

LWVMC General Meeting December 17, 2024, 11:30 to 1:30, Olympic College Minutes

Present: Chris M., Dee Ann K.P., Lynda L., Diana F., Lynn B., Amy D., Peggy M., Patti B., Bill P. (guest), Mark T., Jody H. (guest), Randy L., Sherri D., Rosemarie Y. (guest), Terri P., Brenda H., Eileen P.

Present on Zoom: Cheryl W., Karen R., Esther R., Francesca R., Dorothy O., Pat C.

Guest Speakers: Evan Brees, North Mason High School Civics Teacher
Hannah Palmer, Cedar High School Civics Teacher

Amy called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Those present introduced themselves. The agenda was approved with a change to the Mason County Planning Advisory Committee dates. January 13 is the date of a special session, and January 27 is the date of the regular meeting.

The minutes of the November 19, 2024, General Membership meeting were approved.

Program: “High School Civics: What does it take to be an informed citizen?”

Amy turned the meeting over to the guest speakers at 11:40. Hannah Palmer began her presentation on how she presents the Washington state required Civics curriculum to Cedar High's project approach to education. She was available to answer questions of the audience until she needed to leave at 12:05 to teach her class. Evan Brees presented the curriculum in slides he shares with students and parents, including project assignments for each unit. He was able to stay until 1:00 to participate in a lively exchange with the audience.

Amy called the business meeting to order at 1:00.

Leadership Team. Dee Ann reported the topic of the next general membership meeting on January 21, 2025 is Multi-Member Districts. It is like a study, but no position will result. Two major League studies: Elder Care and Welcoming Immigrants will be distributed to local Leagues in January to be studied with the purpose of coming to consensus in the spring. Dee Ann circulated a sign-up sheet for those interested in participating in the studies. Lynn encouraged members to participate as a great learning opportunity. Dee Ann added that the LWVWA adopts the positions at the convention.

Treasurer. Dee Ann reported cash on hand in the checking account as of November 30, 2024, as \$4046.72, with November deposits of \$700.68, withdrawals of \$125. The Certificate of Deposit balance is \$1137.58. The Education Fund cash on hand is \$5538.16 following a TRY brochure printing withdrawal of \$198.71. Lynn showed the League greeting cards available for sale.

Member Services. Lynn announced work on the TRY brochure for 2025 will begin soon. Another League 101 for new members is being planned.

Voter Services: Dee Ann is developing an annual report. She thanked all who participated.

Advocacy: Amy announced the Washington State Legislative session is 105 days beginning January 13 to April 27. The Legislative Newsletter will arrive via email each Sunday from the LWVWA Advocacy Team listing current bills to support by clicking on ACTION ALERTS. Also, look for advocacy actions to take on the national level via emails from Diana Wynn, President, LWVUS, on voter access, the environment, health care, and immigration.

Programs: January is Multi-Member Districts on voting representation, February is to be determined, March will be an examination of our Judicial System on the local level.

Climate Change Committee. Lynda announced the meetings with the Planning Advisory Committee are usually at 6pm the 3rd Monday of the month, except for January, with a special session January 13 and the regular meeting January 27. This is an ongoing activity until the report is announced, the purpose being to include climate change resiliency in the new Comp Plan. Peggy added the Cedar Stewards, students from Cedar High School are actively participating at the meetings. Randy, who is on the planning commission, announced a vacancy. Lynda also stated Climate Committee plans for a field trip in the Spring.

No Communications report.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Perfremment
Secretary