

LWVMC Board of Directors' Meeting April 4, 2025, 11:30 am, on Zoom

Present: Dee Ann K.P., Lynda L., Amy D., Peggy M., Eileen P.

Amy called the meeting to order at 11:36 am.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the March 7, 2025 Board Meeting were approved.

Members shared their responses to the question of the day: Which organization would you like the League to ally with?

Amy: Rise to Freedom, Thursdays on Zoom

Lynda: Fix Democracy Now

Amy and Eileen: Indivisible

Peggy wondered if National had a list.

Dee Ann offered a list of coalitions approved by the LWVWA:

Balance our Tax Code

Children's Alliance

Debt Free Youth Alliance

Early Learning Action Alliance

Environmental Priorities (Washington Conservation)

NW Energy Coalition

Transportation Choices Coalition

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Washington Senior Citizens Lobby

Peggy will continue to send Letters to the Editor. The SAVE Act is coming to a vote next week in the House. What does it mean for states to manage elections. Amy would like to use the Education Fund to put an ad in the Journal in the form, this is what passed in the House, this is what it means for you.

Executive and Committee Reports

Leadership: Dee Ann reported on the Chapter Spot, the new national system for membership. It is still not working well. For example, Karen H. was told she was not a member.

Treasurer: Dee Ann reported a beginning balance of \$9377.65, as of February 1, 2025. In the month of February, \$120 was collected in dues, \$40 in donation. \$2000 was donated to the Education Fund, the TRY brochure printing was \$322.78, \$207 was given to North Mason School District for the guest speaker. As of February 28, 2025, the Education Fund has an ending balance of \$6120.38, the bank account has a balance of \$6981.38, and the CD has a balance of \$1148.73.

Programs: Amy reported on the Welcoming Immigrants panel for the April 15, 2025, general meeting at Olympic College, Shelton, library, and Zoom. Lisa Seifert, Uli Brambila and his wife Elise, Sound Learning, CIELO, and others will sit on the panel. Chris Mason will not be present

for technical support, so we need to have back up such as Sue Ullom or someone else. Peggy needs a program description for the Journal announcement of the meeting. Amy will contact Carolyn Maddux for questions from the League study in case there are not enough from the audience. Lynda wondered if we wanted a meeting of the participants in the study before the meeting.

Member Services Amy reported for Lynn B., who was unable to attend the meeting. Lynn wanted to thank Dorothy O., Karen H., Linda S., Sue U., Carole B., Esther R., and Eileen P. for distribution of the TRY brochures. League 101 will be April 30, 2025, in the Shelton branch of Timberland Library meeting room, at 10 am to about 12 pm. So far, 10 have signed up. One activity the League needs from new members is the making of signs.

Voter Services Dee Ann scheduled a meeting April 28, 2025, at 10 am on Zoom. We will plan out the year, and hopefully expand activities. Filing week is May 5 to 9 for candidates running for office in the November general election. Several local positions will be on the ballot.

Advocacy and Member Engagement Amy encouraged many members to attend the LWVWA convention June 6 to 8 in Vancouver, WA. She also proposed a valuable activity for new members could be sign making per the upcoming rally events.

Climate Change Committee Lynda announced a tour in April to a recycling plant in Tacoma. Peggy, Lynda and Eileen attended the PAC March 31, 2025, in the County Commissioners Chambers. The focus of this planning committee meeting was economic development. The Cedar Stewards attended and spoke about needing jobs they could get as teenagers and later in life. Take Back Mason County members also attended and made very dark remarks and seemed antagonistic to the students. Peggy announced April 14 and April 28 at 6pm are the next meeting dates. April 28 will take public comment on transportation and the climate. Many are needed to show up. She will ask for membership involvement at the general meeting April 15.

Communications Peggy announced that we and many Leagues across the nation have been hacked on Facebook. She would like the Board to consider a switch to Blue Sky for social media. She will also bring it up to the membership for consideration over the summer, and she will also come up with a schedule for the roll out. Peggy will need to work with Cindy S. to get changes to Facebook, as she was the LWVMC set up.

Peggy had sent the Bylaw changes to Board members. Lynda and Eileen were satisfied with the changes. Peggy led a discussion of the changes. Following a discussion of the committee structure, it was decided to keep the Issue Committees addition to allow chairs to be voting members of the Board and would likely come from League studies. The process is not part of the bylaws, and could be a topic of the summer retreat. Peggy will announce at the April 15 general meeting the deadline for members to comment is May 1, 2025. The May 20, 2025, general meeting will include a vote of bylaw changes. Dee Ann moved, Eileen seconded, and the motion carried to approve the bylaw changes, send the changes to all members for comment by May 1, and vote at the May 20 general meeting.

Nominating Committee Dee Ann is working on finding new leadership committee nominees. The vote will be at the Annual Report General Membership meeting, tentatively set for June 17, 2025.

Ongoing and New Business

The study on Welcoming Immigrants is completed and is the topic of the April 15 general meeting.

The National study on Federal Judiciary will not be attended by LWVMC.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Perfrement, Secretary