

LWVMC General Meeting January 16, 2024, Zoom, Minutes by Eileen P.

Present: Dee Ann K., Randy L., Patti B., Llyn D., Amy D., Francesca R., Cheryl W., Lynda L., Peggy M., Lynn B., Sandy M., Karen R., Pat C., Esther R., Dorothy O., Delores I., Eileen P.,

1. Amy D. called the meeting to order at 11:34 am.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes of December 19, 2023, general meeting were approved.

4. Executive and Committee Reports.

4.1. Leadership Team. Dee Ann K. reported the emphasis on advocacy as the legislative session is short on this cycle, ending in early March. We are host for 35th LD senator and representatives.

Appointments will be announced as soon as the meetings are arranged.

Lynn B. spoke of the “Shelton Voices” at the Timberland Library in Shelton. It is February 10, 2024, with readings beginning at 11am. Llyn D. will participate in the readings. The eight Mason County women we featured in our previous Centennial Celebration (and one subsequent) will be featured in a poster. Linda W. is getting them printed and framed for the showing. Three League women will be present: Ellen S., Linda W., and Llyn D. Other League members are encouraged to attend and wear their League pin. Set up will be the evening of February 9. Carolyn M. has volunteered to store the posters as she lives close to the library, and Karen R. volunteered to back up storage. TRY brochures are in the printing process and should be available.

Amy D. attended the LWVWA Presidents meeting. LWVMC is co-hosting Council with Thurston, and the date is to be determined in early June, 2024.

4.2. Treasurer. Sandy M. reported \$4997 in the bank, \$1101 in investment CD, and \$4653 in education fund, Sandy M. attended training in managing the membership roster. There will be new roster software for the change in fee structure to occur in 2025.

4.3. Member Services. Lynn B. reported 51 members, with 18 former members who have not renewed yet. They have received a postal mailing including a return envelop.

4.4. Advocacy. Amy D. reminded members of the Action Newsletter, very useful for ease of registering opinions on bills, and Action Coffee Time Zoom meetings on Monday mornings at 10am during legislative session. They can be accessed through the League website. Register for Lobby Week January 22 to 26. Rank Choice Lobby Day is Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the Capital. Amy D. is waiting to hear back from legislators on meetings

4.5. Programs. The next general membership meeting is February 20, 2024, location and topic to be determined.

4.6. Climate Change. Francesca R. reported on results of the Mason County Climate Justice Committee report that Plumb Bob timber sale as named by DNR is currently saved from clear cutting. Only small parts of Sherwood Forest will be protected, most will be clear cut. Harstine Flats is still waiting for a decision.

4.7. Communications. Peggy M. reported that the emphasis is on external, outward communications. We have 339 followers on Facebook. Peggy offered to assist members join if they need help. Delores I and Peggy M. will develop a short poll on communications. Efforts are underway to connect with member services and advocacy, including LWVWA issues.

5. No new business.
6. The business meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.
7. The program on Public Hospital Districts by Cynthia Stewart and Tricia Grantham began.