

LWVMC Board Meeting September 6, 2024, 11:30 am, on Zoom

Present: Lynn B., Lynda L., Amy D., Sandy M., Carole B., Karen R., Peggy M., Esther R., Dawn S., Eileen P., Cheryl W.

1. Lynn called the meeting to order at 11:34 am. Members shared their summer activities.
2. The agenda was ammended to add newspaper article under new business, then approved.
3. The minutes from June 7, 2024 Board meeting were approved. No additions to the Retreat Notes were given.

4. Executive and Committee Reports

A. Leadership Team. Amy will attend the leadership meeting for the LWVWA.

B. Treasurer's Report. Sandy presented a balanced budget. The beginning balance is \$5558. After membership dues and donations, the total income is \$8780. The projected expenses of dues to national and state, printing and advertising, special events, and board insurance add up to \$8780. The \$1000 certificate with earnings is now \$1123.18. The Education Fund has \$5436, which is plenty to cover the projected \$1000 for advertising, \$500 for education projects, and \$500 for voter events. After a review of the Educational Project Criteria, Sandy indicated we could pay the student national dues of \$25. Amy moved, Cheryl seconded, and the budget was approved.

C. Voter Services. Carole explained the poster replaces the post card mailing done in the past. She thanked all who contributed to the poster design and praised the election staff who were helpful filled the details included on the poster. Membership agreed the poster looks good. Esther discussed the distribution of the poster. Eileen will take 20 posters to the 6 high schools in the county. Other members will put the posters in locations around the county, reminding members to get permission to put up the poster. The posters will be available for pick up at the September 17 General Meeting at Olympic College. Volunteers for Speed Dating on October 17 at 6:30 pm at PUD 3 auditorium on John's Prairie, will be solicited at the September 17 meeting and through email correspondence and phone calls to members. The event will be advertised in the Journal. There will be a notice to attach to the posters as well. Cards advertising the event are available to give to the community. Sandy volunteered to visit Mary M. Knight School with Eileen, and they will also put the poster in the community while there.

Dee Ann, unable to attend the meeting, asked Lynn to propose to the Board a \$1400 budget from the Education Fund for advertising and expenses related to Speed Dating. It will be advertised in the Journal on October 3 and 10 and put on reader boards throughout the county. Mason Web TV will broadcast it for \$500. The motion to approve the \$1400 budget passed.

Peggy announced that Dorothy, unable to attend, is organizing the election observers. Volunteers will meet in early October.

D. Programs. Amy announced the general meetings through 2024. Cheryl proposed giving speakers a gift in addition to the thank you note.

September 17: Braver Angels. Elizabeth Doll will attend in person to speak about bridging the political divide. Hybrid event at Olympic College at 11:30 am.

October 17: Speed Dating Event at PUD 3 on John's Prairie Road, 6:30 pm.

November 19: Safety. Ryan Spurling, Mason County Sheriff, Olympic College, 11:30

December 17: Civics Education in Schools, Civics teachers, Olympic College, 11:30

E. Member Services. Lynn is organizing League 101, with the assistance of Karen and Peggy, for September 10, 2024, 11 am to 1pm, at her home. Lynda and Amy will also attend. There may be another one later.

Lynn will email a telephone tree of 5 members for Board members to contact regarding the general meeting, distribution of posters, and help at speed dating.

F. Advocacy and Member Engagement. Amy announced the official statement of the LWVWA on three initiatives on the November 5 ballot. LWVMC members can communicate this statement. The John Lewis Voting Rights Act is coming before the House of Representative and championed by 6th Legislative District Representative Derek Kilmer. The LWVWA sponsored Journalism Study was adopted by the LWVUS at the convention

G. Climate Change Committee. Lynda announced the next Planning Commission meeting is September 16 at 6:00 pm at Commission chambers. League members need to continue to attend to keep the pressure to include climate in the plan, as required by HB 1181. Amy suggested we also include questions on climate inclusion in the plan to the Commission candidates at Speed Dating.

H. Communications. Peggy announced 385 followers on Facebook. The LWVWA statement on the Initiatives 2117, 2109, 2124 are included. League 101 had 450 hits. The Leadership Team will publish a letter to the editor in the Journal. Cards advertising Speed Dating will be distributed.

5. Ongoing and New Business. Cheryl pointed out an ad in the Journal for the Mary M. Knight Achievement Award sponsored by the nonprofit women's organization Philanthropic Education Organization Chapter B. The award has supported women's education in Mason County since 1936. A grant of up to \$4000 for women who have been out of school at least two years and are returning to school to complete an academic or technical program is available to high school graduates or GED who reside in Mason County. We were also reminded about The Evergreen State College Shelton Promise tuition free program Sandy Kaiser spoke about last year. It is available to Shelton School District graduates this year and has been funded by the Legislature for one year.

Lynn adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Perfremment
Secretary