

**League of Women Voters of Mason County**  
**General Meeting**  
**April 18, 2023**  
**Johnson Library, Olympic College Shelton and on Zoom**

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

**Present:** Amy Davis, Lynn Busacca, Francesca Ritson, Sherri Dysart, Michael Siptroth, Karen Rice, Cindy Shotts, Peggy Morell, Lynda Links, Chris Mason, Peggy Flom, Tom Duffield, Barbara Hoonan, and Arlene Army attended in person. Pat Carpenter, Linda Steffen, Carolyn Maddux, Dee Ann Kline, Shelly Spalding, Esther Rowland, and Diane McLean attended on Zoom.

**2.0 The agenda was approved.**

**3.0 The minutes from March 21, 2023, General Membership were approved.**

**4.0 Reports**

**4.1 Leadership Team.**

**Lynn Busacca.** Note cards are available for \$10 for five cards.

**Francesca Ritson.** We could use more people trained on the OWL.

Future work will include broadband advocacy and redistricting.

**Dee Ann Kline.** The convention is in Pasco from May 4 to 7. It will include leadership and working with youth. The Journalism study recommendation to eliminate the tax for community newspapers passed through the State House and is currently in the Senate.

**4.2 Treasurer. Pat Carpenter** stated the balance in the checking account is \$5744.86. The state and national dues will need to be paid in June. The C.D. balance is \$1077.10.

A donation from Jim and Peg Penny for \$2000 will be put in the education fund for tax benefit.

We print the TRY brochures and other educational materials from the education fund.

**4.3 Nominating Committee. Amy Davis** reported Eileen Perfrement will be nominated for secretary, but still looking for backup secretaries.

Searching for Leadership Team candidates.

Pat Carpenter, Sandy Miller, and Diane McLean will share the Treasurer position.

**4.4 Voter Services. Dee Ann Kline** will hold the next meeting on Zoom April 24, 2023, at 11:30 am. The Matlock Old Timers Fair table and other community events will be discussed.

Lynn Busacca has TRY brochures to hand out at these events.

**4.5 Member Services. Lynn Busacca** announced the League 101 meeting for new members on April 29 at her home. She asked members to let her know of prospective new members so they can be invited as well.

**4.6 Programs. Amy Davis** listed the following meetings:

May 16, 2023, Shelton Veterans' Village, Colleen Carmichael. The meeting will be held at the Olympic College Library, then possibly move to a tour of the village weather permitting.

June 6, 2023, the Annual Meeting at Harmony Hill.

**4.7 By-Laws Committee. Peggy Morell** and Lynn Busacca have presented the revised by-laws articles to the board for input. So far Article 4, Leadership, Article 5, Financial, and Article 6, Chairs of Committees have been discussed. Cadine Ferguson-Brown, newly appointed state judge and League member, has been assisting with the edit. A discussion on the State League lowering the minimum age for membership in the League from 18 to 16. That will involve a new dimension to League school visits.

**4.8 Climate Change Committee. Lynda Links** announced the next Climate Change program on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> about the Growth Management Act (meet in person) and

June 1, at 11:00 am, presenter Ruth Idunn from Fungi Perfecti, on zoom only.

**4.9 Advocacy.**

**Amy Davis** thanked the membership for taking action on bills.

**Chris Mason** spoke on the Ranked Choice Voting Bill and the Redistricting Reform Task Force. The Ranked Choice Voting Bill did not get out of committee this session but can be reintroduced in the second half of the legislative session in 2023/24. The goal is to have ranked choice voting for the 2028 primary election. The Redistricting Reform Campaign proposal to the state League was shared electronically with members prior to the meeting. The belief is that the campaign actions will build the strength of the League and inspire people to engage and vote throughout Washington State. The proposal will be presented at convention for inclusion in long-term Priorities for Action.

**Sherri Dysart** talked about the forestry bills that are passed. HB 1460 and HB 1578 that are moving on. HB 1018, Hog Fuel Tax Exemption, which the League opposes, has a floor vote this week. She urged members to take action against this bill right away.

#### **4.10 Centennial Committee.**

**Cindy Shotts** She gave a history of the grant to research seven women leaders in Mason County. The women and/or their families were honored at the Historical Museum in Shelton a year ago. The posters are now going to be placed in permanent homes in appropriate places throughout the county.

Mary M. Knight's poster will be presented at the Matlock Old Timers' Fair on May 6, 2023. The presentation time is 11:00 am on the performers stage in the gymnasium between the acts. The Superintendent of Mary M. Knight School District, Matt Mallery, Principal Michael Marstrom, and the Chair of Museum Committee will receive the posters. The League will also have a Voter Service table in the gymnasium.

An eighth notable woman, Joyce Cheeka, now has a poster, and it will be presented at a ceremony Tuesday, May 9, at the Squaxin Museum, at 2 pm. Llyn De Danaan has arranged for Cecil Cheeka, Joyce's son, to speak about his mother. Refreshments will be provided.

All posters will be laminated, and the poster with all eight women will be kept by the League for future events.

### **5.0 New Business**

**5.1 Delegates to League Convention are encouraged.**

**5.2 Redistricting Task Force.** Chris Mason and Dee Ann Kline will form a committee.

**6.0 Amy Davis adjourned the meeting at 12:15.** The program was turned over the guest speakers from Mason County Climate Justice, Julianne Gale and James Landreth. They spoke on the need to preserve legacy forests and the development of food forests in the community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eileen Perfrement, Secretary