

League of Women Voters of Mason County November 7, 2025 Board Meeting 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, on Zoom

Present: Lynn B., Cheryl W., Patti B., Dee Ann K.P., Amy D., Karen R., Peggy M., Eileen P.

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

The agenda was approved with two corrections to the calendar. The member meeting date was changed to Tuesday, November 18. The LWV-WA Action Workshop is Saturday, November 15.

Attendees shared what makes them laugh.

The Board minutes of September 5, 2025, and October 3, 2025, were approved.

Leadership Team. Amy announced a partnership with Indivisible for the No Kings Rallies. She also encouraged members to support Evergreen Voter, In League, and the weekly newsletter during the Legislative session January 5, 2026 for two months. There is a “Getting to Know AI” workshop February 24, 2026, Lynn attended an “Information Disorder” training. Karen found the “Letter to the Editor” workshop very helpful. If you missed it, all members can take a look at the recap.

Dee Ann announced a survey to be covered at the end of the meeting. She is proposing a Coordinating Communications Plan to provide a consistent message month to month. Peggy, Cheryl, and others who want to write letters to the editor could use this to deliver a consistent message to the public. Liz E., who prepares the Voter publication, would also be involved. Peggy presented last year's Messaging Strategy, which didn't get much traction last year. It includes a template for internal communications. It also includes a job description for an Internal Communications Coordinator. Dee Ann encouraged the promotion of Threats to Democracy in the newsletter and emails to members. A three person committee of Lynn, Dee Ann, and Peggy will monitor external communications, ie. Letters to the Editor. Cheryl pointed out the Mason County Journal will accept one letter per month from each writer. Peggy will seek volunteers, such as Peggy J.

Lynn reminded the Board we need to update the TRY Brochure since the election. Eileen will work with Karen H. to update the brochure and get the changes to Linda W. to get to the printer. She will remind Linda to get the brochures folded. The receipt can be submitted to Patti for reimbursement from the Education Fund.

Treasurer. Patti referred to the statement she sent prior to the meeting. As of October 31, 2025, the Checking Account has a balance of \$7753.03, the Education Fund has a balance of \$5766.82, and the CD a balance of \$1177.48. Total assets are \$14,698.33. Total income was \$828.97 and total expense was \$911.35. Patti thanked the members who donated beyond the basic membership.

Voter Services, including Speed Dating. Dee Ann and Cheryl wrote thank you notes to the candidates who participated in Speed Dating, which included all the candidates who ran against an opponent. Speed Dating was successful from that perspective, but attendees were disappointed that more public members did not attend. Ideas for that were that the election was City Council, Shelton School Board, and Hospital Commissioners and did not include county and state offices and state Legislature. Also, it was on a Friday night, when many attend the high school football game.

Eileen reported two high school visits to Cedar and Choice in Shelton. Other visits are pending.,

Programs. Amy reported the November 18, 2025, general membership meeting would be Mason County Department of Health Services, discussing benefits available to the community, such as SNAP. The December 16, 2025, topic will be Economic Development with Kevin Shutt. Cheryl volunteered time in the November meeting to talk about changes to the IRS taxes for 2025. Another possible future meeting might be on the PUD with Tom Farmer and Julie Tuson. The January 20, 2026, will have League member Peggy Jewell take the lead on inviting David Lund to speak about restoring voting rights to the incarcerated and recently released inmates. Dee Ann will contact LWV-WA membership director Beth Pellicciotti to speak about serving on the state board. Since we are meeting at Faith Lutheran Church, and wish to make a \$100 contribution each month, we will pass the book to get contributions from the members.

Special Projects: Civic Storytelling. Peggy announced the first round of 5 people recordings was conducted on November 6. Cheryl reported it was easy to be interviewed. There will be another round of interviews in December, focusing on history of people participating in the Growth Management Act. Peggy proposed purchasing our own equipment to conduct the interviews for the nominal amount of \$140. It will include editing, cameras, and transcription services. Also considering a noise booth we could take to tabling events to get testimony from the public. Dee Ann and Peggy will work on a \$2000 grant.

Member Services and Engagement. Lynn presented a document on the new members since September, with the plan to match these members with Board members for a personal connection. Each Board member selected a new member to contact. Karen shared her story of contacting a new member and developing a great reciprocal relationship. Her new member met for coffee and informed Karen about immigration needs and a group she works with, WAISN, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network. Karen was impressed with their work, and suggests it for a General Membership meeting topic.

Communications. Peggy shared the results of the October 18 meeting for new members Discovering Your Place. Members who attended were very engaged.

Climate Change Committee. Peggy announced the Comprehensive Plan draft would be presented to the County Commissioners on November 10, 2025, at 2:15 pm, in the Council Chambers.

Advocacy. The Action Workshop is Saturday, November 15, at 9 am on Zoom. You must register to get the invitation to join.

Observer Corps. League member Terri P., has been attending PUD 3 meetings. Our next Board meeting we will discuss how to use the Observer Corps forms for future action.

New Business: Survey. Amy will submit the survey.

Lynn adjourned the meeting at 1:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Perfrement

Secretary.