

LWVMC Board Meeting December 1, 2023

Present: Lynn Busacca, Dee Ann Kline, Lynda Links, Peggy Morell, Pat Carpenter, Amy Davis, Eileen Perfrement, On Zoom.

Lynn Busacca called the meeting to order at 11:38 am.

1. Nothing was added to the agenda.
2. The minutes of the November 3, 2023 Board Meeting were approved.
3. Question of the day. Everyone shared their legislative priorities for this session from January 8 to March 8, 2023. There was a variety of priorities.

4. Executive and Committee Reports

4.1. Leadership Team. Amy Davis announced Mason County was asked by Thurston County president Darlene Hein to Co-Host 2024 Council in Olympia. Duties would involve welcoming members, counting votes, and other duties. The planning meeting with Amy Peloff is December 11 on Zoom. Lynn Busacca wants to explore the process for moving an ad-hoc committee to a standing committee. Lynda Links agreed we need more board members.

4.2. Treasurer. Sandy Miller was unable to attend, and Lynn Busacca highlighted the report Sandy had sent. The balance is \$4031.41 listed in the report. The bills from KMAS ads for \$500 will come out of the education fund, as it was for the speed dating forum. Dedrick Allen has yet to submit a bill for coverage of the event on Mason Web TV.

4.3. Member Services. Lynn Busacca reported 41 members have paid dues, and we have 25 members left to hear from. Lynn suggested board members remind phone list as we call about the next general membership meeting December 19, 2023. New members were asked to express their committee interests at League 101. Three members were interested in Observer Corps.

4.4. Programs. The December 19, 2023, General Membership meeting will be all in person at the Shelton Fire Hall on 2nd and Franklin. Amy Davis announced the topic "Strategies for Climate Resiliency in Mason County." She is working on guest speakers. She will talk to Thurston League about their actions. It was also suggested to refer to Nancy Snyder's letter to the Mason County Commissioners from 2 years ago. Lynda Links volunteered to bake cookies for the meeting. The January 16th general membership meeting topic is Public Hospital Districts, with Cynthia Stewart as speaker. A possible location if the Olympic College venue is not available is the Timberland Library. The February meeting will be on combining fire districts. Beau Bakken is an unconfirmed speaker. Polly Hankin is working on securing speakers from Harstine Island speakers bureau for a spring meeting. Lynn Busacca also suggested including the birth of the League in February. Perhaps the poster of the 8 women of note in Mason County could be displayed.

4.5. Climate Change Committee. Lynda Links reported the success of the Harstine Flats hike, with 30 people attending, including League members. The Harstine Flats timber sale will be included in the December 19th meeting. Information on how much money actually is allocated to Mason County schools, fire departments, and so forth, from timber sales. It is believed there is a misperception of the funding that comes back to the community when a timber sale occurs.

4.6. Advocacy. Amy Davis reminded board members of the LWVWA Action Workshop December 2, 2023, from 9am to 3pm, on Zoom. The LWVMC Advocacy meeting December 4 will debrief on the state meeting and come up with some actions we will focus on.

4.7. Communications. Peggy Morell has been posting events on Facebook, and will start posting positions in the hope of increasing the base and expanding followers and membership. She made reference to the Julie Anderson presentation at the last General Membership meeting in November and minutes from the Voter Services meeting. Lynn also suggested Peggy contact Delores Irwin who expressed an interest in helping with communications.

5. **Liability Insurance Report.** Dee Ann Kline reported the Philadelphia Insurance Company quote of \$685 per year. Members had questions on deductible and individual Umbrella policies board members may be carrying. Lynda Links suggested we check with other county Leagues. Event insurance is available through the LWVWA. We felt it was important to get Sandy Miller's input before making a decision.
6. Lynn Busacca adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Perfrement
Secretary