

League of Women Voters General Membership Meeting March 17, 2026 Faith Lutheran Church and Zoom, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Present in Person: Lynn B., Lynda L., Nancy S., Francesca R., Mark T., Amy D., Traci M., Peggy J., Patti B., Linda W., Peggy M., Kathy G., Terri P., Diana F., Jim F., Tom D., Eileen P..

Present on Zoom: Dee Ann K.P., Gloria S., Vicki V., Cheryl W., Debbra C., Toni D.
Presenters: Juli Tuson, PUD 3 Commissioner, Sheila Corson, PUD 3, Kristin Masteller, PUD 1, Cloey Fletcher, PUD 1 Intern

Amy called the meeting to order at 11:38 am. Members introduced themselves. The agenda was approved.

The minutes of February 17, 2026 General Membership meeting were approved.

Leadership Team Lynn handed out invitations for League 101, March 31, 2026, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, Shelton Timberland Library.

Dee Ann is looking for Letters to the Editor writers on League issues.

Amy encouraged members to read and respond to actions on the Evergreen Voter emails from the League of Washington State. Amy also announced the LWVWA Council on Saturday, June 6, all day, and Sunday, June 7, 2026, until noon, South Puget Sound Community College, Lacey Campus. One part of the program is a workshop on our LWV Mason County Story Telling project.

Linda W. spoke on the Women's History Month display at the Shelton Timberland Library. The centennial posters featuring Women Leaders of Mason County will be on display all month. On March 12 League member Lyn D. will present a program on about the seven women who made a difference in Mason County.

Treasurer Patti presented the budget she had circulated to members. The balances in OURCU at the end of February, 2026, are \$8479.87 in checking, \$1.00 in savings, \$1192.26 in the CD. The Education Fund balance is \$7631.52. Total in all accounts is \$17,304.65.

Member Services Lynn is looking for volunteers on the Welcome Committee to stay in touch with 5 members. TRY brochures are completed. Linda brought them to the meeting and folded them. Eileen took a box to give to students in Civics classes, at tabling events, and at meetings throughout the county.

Voter Services Eileen gave an update on Civics classes visitations. She will arrange visits to all three Shelton School District high schools, North Mason High, and Mary M. Knight High in the spring.

Lynda is planning Speed Dating for Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at the Civic Center in Shelton. She is planning for 10 to 12 candidates, 10 being the ideal. Peggy M. announced the pilot project from the Auditor's office on ballot validation, originally scheduled for the April 28, 2026, election, will be postponed as the ballot included a portion of Kitsap County which did not approve the project. Voter Services gained 40% from the Mason County League survey in August on which functions the League should prioritize.

Advocacy Amy encouraged members to follow the LWVWA Resisting Threats to Democracy emails and take action. The Legislative Newsletter will do a wrap up on the Legislative session listing successful bills the League supported. Amy encouraged members to join one of the No Kings III rallies March 28, 2026. Vicki V is involved in a sing in at Kneeland Park.

Programs Amy announced the April 21, 2026 meeting will be a follow-up to Immigration support meeting earlier in the year. Lydia Zepeda from the Tacoma-Pierce League will report on the Immigrant Detention Center in Tacoma.

Story Telling Update Peggy M. proposed to set up a table to get recordings for the Power of Us at LWVWA Council in June, Peggy, Lynda and Patti will work with Michael Bowman from the WA Secretary of State office.

Amy adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 12:10 pm. She turned the meeting over to Mark T. to introduce the guest speakers from PUD 1 and 3. Sheila Carson, PUD 3, presented a slide show on the operation of PUD 3. Kristin Masteller then presented PUD 1.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 1:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Perfrement
Secretary