

LWVMC General Membership Meeting January 21, 2025, Olympic College Library, Shelton

Present in Person: Karen R., Peggy M., Lynn B., Amy D., Terri P., Sue O., Chris M., Randy L., Julie T., Mark T., Sandy M., Brenda H., Patti B., Lynda L., Tom. D., Jonnel A.F., Eileen P., Guest Jackie B., Journal Reporter Gordon Weeks,

Present on Line: Dorothy O., Pat C., Liz E., Guest Speakers Kit Muehlman, Whatcom League, and Kirsten Rooks, King County League

Amy called the meeting to order at 11:32 am.

Members introduced themselves.

Following a change to the dates of the Eldercare Study, the Agenda was approved.

The minutes were approved.

Leadership Team Lynn reported the due dates of the two studies, Eldercare due February 28, 2025 and Welcoming Immigrants due March 28, 2025. The Eldercare Zoom meetings are scheduled for February 8, 10 am, February 10, 1 pm, February 17, 10 am. The Welcoming Immigrants study meetings will be scheduled for early March.

Treasurer Lynn read the report from Dee Ann K.P., who was unable to attend.

Dee Ann reported balances as of November 30, 2024: checking \$4046.72, CD \$1137.58, Education Fund (501 C) \$5538.00. The League is encouraging members to pay dues by January 31, 2025, to be able to include them under the current dues system. The dues received after January 31 will need to be handled under the new system the National League has adopted. National will provide a template for membership we can insert in the local League bylaws.

Member Service Lynn is following up with members who have not yet renewed memberships.

There was no Voter Services report.

Advocacy Amy reported the Legislative Newsletter email is sent Sundays. She encouraged taking action on Sunday on legislation supported by the WA Lobby Team, and you must sign up for the Newsletter if you are a new member. Chris mentioned that links to get information on Representational Voting are available.

Programs The February meeting will be on Housing Justice. Guests will be Julianne Gale from Mason County Climate Justice and Cedar Stewards, students from Cedar High School. This issue is pertinent to the ongoing County Comprehensive Plan Update. Peggy encouraged members to take the housing survey the Cedar Stewards are conducting on line.

The March meeting is TBA.

Climate Change Committee Lynda reported the major activity is participating in the monthly County Comprehensive Plan, usually on the 3rd Monday, 6 pm. It was great to see the Cedar Stewards participating every month. The draft plan is due June 30, 2025.

Lynda also reported some bills that are coming before the Legislature this session: SWAK and WRAP on recycling. WRAP has been modified from last year's bill.

Amy adjourned the business meeting at 12:00 pm

Program: Better Representation through Multi-Member Districts with speakers Chris Mason from Mason County League, Kit Muehlman of Bellingham/Whatcom County League, and Kirsten Rooks of King County League. Kirsten reviewed various election methods, and Kit and Kirsten explained how Multi-Member Districts relate to Proportional Representation. House Bill 1448 is under consideration this session.

The presentation ended at 1:07 pm, and members continued the discussion to 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Perfrement
Secretary