

LWVMC Board Meeting Minutes Friday May 2, 2025, 11:30 am on Zoom

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

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

The agenda was approved.

The minutes from the April 4, 2025 Board meeting were approved.

The suggestion to use the wording “tentatively set for” would get around needing to change dates in the draft minutes. Eileen will adopt that policy.

Executive and Committee Reports

Leadership Team On the Immigration Study, Amy announced that the LWVWA adopted the same positions LWVMC had recommended on human rights. Consider using Rise Up Tool Kit under communications. On the Eldercare Study, Dee Ann announced that the LWVWA adopted most of the same positions LWVMC had recommended. She noted other counties agreed with our conclusion that the last question was confusing.

The team recommended we keep up with LWVUS as they are supporting more of the issues we are concerned about.

Lynn discussed the LWVWA Program of Work by Susan Fleming on the Tribal Position.

Amy suggested we update ourselves on the conclusions regarding the LWVUS Federal Judiciary Study as a possible future program.

Local members attending WA convention June 6 to 8, 2025 are Amy, Lynda, and Lynn. Dee Ann will attend as a LWVWA board member.

Thurston League is holding its annual luncheon Saturday, May 17, 2025, 11:30 am to 1pm in Olympia. Dr. Maria Chavez will speak on race identity and humanity.

Lynn will order more TRY brochures through the education fund. Most have been distributed in the community at special events and in public places. Eileen will need more to distribute to Civics Classes and upcoming events.

Treasurer Dee Ann reported Chapter Spot is much better to use now. As dues for this year came in over the previous method, we will need to allow for the PMP (Per-member Payment), which can be paid over 8 quarters. The checking account began at \$6981.84 on March 1, 2025. The income was \$530.09, with an ending balance of \$7511.93. The value of the CD is \$1152.56. The education fund stands at \$6120.38. We will begin to collect dues through Chapter Spot in September. Dee Ann will explain how to use it at the annual meeting June 24, 2025. Amy suggested we also include an explanation of the functions of State and National so members will

understand what their dues are used for.

Programs May 20, 2025: Abe Gardiner and Beau Baaken on Belfair's response to mental health.

June 24, 2025: Annual Report meeting – program on Constitutional Crisis and Advocacy. Peggy brought up the National Unite and Rise program to support the Constitutional Crisis. On advocacy, Lynn wanted to give the enthusiastic new and prospective members work to do over the summer.

Membership Services Fifteen people attended League 101 on April 30, and 4 others wanted to attend. Three people joined through National after League 101. We have the potential to have 90 members. Many are interested in Observer Corps, a function of Advocacy we have not pursued due to membership interest. Peggy suggested we configure tables at the annual meeting to allow for better discussion.

Voter Services Dee Ann reported on concerns of Dorothy O. and Carole B. on Auditor Steve Duenkel's pilot project on curing voting ballots, with the option of voters to volunteer in the February election. There is a meeting date tentatively set for June 20 for the Task Force looking into the pilot. Dee Ann reported first meeting April 28 to outline activities. Eileen has initiated meetings with the spring Civics Classes. Eileen will pursue a table at Allyn Days. Dee Ann wants to be involved with more community events.

Advocacy and Member Engagement Amy declined as advocacy was already discussed throughout the Board meeting. Observer Corps will be an important component.

Climate Change Committee The main work has been with the County Commissioners Planning committee (PAC). The next meeting is May 12, 2025, on capital facilities. Lynda, Karen R., and Tom D. visited a recycling plant in Tacoma where Mason County takes recycling. Lynda will give a report at the annual meeting June 24. She was appalled at the disorganization of the facility and the items the public were putting in recycling.

Communications Peggy is working with Sherrie Ellington on a standard logo for all LWVMC printed materials to make it easier for the public to identify our publications. Peggy went through the Unite and Rise 8.5 Toolkit campaign. It will be discussed at the retreat. Facebook is getting results so it will be kept for now. The SAVE Act article got over 500 hits. Lynn added that our Facebook is noticed around the country. A Blue Sky account will also be created.

Ongoing and New Business

Nominating Committee Lynda reported Patti B. has agreed to run for Treasurer if she does not have to deal with Chapter Spot and membership. She can be eased in through bank account reporting. Dee Ann will speak to her in May. Dee Ann contacted Mark T. for Leadership.

Eileen will not be able to attend the June 24 elections, but is willing to run again for Secretary.

She will look into asking Esther R. or Brenda H. to take minutes for the meeting.

By-Laws Committee Report Peggy reported no comments have come in from the membership, so the vote to adopt is ready for the May 20, 2025, general membership meeting. Members will be informed in a separate email from Nancy.

Summer Retreat. The retreat is tentatively set for July 15, 2025, at 10 am at Lynda's home. As parking is limited, 20 can be accommodated. Bring snacks. (Retreat has been reset for August 11).

Lynn adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Eileen, Secretary