League of Women Voters of Mason County Board of Directors Meeting, 2026, September 4, 2026, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Faith Lutheran Church, Shelton

Present: Amy D., Peggy M, Cheryl W., Gloria S., Lynn B., Lynda L., Patti B., Anna B., Mary K., Vicki F., Eileen P.

Amy called the meeting to order at 11:40 am.
Attendees answered the question "How did Gloria Steinem affect your life?"

Lynda moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2026, Board of Directors meeting, and it passed.

Appointment of Committee Chairs

Mary K. was appointed Climate Change Chair.
Lynda L. was appointed Programs Chair.

Acceptance of Retreat Summary and Work Year Focus.

Peggy M. summarized the retreat summary report sent to all members and handed out to attendees.
There were three areas of focus identified at the retreat on August 11, 2026:

1. Defend democracy by mobilizing members to direct action.
2. Educating ourselves first on voting issues so we can effectively educating voter.
3. Strengthen internal systems to improve coordination, communication, and effectiveness across committees and leadership.

After elaboraing on the areas, she noted it was a framework, not a work plan.

Authorization of Financial Review Process.

Members will be assigned to a short term committee to complete the review, which is not a formal audit. Patti B. will followup and report at the next meeting.

Acceptance of Governance Committee Report and Timeline.

The Mason County League has 97 members. They trust processes are in place.
It was proposed to include sections at the end of the minutes that will be titled "Actions" and "Decisions."
The Bylaws are a legal document which requires compliance. There is a Webinar Peggy will send to all board members to watch.
Amy has the duties of President. Lacking a Vice-President, Peggy M. and Lynn B. will serve as administrative support.
Patti B. moved the Governance Committee report be approved and it was.

President. Amy went through the calendar listed at the end of Agenda. September 9 is the Ballot Processing Observer Training. September 15 is the League General Membership meeting with guest speaker Allison McCaffree on elections. September 16 is the LWVWA sponsored "Stop Big Money in Politics" featuring national speakers, in person in Tumwater. September 17 is Constituion Day with a presentation at the Shelton Timberland Library from League members Lyn De Danaan and Debera Coker speaking about the constitution and voter protections. September 18 the League Zoom on gathering questions to ask the candidates at Speed Dating. October 2 is the next Board of Directors meeting. October 15 is Speed Dating with the Candidates.

Treasurer. Patti presented a budget. She analyzed last year's expenditures as very close to last year's budget. We are now caught up with the old membership system and will just follow the new one for the income. The majority of members pay the $75 and many donate extra. Gloria, organizing the Tabling Events, proposed we include the purchase of equipment to enhance tabling. $100 for a banner, foam posters size 24x36 inches at $36, a larger wagon at $100, a pop-up tent with sides at 10x10 for $270 or 8x8 at $200. The motion to add these items to the budget and approve the budget as Patti presented was passed.
The balance as of August 31, 2026, in checking is $7419.44, savings is $1.00. CD is $1213.33, and Education Fund is $7003.29, for a total of $15637.06.

Voter Services. Lynda referred to the calendar listed under president's report, focussing on Speed Dating, Thursday, September 15. Set up will begin at 5pm at the Public Works Building off of Highway 101, All members should arrive by 6pm. The event begins at 6:30. An experienced League member will join a newer member at each table. We will also need members to help with the tear down.
Eileen reported on the school visits arranged at the 5 high schools in Mason County. The students will receive the Pocket Constitutions, TRY brochures, cards on Speed Dating, and voter information cards in their Civics or U.S. History classes. Three Civics classes at North Mason High are scheduled for Mondqy, September 14, one Civics class at Mary M. Knight on Thursday, September 17, the Pathways class at Choice High on Thursday, September 17. Visits to Cedar, Shelton High, and Choice are pending. Amy referred back to the calendar the events on September 17 at Timberland Library in Shelton. Amy also referred to the national litigation on mail-in voting pending, along with the slower speed of the post office. Lynda brought up the possibility of a Ballot Box in front of the post office. The League will continue to encourage early voting, the use of Ballot Boxes, and the many uses of votewa.gov. A long discussion of voting ensued. Anna will prepare a card to distribute to voters. Dee Ann is writing a letter to the editor.

Member Services. Lynn reported 97 members. League 101 will be at her home on October 29, 2026, 11 am to 1 pm. Discover your Place will be in Janueary. Post card writing needs a leader. Toni D. and Jody H. will be asked to update the name cards using graphics and lanyards. The telephone tree also needs a leader. Only board members receive the list of members. The next board meeting will see a vote on member involvement.

Programs. Lynda announced Allison McCaffree as the guest speaker for the September 15 General Membership meeting, speaking on elections and redistricting. The October meeting will be Speed Dating on October 15.

Advocacy. No chair yet. Vicki volunteered.

Climate Change. Mary will build on what has already been done. Lynda suggested link to Observer Corps. Amy suggested a link to local group Climate Justicd. Peggy suggested water quality as the major focus from the summer retreat. We will keep to Mason County issues.

The next Board of Directors meeting is October 2, 2026, at 11:30 am at Shelton Timberland Library.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:53 pm.

Actions.

1. Mary K. was appointed Climate Change Chair.
2. Lynda L. was appointed Program Chair.
3. The budget proposed by Patti Bradley was approved.
4. The Governanace Committee Report was approved by the Board.
5. Actions and Decisions will be added at the end of the minutes.
6. Peggy M. will send a video to all board members to view. The Governance Report requires that all Board members watch the video/Webinar.
7. Eileen P. is arranging high school visits at 5 high schools in Mason County. Dee Ann will list the times to all League members and ask that they contact Eileen if they with to join her
8. Zoom sessions open to all members will collect questions for Speed Dating.
9. Dee Ann will submit a Letter to the Editor on voting.
10. Anna will make up a rack card on voting to distribute to the public.
11. A committee will be formed to update the name cards for League members.
12. The financial review process will be reported at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen P.
Secretary