

LWVMC General Membership Meeting, November 18, 2025, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Faith Lutheran Church, Three Door Room, and Zoom

Present in Person: Lynn B., Tracy M., Sue U., Lynda L., Dee Ann K.P., Amy D., Jodi H., Peggy M., Karen R., Nancy S., Peggy J., Arlene A., Lynn N., Carolyn M., Patti B., Kim D., Mark T., Cheryl W., Barbara B., Craig A., Gloria S., Debra C., Lauren U., Randy L., Eileen P.

Present on Line: Steve D., Terri P. Speakers: Karen Crowley, Beth Pellicciotti

Amy called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

Members introduced themselves.

The minutes of the September 16, 2025, meeting were approved with the addition of those present from the sign-in sheet.

Leadership Team. Amy thanked the members who attended the October 21, 2025, meeting on “Discover Your Place in the League.” She reminded members to support issues, not candidates. The League has many partnerships with organizations across the state.

Treasurer. Patti presented the budget. The balances are of October 31, 2025. The checking account balance was \$7753.03, the CD balance was \$1177.48, and the Education Fund balance was \$5766.82. The total of funds was \$14,698.33. The October income was \$828.97 and the October expense was \$911.35. Patti passed the “Boot” to collect any donations members would like to contribute to the church for using their space. Members can renew on line or by check, and many memberships are coming due.

Member Services. Lynn B. also thanked the members who attended “Discover Your Place.” She is planning a League 101 to welcome new members sometime in January.

Voter Services. Dee Ann announced the next meeting would be in **January**, 2025. There was a 35th Legislative District Legislator forum sponsored by the Thurston County League.

Advocacy. Amy discussed the LWV WA Zoom training Action Workshop on Saturday, November 15, describing how to work with Legislators by Nancy Sapiro, and the Budget and Revenue by Cynthia Stewart. Lobby Week is January 26. The Legislative session is January 12 to March 12. The Legislative Newsletter will come out on Sundays every week during the Session. Lynda spoke of carpooling to meet the 35th Legislative District Legislators. The League supports opposition to signing initiative IL26-126, designed to prevent eligible voters from voting, to fix a problem that doesn't exist. The campaign is called Decline to Sign. Cheryl read her letter to the editor opposing the initiative.

Programs. Amy announced an immigrant support group meeting at Faith Lutheran Church on Friday, November 21, 4:30 pm. It is for those who wish to get deeply involved with immigrants. She also announced the December 16 meeting will be on the LWVMC Immigration Study. The January meeting will be Criminal Justice giving inmates as they are released the right to vote back. Peggy J. is working with David Lund for the presentation.

Storytelling Update. Peggy M. reported on action to date. Mike Bowman from the Secretary of State is recording interviews with interested League members to capture their story on how they became involved with the League. Carolyn M. gave workshops on how to write a narrative. There are two more opportunities in December, the 2nd and the 11th. She circulated a sign up sheet for those interested. We are using a room in the Timberland Library in Shelton. She also proposed applying for a LWVWA Civics Education Fund grant up to \$2000 to purchase 2 small recorders and supporting equipment, including the ability to record at tabling events such as Allyn Days. Our League could then record on our own schedule and not have to rely on the availability of the Secretary of State's Office. Another group we would like to interview is the Cedar Stewards who were so powerful in getting their voices heard during the Mason County Commissioners planning committee on the Growth Management Act.

No report from Communications.

No report from Climate Change Committee, as it was covered in the Advocacy part of the Agenda.

On Taxes. Cheryl provided an update on changes to the Federal Income Tax laws adopted July 4, 2025. Four major changes: 1. No tax on tips. 2. No tax on overtime pay. 3. No tax on car loans for newer cars. 4. Deductions for seniors age 65+. You do not need to itemize. These items are in effect 2025 to 2028. The child tax credit is up to \$2200. Charitable donations total up to \$2000. The clean vehicle credit on Energy Efficient products ends December 31, 2025.

Amy closed the business meeting at 12:10 pm, and turned the meeting over to Beth Pellicciotti to speak on State Board positions and Karen Crowley on the tests the League faces at the state level and the impact on citizens of Washington.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Perfrement

Secretary