

LWVMC Board Meeting March 7, 2025, 11:30 am on Zoom

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

Lynn called the meeting to order at 11:33 am.

Members shared who they admired.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of February 7, 2025 Board meeting were approved.

Executive and Committee Reports

Leadership Team. Dee Ann reported the LWVWA convention in Vancouver, WA will be held June 6, 7, 8. Cost is \$200 per person, and there may be the possibility of scholarships available. Amy encouraged taking political action through the emails from LWVWA. Dee Ann reported we got a new member through the SWVUS new membership portal, even though other local units were having difficulty with the new membership system.

At Lynn's request, members shared ideas to include in the LWVMC newsletter to Liz E.

Dee Ann: committee reports

Amy: Studies on Eldercare, Immigration, and Judiciary

Dee Ann will write Eldercare, Lynda will write Immigration

Lynn: Marches at the Capitol in Olympia

Peggy: National and Washington League communications

Amy: Voting eligibility issues

Peggy: The voter suppressive SAVE Act, to remove voters whose name does not match birth certificate.

Lynn: To grab attention, Lynn suggested the title be Stand Up and Pay Attention, and then lead with the article on the SAVE Act

Lynn: League 101 and what help we need from members who wish to be active

Lynn: The next focus on a member is Peggy

The question arose, how many members actually read the newsletter, given the work to put it together.

Treasurer's Report. Dee Ann reported the January, 2025, report. The beginning balance in the checking account was \$8127.10, with an ending balance of \$9377.65. The CD is worth \$1141,99, The Education Fund has \$4650.16.

Programs. The March 18, 2025, meeting is on Elder Caregiving. Dee Ann has arranged a 45 minute video excerpt, and then a panel of members of the review committee of the study. Jonnel and Brenda will speak on being prepared, Connie on respite care, Terri on coordinating care, Dawn S. on the Fiercely Independent Elders (FIE) in Union. As always, we need to make sure a tech person is available, either Chris M. or Sue U.

The April 15, 2025, meeting is on Welcoming Immigrants. There will be a panel to include Esteban Andres and others.

Amy brought up another possibility of pellet production for fuel, which would pollute more than wood or other sources of heat.

Studies. Teri commented that she found the experience of sitting on a study committee was valuable.

Dee Ann had no more to add on the Eldercare Study, already covered in the program discussion. Although the Immigration Study is still ongoing, Lynda gave an update. In addition to reading the materials and responding to consensus questions, committee members are researching local resources and impacts, such as NW Immigrant Rights Project, demographics, library services, Sound Learning, Ellen on school districts, Consejo/mental health, Mason General Hospital, and the immigrant impact on the economy. Terri added that Consejo offers a community service to the immigrants by informing them of their rights on a card telling them what to do if they are approached by law enforcement. The Sheriff said his officers will follow Washington state law and not detain immigrants. ICE cannot enter schools.

The LWVUS study on the Judiciary will be presented to LWVWA local Leagues on Zoom March 10 and April 5. Members must register to participate. Local Leagues have a choice to participate at local or state level. Amy encouraged participation at state rather than local level with our own study.

Member Services. Lynn will continue with phone tree. She proposed a welcoming committee consisting of members who like to meet new people, asked board members for suggestions. There are currently 77 members, a new high number. Lynn is planning a League 101 orientation on April 30.

Voter Services. Dee Ann will begin Voter Services meetings again in April. Meetings are usually the Monday before the Board meeting.

Advocacy. Amy encouraged members to keep watching for the Sunday League legislative alerts as several bills are moving in the Legislative sessions.

Climate Change Committee. Lynda reported the continued attendance at the Planning Committee meetings. There is a presentation at the Democratic Headquarters on Climate Change March 22.

Communications. Peggy asked Board to make clear which articles are ready to post by so indicating.

By-Laws Update. Peggy pointed out that when we are ready to include the new membership procedure in the by-laws, we need to give the general membership a month to review before the vote. So if we are looking for approval at the June annual meeting, we need to get the changes to the membership at the May meeting. At the same time, we will also consider amending the bylaws to add Issue Committee Chairs to our board of directors.

Nominating Committee. Lynda suggested that each Board member find a replacement if they wish to be replaced. She will find a new Treasurer. Lynn proposed we consider this process and bring it up at the next Board meeting.

New Business. The convention will also be discussed at the April Board meeting.

Lynn adjourned the meeting at 1:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen P., Secretary