

## **LWVMC Board Meeting February 7, 2025 Minutes**

Present: Dee Ann K.P., Eileen P., Amy D., Peggy M., Lynda L., Dawn S., Karen R. on Zoom

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

The agenda was approved.

The minutes from January 10, 2025, Board meeting were approved.

Members shared responses to the question of the day on the news source most important to them.

### **Committee Reports**

**Leadership:** Amy announced LWVWA Democracy Lobby Day on February 12, a National Survey, and the Washington convention the first weekend in June in Vancouver, WA, Amy Peloff main organizer and administrator.

**Treasurer:** Dee Ann reported 75 members. As of December 24, the checking balance is \$8137.10, The Education Fund balance is \$4650.16, and the CD is \$1141.12.

**Programs:** The general **meeting** February 18, 2025, relates to the link between Climate change and Housing Justice. Guest speakers are Julianne Gale from Mason County Climate Justice and the Cedar Stewards of Mason County youth leader from Cedar High School, who will focus on the Mason County housing crisis and solutions. The board members discussed ways to advertise the meeting. Peggy asked for photos to include on Facebook and the Website, and there are Instagram photos we may use. She will also ask Gordon Weeks from the Mason County Journal to cover the meeting again. Sue Ullom will operate the OWL in Chris Mason's absence so we can continue to offer a hybrid meeting.

The General Membership Meeting March 18, 2025 - Relevant to our current Immigration study we hope to invite a panel of experts including an immigration lawyer.

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**Advocacy:** Amy spoke to the LWVWA Legislative Action Newsletter, which is delivered by email every Sunday evening. She summarized some of the 20 Bills which have been supported by League advocates in the newsletter. She encouraged members to respond right away, as some of the Bills come up for votes quickly. It is important for Legislators to know your position before they vote. Democracy Lobby day is February 12. There was an event at the capitol February 5, 2025 to United Against Project 2025. The rapid response group will use an array of tactics. Celina Stewart recommends protesting as individuals.

**Climate Change Committee:** Lynda and the group are sending in comments to the Planning Commission, with Will Harris being the new Chair. Comments are for the State Environmental Protection Act, SEPA, and its inclusion in the county plans. Public participation in the meetings is improved by having speakers face the audience and turning up the volume so participants on Zoom can better hear. The Cedar Stewards continue to be active participants.

**Communications:** Peggy reported on the LWVWA meeting for Communications Officers. Dee Ann will send resources to Peggy. Peggy is working to create a LWVMC brand so the

community knows items are from us. Peggy also questioned whether we should be on Facebook, and asked Board members to consider this. We do have 406 followers. The National League published a site against the anti-democracy actions of the Trump administration. Diana Wynn and Celina Stewart are heading this discussion.

### **Ongoing and New Business:**

**Eldercare Study:** Dee Ann reported meetings will be held on Zoom on February 8 at 10 am, 10 at 1 pm, and 17 at 10 am.

**Immigration Study:** Amy reported the Welcoming Immigrants study includes 14 people. Lynda suggested the first meeting could be after the general meeting February 18. Meetings scheduled are February 28 on Zoom to include Ellen Short Sanchez, and March 4 in person at the Olympic College Shelton. They will discuss answers to 10 questions on immigration. Karen suggested we include one of the authors of the Study at the February 28 meeting. Lynda suggested we include immigrants in one of the meetings.

**TRY Brochures:** Lynn wanted to thank Karen H. for coordinating the changes and Linda W. for getting them published. Eileen reported they are now available on Lynn's porch for pick up. Karen agreed to fold them.

**Chapter Spot Roll Out:** Dee Ann reported some difficulty in getting the membership portal to work, but it is reportedly working now. An email from National invites members to join. A few members reported they were not listed as members, even though they renewed membership. Dee Ann will look into the issue. New members joined by January 31 and are listed under the old system.

**Kitsap Forum on Housing Crisis:** Amy reported that Kitsap League will hold a Zoom hour long forum March 1, 2025, 1 to 2 pm. Amy will send information to our members.

**Annual Meeting:** Lynda has been trying to connect with Harmony Hill, no success yet. The Arcadia Fire Hall is a good option as well.

**PAC Meeting on Comprehensive Plan Update:** The meeting is scheduled for February 28. Kevin Shutty sent out a survey on housing and received 400 responses. The Cedar Stewards survey on housing received 150 responses. Kevin's study was sent to companies, with Karin Leaf coordinating. It was suggested Karin could be invited to attend the February 18 meeting, but not on the panel. Lynda will check with Climate Justice to make sure it will be okay.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Perfrement, Secretary