

## **LWVMC General Membership Meeting Minutes April 15, 2025, Olympic College Shelton**

### **Hybrid, 11:30 to 1:30**

Present: Sue U., Lynda L., Lynn B., Jody H., Patti B., Karen R., Arlene A., Mark T., Amy D., Lynn N.,  
Lyn D., Ellen S., Diane M., Peggy M., Randy N., Brenda H., Kamryn M., Terri P., Jonnel A., Polly H., Sherie E., Lisa Y., Eileen P., Gordon Weeks, press from The Shelton-Mason County Journal  
On Line: Dee Ann K.P., Dorothy O.

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

The agenda was approved.

The minutes from the March 18, 2025 General Meeting were approved.

### **Executive and Committee Reports**

**Leadership Team** Amy reminded members to sign up for the LWVWA Convention June 6 to 8 on line. Lynn B. thanked members for distributing the TRY brochures. Dee Ann announced the Chapter Spot program regarding membership is still having problems. Members will need to respond to the email sent by LWVUS to update membership.

**Treasurer** Dee Ann shared the February 1 to February 28, 2025, budget report. The banking balance started with \$8127.10, \$1200.28 was collected in dues, interest income \$.27, there were no expenses, leaving a balance of \$9377.65. The education fund balance is \$4650.16. The CD balance is \$1147.99.

**Member Services** Lynn B. reported 82 members, record-breaking membership. League 101, introducing new and prospective members to the League, will be April 30, 2025, at 10 am in the Shelton Timberland Library meeting room. Lynn asked members to contact her if they plan to attend.

**Voter Services** Dee Ann announced the first meeting of 2025 will be April 28 on Zoom. This meeting will plan the events for the year, and subsequent meetings will flesh out the details. All League members will be invited to attend.

**Advocacy** Peggy brought up one issue of great concern is the pending U.S. Congressional Bill on the SAVE Act. If passed in the Senate, it could amount to voter suppression. Peggy circulated information.

**Programs** Amy will announce the topic of the May 20 meeting in the invitation to the meeting.

**Climate Change Committee** Bill 5482 passed both chambers of the state legislature and is awaiting the governor's signature. It will help with the recycling of plastics.

**Communications** Peggy conducted a quick show of hands survey on the number of members who are on Blue Sky and on Facebook.

**By-Laws Committee** Peggy announced amendments were needed to the By-Laws prompted by the National League change to membership dues procedures using Chapter Spot. While the By-Laws are being updated, a change to committee structure is also proposed, adding Issues Committee as a separate category from Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. The vote to approve the changes will be held at the general membership meeting May 20, 2025.

**Nominating Committee** Jonnel volunteered to assist Lynda in contacting members to fill out the slate of officers for the next year. The vote will happen at the Annual Meeting June 17, 2025.

Amy adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 12:01 and turned the meeting over to the “Welcoming Immigrants to Washington State Study” program portion. Amy circulated the consensus questions resulting from the study. Four panelists who work with the immigrant community spoke about immigration issues at the local level. Lisa Seifert is an immigration attorney. Jenny Blumenstein directs Sound Learning education programs and volunteers. Maria Parra and Enrique Jeronimo are CIELO staff who offer support to the immigrant community, including food banks, translation services, emotional support, and each gave personal stories on immigrant needs. The program was recorded so members could hear the important issues discussed.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eileen Perfrement, Secretary