

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASON COUNTY  
ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2023, 11:30 – 1:00  
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Francesca Ritson

**Present were:** Lynda Links, Amy Davis, Pat Carpenter, Eileen Perfrement, Dee Ann Kline, Peggy Morell, Chris Mason, Francesca Ritson, Cadine Ferguson-Brown, Carolyn Maddux, Sandy Miller, Linda Steffen

A motion was made by Lynda Links and seconded by Linda Steffen to approve the agenda.

A motion was made and approved to change the March 3, 2023 Board Minutes program title from “Tiny Village” to “Shelton Veteran’s Village”. Motion was moved by Lynda Links and seconded by Pat Carpenter.

#### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

##### **Treasurer’s Report – Pat Carpenter**

We currently have \$5,964.28 in checking. We will have about \$3,000 left after state and annual dues are paid.

##### **Voter Services – Eileen Perfrement**

Four Civics Classes at Shelton High School were visited by Eileen Perfrement and Dorothy Oetter in the middle of March. Allyn Days will be on July 15 and 16. Jason, the coordinator is excited to have us again. Last year we did one day but will be able to do two this year.

##### **Climate Change Committee – Lynda Links and Francesca Ritson**

The Sherwood Forest in the Lakeland area of Shelton is a big concern/issue. Comments on the proposed timber sale tract, Sure Wood, located in Sherwood can be sent to Hilary Franz.

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> we will meet in-person at the Timberland Library at 11 am to discuss the Growth Management Plan with Erica Marbet, Squaxin Island Natural Resources Department, and Kell Rowan, Community Development Director of Mason County Planning Department.

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 Ruth Idunn from Fungi Perfecti will talk about:

**Mycoforestry for a Greener Future – Grow and Remediate Forests with Beneficial Fungi:**

##### **Centennial Committee**

Join the Centennial Committee in honoring Joyce Cheeka of the Squaxin tribe, who is being recognized as a Woman Leader of Mason County on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 2:30 at the Squaxin Island Museum Library.

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## **Advocacy – Amy Davis**

**Sherwood Forest** and the proposed sale of DNR tract, Sure Wood, located in the forest should be our main advocacy for this month.

## **Programs – Amy Davis**

The Mason County Climate Justice coalition, who did a presentation on the Sherwood forest, would like to have the program incorporated into our April 18<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting. The Climate Justice coalition will discuss Food Forests and Legacy Forests at the Membership Meeting.

## **By-Laws – Peggy Morell**

The Board discussed proposed changes to Article IV of the By-Laws. Peggy Morell requested and was given permission to discuss the By-Laws with the Board. Clarification and discussion of proposed changes centered around the following:

1. **Voting**
2. **Electronic Meetings**
3. **Quorum Voting**
4. **Ad-Hoc vs Standing Committee**
5. **Fiscal Year**
6. **Books and Records (new Section)**
7. **Audit and Review**

**Board of Director's Voting** - Elected officials, standing committee chairs, and past presidents currently have voting rights on the Board. The proposal is to change past presidents to presidents for the last two years.

**Electronic Meetings** – Under the Washington Non-Profit Corporation Act meetings shall be available electronically. Broadband needs to be accessible to remote areas of the county.

**Quorum Voting** –15% of the membership will constitute a Quorum. And of that number 50% plus one of members is a majority for voting purposes. Every member of the Board of Directors (Standing Committee Chairs and Elected Officers) gets one vote, even if they have two positions – still open for discussion.

**Ad-Hoc vs Standing Committee** – Ad-Hoc Committees are limited to a specific period of time to address a specific Board project – they are not voting members of the Board of Directors. Standing Committees are established on a permanent basis. Examples of Standing Committee Chairs (Membership, Voting, Program). **Proposals** – add Advocacy and Climate Change as Standing Committees.

**Fiscal Year** – Clarified as July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

**Books and Records** – Dues must be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup> or membership will be dropped from roll.

**Audit and Review** – Financial books reviewed every two years. An audit can be requested by the Board.

After the By-Laws are approved, the By-Laws need to support how the League operates. Members in good standing (current with dues) should get a vote.

### **Nominating Committee – Amy Davis and Lynda Links**

This year we have no volunteers for the Leadership Team, although a few members are considering it. None of the current presidents are coming back. Lynn Busacca expressed interest in being a bridge person – the new person that Lynn would be working with would have support.

Diane McLean and Sandy Miller have offered to be back-up Treasurer. Eileen Perfrement will be returning as Secretary.

### **Redistricting Committee – Dee Ann Kline and Amy Davis**

**State Redistricting** – we need to do the following:

1. Select a representative to join the Redistricting Task Force  
(**Chris Mason volunteered** to be on Task Force)
2. Identify a committee to manage local redistricting campaign activities.  
(Stand-alone Committee or one integrated with other democracy work)
3. Support Defending Democracy Survey in our local area by understanding and advertising results in coordination with local redistricting awareness events.
4. Build relationships with local organizations who will also support redistricting reform.
5. Build relationships with legislators and make them aware of League's objective.
6. Create redistricting local events in cities and counties to educate residents and push for any needed reform.

### **New Business**

Dee Ann will be the official representative to look at broadband in the County and Statewide.

Lynda Links – a talk about the Electoral College in Washington state will be on Zoom on April 27 at 7:00 pm. Cindy Black will be moderating – Rule of Law and History of the Electoral College

### **Upcoming Events**

Every Monday through the end of April, at 10 am on Zoom, is ACT coffee time.

On Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am there will be a Membership Meeting with a program with Mason County Climate Justice coalition discussing:

#### **"Food Forests Fundamentals & Strategy to Save the Sherwood Forest"**

This will be a hybrid meeting – via Zoom or in-person at the Olympic College in Shelton.

Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 there will be a Voter Services Committee Meeting via Zoom.

On April 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm there will be a presentation on the **Growth Management Plan**. Speakers will be Erica Marbet, Squaxin Island Natural Resources Department; and Kell Rowan, Community Development Director of Mason County Planning Department  
We will meet in-person at the Shelton Timberland Public Library.

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 1:00 there will be a League 101 Orientation for new and future members. For more information contact: [lbusacca@gmail.com](mailto:lbusacca@gmail.com)

May 4 – Holiday Express in Pasco: **LWV-WA Convention**

May 6, 2023, **Matlock Old Timer's Fair**. We can begin to set up at 8:00 am, and the presentation will be at 11:00 am. The fair opens at 10:00.

Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 our Centennial Committee presents another inspirational Woman Leader of Mason County. Join us as we showcase Joyce Cheeka at the Squaxin Museum

May 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – 11:30 (**Note change of date/time**)

The May 16<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting will be a program at 11:30 about the Veteran's Tiny Village in Shelton. This will be a hybrid meeting – people can attend via Zoom or in-person at the Olympic College in Shelton. If weather permits there may be a tour of the Village. Coleen Carmichael, Executive Director of Panza dba Quixote Communities, is the presenter.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Harmony Hill. There will be the turnover of officers, and possibly a small program.  
The Annual Business Meeting will be held at Harmony Hill. Presentation of the Annual Report, slate of officers for approval, and transaction of other business will occur.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.