

LWVMC General Membership Meeting, February 17, 2026, 11:30 am Faith Lutheran Church and On Line

Present In Person: Lynda L., Francesca R., Patti B., Amy D., Cindy S., Karen R., Peggy M., Toni D., Peggy J., Jody H., Mark T., Sherie E., Dave, Eileen P.

Present On Line: Dee Ann K.P., Terri P., Stephanie S., Jim P., Cheryl W.

Guest Speakers: Kim Danke, Penny Orth, Matt Hilton, Laura Ramirez

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

Attendees introduced themselves.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of January 20, 2026, General Membership Meeting, were approved.

Leadership. Dee Ann reported the paperwork was submitted for the LWVMC Immigrant Study to receive National concurrence. Amy reported the business of the LWVWA President's Meeting. The League celebrated 106 years on February 14. LWVMC will celebrate with Women's History Month at Timberland Library Shelton on March 12, 2026. Lynn D. is presenting Great Women of Mason County. March 25, 2026, is a presentation on newspapers. The LWVWA Council is June 6 and 7 in Lacey, theme "Power of Us." Karen Crowley, President, LWVWA, condemns the call to nationalize elections and opposes the SAVE Act.

Treasurer. Patti reported the balances of \$8885.38 in checking, \$1 in savings, \$1188.52. in the CD, and \$7631.52 in the Education Fund, for a January 31, 2026 total of \$17,706.42. The boot was passed to collect donations to cover the meeting room donation to Faith Lutheran Church. Patti reported 96 members have paid 2026 membership.

Membership Services. In Lynn's absence, Amy reported League 101, the meeting to welcome members and explain the League roles, will be held March 31, 2026, at Timberland Library Shelton.

Voter Services. Dee Ann announced the next Voter Services meeting on Zoom March 2, 2026, at 10am. Eileen reported a visit to Shelton High's Travis Schultz's Civics Classes on February 12, 2026. He appreciated receiving the LWVWA book "The State We're In."

Advocacy. Amy encouraged members to read and support bills presented in the Legislative Newsletter arriving in emails Sunday evenings during Legislative Session to March 12. The members are also encouraged to attend the March 28, 2026, No Kings Rally at Kneeland Park and other locations in Western Washington.

Programs. The March 17 general membership meeting is organized by Mark T. and is on the PUDs. Karen R. asked if water from the City of Shelton could be included as well. The May membership meeting is on censorship.

Storytelling Update. Peggy M. reported the Washington Secretary of State Rural Outreach officer came to record the stories of the Mason County Growth Management Act original members during a contentious time. Peggy J. husband recorded it professionally. The next recording is planned to be students from the Cedar Stewards in May. Peggy M, Lynda, and Eileen attended their meeting to explain.

Observer Corps. Lynda reported the first focus is on the PUD 1 and 3 meetings, but members can choose any of the many county public meetings which appear on the Website in a list prepared by Peggy M. Members just need to fill out a form when they attend.

Nominating Committee. Amy encouraged more members to join the committee.

Good of the Order, Mason County Auditor's Pilot Project on Election Verification. Peggy M. wanted the League to participate as observers. Lynda was concerned that the League should not appear to endorse the pilot. Karen will contact Auditor Duenkel. We also wanted to see the results of the survey of the participants in the voluntary pilot project. Peggy M. will ask if we can see the survey results.

Amy adjourned the business meeting at 12:13 pm and turned the meeting over to program organizer Kim Danke. Kim introduced the three members of WISN that came with her to discuss the make up of the Immigrant community, their challenges, and the teams that help support them. Laura Ramirez told of the challenges faced by immigrant families to the ICE agents work on detaining and arresting immigrants. Matt Hilton spoke of the Community Outreach. Penny Orth spoke of Resource Development. Kim Danke spoke of the Rapid Response Team and Accompaniment Team. They answered questions of the attendees.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen P.
Secretary