

League of Women Voters of Mason County December 5, 2025, Board Meeting 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on Zoom

Present: Lynn B., Dee Ann K.P., Patti B., Cheryl W., Peggy M., Amy D., Lynda L., Eileen P.

Lynn called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of November 7, 2025, were approved.

Members shared a holiday tradition they wanted to preserve or what to change.

Leadership Team. Amy reported on the LWVWA President's meeting encouraging partnerships with other non-partisan groups such as Concerned Citizens of Mason County. Peggy mentioned the idea of a partnership with the Girl Scouts. State Council will be held in Lacey the first weekend in June on Saturday and Sunday. Amy encouraged attendance and assistance.

The Leadership Team will appoint a Nominating Committee in January, with the purpose of inviting members to apply for 2026-2027 board and committee positions. Liz Ellis is working on the winter LWVMC Newsletter. Lynn announced the January Board meeting will be January 9, 2026, instead of January 2.

Dee Ann reported League partnerships with YMCA and WAISN (Washington Immigrant Support Network). She had a great meeting with new member Vicki Voss who agreed to monitor the "Resisting Threats to Democracy" newsletter.

Treasurer. Patti walked through the Treasurer's Report to November 30, 2025, which she sent to Board members by email. The checking balance is \$7697.95, CD is \$1181.19, and the Education Fund is \$6799.52, for a total of \$15,679.66. There was a substantial donation to the Education Fund of \$1032.70. Passing the Boot at the general membership meeting collected \$110 to cover the \$100 monthly donation to the church for meeting space for the general membership meetings. Dee Ann suggested we pay the half the membership fees for 2026 from the Education Fund, which is allowed by National.

Voter Services. Dee Ann reported the next meeting is January 26, 2026. Lynda has been approached by the Thurston County League on how we deliver Speed Dating to our community. Eileen reported another Civics Class visit to Mary M. Knight School December 17. Eileen still needs to work on the 2026 TRY brochure with Karen H.

Programs. Amy reported that the December 16 meeting is "Peacemakers, the Bridge to Common Ground" which will comprise of representatives from the Women Democrats and Republicans. Peggy J. is planning the January program with David Lund as the speaker on restoring voting rights to the incarcerated and recently released inmates.

The February meeting will include WAISN, the immigrant support group, and is organized by Karen R, Ellen S. and Kim D. Francesca has agreed to provide OWL tech support.

Special Project: Civic Storytelling. Peggy, Lynda and Patti met with Michael Bowman with the Secretary of State's Office in Olympia about archiving our stories and touring the archives. The

interviews will be conducted in a small room of the Timberland Library in Shelton on December 11. They also want the stories from the Cedar Stewards, and will approach Julieann Gale to arrange. A larger room was discussed for the interviews, and Carolyn M. will be approached for the use of her home. We received a \$2000 grant from the State Education Fund to purchase our own equipment to conduct the interviews ourselves. Thanks to Peggy M. for her excellent grant writing skills. Peggy submitted an article to the Journal about the grant award.

Special Project: Mason County Economic Health Planning. Lynn reported on the interest expressed at the retreat at conducting a study on the economic health of Mason County. The meeting to explore such a study group will be held at Lynn's on December 10.

Observer Corps. Lynda announced the December 16 at 9 am meeting at County Commissioners' chambers for the presentation of the draft Planning Commission document to the County Commission. Public comment will be accepted, but attendance also makes a difference with wearing the League pin. As the length of the meeting is unclear, and Lynda is planning to attend, she was hoping other members would help set up the meeting room at the church in case she can't get back in time.

Lynn reported Terri P. has been attending PUD 3 meetings, and Ellen S. is interested in attending the City Council meetings on ICE discussions.

Peggy would like to post the meeting notes from Observer Corps members on the Website. Lynn reported 24 people from the retreat, survey and Discover Your Place meeting expressed an interest in observing public meetings.

Member Services. Lynn wants to continue pairing new members with established League members for a meet and greet and future follow up. Amy is meeting with Jim Pierson and Eileen with Kathleen Payne, who is interested in high school Civics Education.

Advocacy. Amy reminded the Board of the weekly Legislative Newsletter from LWVWA during session starting January 12. Lynda will follow the Green Team on environmental issues. Amy would like to report back on bills, maybe with Jim Pierson, to get reports from Lobby Team in the Legislative Newsletter.

No Climate Change Committee report.

Communications. Peggy reported a new format for electronic Facebook post: CANVA. She will include Civic Storytelling and the Decline to Sign campaign.

Lynn adjourned the meeting at 1:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Perfrement
Secretary