deductible. Discussion of umbrella policies of individual members ensued. Each board member would need to check with their insurance agent. Dee Ann will check on in-person general meeting coverage as well as other event coverage from LWV-WA. Amy D. reported from the Presidents’ meeting, that only two larger leagues have liability insurance. Discussion also revolved around the new dues structure and process from LWV-US starting in 2025. Should they then be handing the insurance for all the local Leagues? Dee Ann K. moved, Sandy M. seconded, motion carried, to pay \$579 per year for liability insurance with a \$5000 deductible for \$1,000,000 coverage.

**6.1 Member Privacy Concerns.** Starting this meeting, only members’ first names and initial of last name will be included in the minutes. Officers will get a full roster of all members, but we’ll hold back on roster distribution to full membership until we decide whether to include addresses or not. There will be no photo release without permission. A further discussion will occur at a future board meeting.

**6.2. Criteria for Moving Ad Hoc Committee to Standing Committee tabled**

**6.3 Program Planning for LWVUS Adoption of News Study tabled.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.**

**Submitted by  
Eileen P., Secretary**