

LWVMC Board of Directors' February 6, 2026, 11:30 am, Zoom

Present: Dee Ann K.P., Lynda L., Carole W., Cindy S., Patti B., Peggy M., Amy D., Peggy J., Eileen P.

Amy called the meeting to order at 11:34 am.

Attendees shared their answers to the films they are watching, for pure entertainment or reflecting on our times.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of January 9, 2026, were approved.

Leadership. Dee Ann reported on four items. 1) Dee Ann asked for approval to respond to LWVUS Program planning request and propose that LWVUS adopt the LWVWA Immigration Rights position through concurrence. Dee Ann moved, Patti seconded, and the motion carried. 2) The Timberland Regional Library is facing cuts. Amy supports a campaign to indicate the community support of the library. Patti reported a reduction of cost for copying to \$20 per person. 3) Since the LWVWA Civics books "The State We're In" has been welcomed by the schools, Dee Ann moved, Lynda seconded, and the motion carried to purchase 20 books from the Education Fund. Patti will get the forms for withdrawal completed. 4) Dee Ann reported the LWVUS is encouraging members to contact their US House Representatives to vote no on SAVE Act to restrict voter registration. Dee Ann will send a list of all WA Representatives to contact.

Amy reported on the success of the ACLU pocket constitutions for distribution to schools and public tabling. Dee Ann will look into purchasing more. Eileen reported she has a supply for the schools. Amy reported on the partnership with the AAUW. Amy also encouraged members to volunteer for the LWVWA Council during the first weekend in June, held in Lacey.

Nominating Committee. Amy reported the committee members Karen R., Lynda L., Patti B., and Carolyn M. will report at the March 6, 2026, Board meeting.

Treasurer. Patti sent a Treasurer's Report to the membership electronically, reporting the balances as of January 31, 2026. The checking account is \$8885.38, CD is \$1188.52, and Education Fund is \$7631.52. The income is from membership dues, and the major expense was payment of dues to the National. We made a donation of \$100 to Faith Lutheran for meeting space from funds collected by passing the boot at the general membership meeting. Membership has held around 99.

Special Projects. America 250. Dee Ann reported on the sponsorship of America 250 by Denny Heck, Lt. Governor, and including apolitical organizations and political parties. Community organizations include Forest Festival, Green Diamond planting 250 trees, flags in the schools, the Historical Society, and the City of Shelton. Dee Ann will contact the City. June 14 is Day of Service, July 4, August 8 on museum, September 17 is Civics Education. There was discussion on teaming with local partnerships. Dee Ann will bring this up at the General Membership meeting February 17, 2026. We do plan to support the state events.

Special Projects. Civic Storytelling. Peggy M. spoke of a meeting with the Cedar Stewards and Lynda, Peggy M, and Eileen. They will consider recordings with the Secretary of State in May. The Growth Management Act pioneers were recorded February 5, 2026, with Peggy J. and her husband as a recording engineer made it sound very professional. Laura Porter, Carolyn Maddox, Tracy Moore, and

Lynda Links told their stories of the original planning committee.

Observer Corps. Lynda will observe the PUD 1 and 3 meetings.

Advocacy. Amy encouraged members to respond to the Sunday emails from the LWVWA on legislative action.

Programs. Amy reported the general membership programs. February is led by Kim Danke and Karen Rice, on immigration support services to the community. The March meeting is the PUD energy resources for the future. The April meeting is open. Peggy J. mentioned that Mason County Sheriff Ryan Spurling may be a good speaker. The May meeting is on censorship and led by Lynn B. and Lyn D.

Communications. No report.

Voter Services. Dee Ann reported the next meeting is February 16, 2026. Eileen reported on a planned visit to Shelton High Civics classes of Travis Schultz. Peggy M. reported on the Mason County Auditor Steve Duenkel's pilot program on alternate method of verifying ballots. It is a volunteer program to be offered in the April, 2026, Special Election. After discussion, members decided they could not endorse the program, but we would like to observe and see results of the project.

Good of the Order. League 101 will be held March 31, 2026, at the Timberland Library in Shelton, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Thurston County League is attending a resist and repeat rally on February 7 at Heritage Park. Cheryl W. is working on displaying our Mason County Women Leaders posters at the Mason Hospital.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen P.
Secretary