

League of Women Voters General Meeting February 21, 2023

Dee Ann Kline called the meeting to order at 11:32 am.

Present: Dee Ann Kline, Carolyn Maddux, Francesca Ritson, Lynn Busacca, Lynda Links, Pat Carpenter, Cindy Shotts, Peggy Morell, Amy Davis, Chris Mason, Sandy Miller, Eileen Perfrement

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of January 17, 2023, General Meeting were approved.

President's Report

Francesca Ritson reported the need to form a nominating committee for next year's officers. She reported a suggestion that committee heads rotate the presidents' office. We need back up for the OWL training.

Dee Ann Kline reported a busy Lobby Days. She announced the next general meeting in March will be held at Olympic College, Shelton, in the library, with OWL technology supporting a hybrid model.

Secretary's Report

Eileen Perfrement reported on the secretary schedule created by Lynn Busacca based on member volunteers.

February: Eileen Perfrement. March Board: Eileen Perfrement,
March General: Polly Hankin, April meetings: Linda Steffen, May meeting: Nancy Snyder,
June meetings: Eileen Perfrement

Treasurer's Report

Pat Carpenter reported a balance of \$5854.28. The education Fund has \$2000 after spending \$210. for the TRY brochures. We have 67 members, and we owe the national organization \$3500.

Voter Services

Karen Herr has been delivering TRY brochures throughout the county to libraries and other public spaces. Carolyn Maddux will deliver the brochures to Olympic College in Shelton.

Eileen Perfrement has delivered 194 TRY brochures to all high schools in Mason County.
Shelton School District: Cedar and Choice received 22 each. Shelton High received 60/
Mary M. Knight received 15. North Mason High, Caleb Sullivan, received 60. James Taylor, North Mason Alternative School received 15.

Voter Registration presentations were delivered on January 13 to Choice High classes of Mike Kohn and Mason Bryant, and Cedar High classes of Luanne Bigbear and Jessica Dean. Mary M. Knight class of Todd Plaisance on February 10, James Taylor High class of Michele Call, Feb 14. Josh Camden at Shelton High will be scheduled later when Dorothy Oetter has returned.

Dee Ann Kline reported on the Voter Services Committee. Candidate forums for the future would be for school board candidates, and possibly city council since two council people are not running

for re-election. The committee is also interested in reviving post card writing, esp. for members living in areas without internet connections. Also discussed were Civics in the Window, for display in store fronts, including Spanish language displays. The next meeting of Voter Services is scheduled for February 27, 2023, at 10am.

Advocacy

Amy Davis reported the Lobby Week Zooms of February 6 to 10 were well attended and informative. A Zoom with Dan Griffey, state representative in 35th Legislative District, was 15. minutes long with League members advocating for rank choice voting, land trust transfers, climate corps and updating voter registration.

Derek Kilmer, US representative in the 10th Congressional district, is holding a town hall February 21, 5:30 to 7 pm, at PUD 3 Headquarters on Johns Prairie.

Centennial Committee

Cindy's reported that both Llyn De Danaan and Linda Woytowich created the new Joyce Cheeka poster. The committee is working on a date to unveil this new poster. They are coordinating with. family and the tribe. The committee is also developing a plan to present all the posters to community groups.

Programs

Amy Davis reported the following schedule:

March 21, 2023, at Olympic College Library, on mental illness

April 21, 2023, Mason County Forest Alliance

May 16, 2023, tour of Tiny Homes

June 6, 2023, Harmony Hill Retreat

Membership

Lynn Busacca reported on a new member orientation that is coming later.

Climate Change

Francesca Ritson reported two scheduled meetings:

February 23, 2023, 11 am to 12 pm, on forest practices

April 27, 2023, Growth Management Plan, County Planning Department, Erica Marbett, Marissa

Bylaws

Peggy Morell reported the updated bylaws will be presented to the Board March 3, 2023

Centennial

Cindy Shotts reported the development of a new poster on an eighth prominent woman:

Joyce Simmons Cheeka, Squaxin Tribe. She tells of her experience at Indian Boarding Schools.

Her poster will be installed at the Squaxin Museum.

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm.

The program was turned over to Carolyn Maddux to introduce the guest speakers leading discussion

on the Journalism Study. Dee Ann Finken, Co-Chair, from LWV Clark County, and Carol Rikerd, LWV Pierce County. They introduced the study purpose, Discussions Questions, and Consensus Questions , which our League member participants will discuss over the next month. The presentation concluded at 1:30 pm.