

LWVMC Board Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2025 on Zoom

Present: Lynn B., Dee Ann K.P., Cheryl W., Peggy M., Amy D., Lynda L., Eileen P.
Lynn called the meeting to order at 11:03am.

Participants shared their opinions on characteristics of a good leader. Qualities included: integrity, compassion, courage, affable, decisive but also a good listener, effective, accountable, trustworthy, has credibility.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the December 6, 2024, Board meeting were approved.

Executive and Committee Reports

Leadership Team Amy requested information on number of Mason County League members actively involved in League activities, including the types of activities. She would like reports from all the committees to put into a survey of the National League February 14, 2025. She would like the reports at the General Membership meeting January 21, 2025.

Treasurer Dee Ann reported the end of November balances of \$4046.72 in checking, \$1137.58 in the CD, and \$5538.10 in the Education Fund.

Eileen shared a request from Dannette Hull, Office Manager, North Mason High School, to reimburse the substitute required for Evan Brees, Civics Teacher, North Mason High School, to speak at the December 17, 2024, General Membership League meeting about the Civics Education curriculum.

Amy moved, and Dee Ann seconded, and the motion passed to reimburse \$207 to North Mason High. Dannette will need to submit an email request to the League email attaching a letter head invoice.

Programs Amy reported the January 21, 2025 program on Multi-Member Districts and proportional representation. Kit Muehlman of Bellingham/Whatcom LWV, Kristen Rooks of LWV King County and Chris Mason of LWVMC will present. The February 18, 2025 program may be on climate. The March 18, 2025 program will be on the Judicial System in Mason County. Lynn reminded the Board that to continue offering hybrid meetings, we need to make sure a technical member is present in person at the meetings.

Member Services Lynn reported 10 current members have not renewed, and are actively being encouraged to join by January 31, 2025 to continue membership under the current rules. Lynn D. was commended for her recruitment efforts at a coffee shop. The LWV 2024-2026 policy position guide, "Impact on Issues" is available to interested members. Lynn will put a copy on her porch for members who let her know when they will pick it up. It can also be purchased online.

No Voter Services Report.

Advocacy and Membership Engagement Amy reported the first LWVWA Legislative Newsletter from the Advocacy Team will begin January 12, 2025, via email for the Legislative Session beginning January 13, 2025. New members need to sign up – site on LWVWA.org. The email can be shared with friends.

Climate Change Committee Lynda reported the Comprehensive Plan Update planning committee. The Planning Committee continues to meet the third Monday of the month, except for January, which has a special meeting January 13, and the regular meeting January 27, since January 20 is a Holiday. Relating to recent discussions by PAC, Amy suggested a program on Housing Justice for the February 18 General Membership meeting, presented by Mason County Climate Justice and Cedar Stewards from Cedar High. MCCJ are conducting a survey on housing. Leadership will send to members, and Peggy included it on the Facebook page.

Communications Peggy is working on messaging for the upcoming year. There was discussion on the new Newsletter column on members. Eileen was the first member interviewed. Lynn is looking for more volunteers.

Ongoing and New Business

New LWVWA Study on Elder Caregiving Dee Ann reported the study needs to be undertaken in January and early February. Seven members signed up at the December General Membership meeting. The study should be underway by January 23. A leader or co-chairs are needed for the study. Lynda suggested there could be a meeting either before or after the January General Membership meeting. Dee Ann was wondering if we could chunk the questions so not everyone would need to be at each meeting. Discussion of evening or daytime meetings was considered. The Leadership Team will confer and decide on the three dates.

New LWVWA Study on Welcoming Immigrants to Washington State

This study will be held in March.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm. Twelve members signed up so far.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Perfrement, Secretary