

## **LWVMC General Membership Meeting, January 17, 2023, 11:30, Olympic College**

**Present:** Lynn Busacca, Francesca Ritson, Cindy Shotts, Pat Carpenter, Lynda Links, Amy Davis, Carolyn Maddux, Karen Herr, Karen Rice, Patti Bradley, Peggy Flom, Diana Findley, Dorothy Oetter, Mary Beth Svoboda, Eileen Perfrement  
Eileen Perfrement taking minutes.

Lynn Busacca called the meeting to order. She asked members to introduce themselves and share what they are looking forward to.

The minutes from the November 15, 2022, general membership meeting were approved. The December meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

### **Leadership Team**

#### **Lynn Busacca**

Lynn reported on the TRY brochure development, and thanked those who participated, including Barbara Hoonan, Karen Herr and Linda Woytowich. She also thanked the many members today who helped fold them. Eileen Perfrement will take a good supply to distribute to the six high schools in the county. Karen Herr will take another supply to take to libraries and public buildings.

#### **Francesca Ritson**

Francesca reported on the OWL technology in support of hybrid meetings. The last piece of equipment has been purchased, so the system is ready for a trial. Lynda Links and Amy Davis offered to assist in the trial. The equipment was purchased through a grant from the State LWV Ed Fund.

Francesca also reported on the results of the on line membership survey. She is waiting for half of the members to respond before she makes an official report. Preliminary results indicate the members prefer a hybrid meeting format, wearing masks when meeting in person, and like the climate change issues.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Pat Carpenter reported a balance of \$4634. Fifty four members have renewed to date. Reminder notices have been sent by Nancy to current members who have not renewed. Pat needs to send the membership

list to the state by January 31, 2023. Of the dues we pay, \$10 to 12 goes to the local unit. Expenses include cards, new pins, posters, and rental space for the candidate forums.

### **Voter Services**

Eileen Perfrement reported on school visits. From the Shelton School District, two of the three high schools requested the League to visit to speak on voter registration. Eileen and Dorothy Oetter visited Choice High School and Cedar High School on January 13, 2023, Temperance Day. They spoke to Mike Kuhns and Mason Bryant's classes at Choice and Luanne Bigbear and Jessica Dean's classes at Cedar. Most students prefer to register on line or when they apply for a driver's license, but a few paper registrations were received and delivered to the Auditor's office.

## **Member Services**

Lynn Busacca reported letters being sent to current members who have not renewed, as well as prospective new members.

Lynn has ordered additional LWV-Mason County pins for those who have lost or misplaced theirs. She also reminded us to remove our LWV pins when we are expressing personal views not related to League positions.

## **Future Programs**

Amy Davis gave an outline of coming meetings:

February: Journalism Study

March: Trauma and mental illness. Peggy Morell is assisting.

April: Hike for Earth Day. Maybe the Heritage Forest hike postponed from November

May: gardening or the postponed YMCA tour, election of officers

June: Harmony Hill picnic. Introduce new committees, leaders, projects, bylaws review

A Shelton tree walk was also proposed.

## **Bylaws Review**

Lynn Busacca, Cheryl Williams, Peggy Morell are doing a line by line review and revision.

The goal is to have a completed document to present at the June annual membership meeting.

## **Climate Change**

Lynda Links and Francesca Ritson are sharing leadership since the resignation of Sherri Dysart due to her accepting a position on Forests for the state LWV. The programs are available to all members. The Thursday, February 26, 2023, program is on Forest and Tree Practices. Future programs might include Fungi Perfecti and other mushroom speakers, A recommended book is Merlin Sheldrake's "Entangled Life".

Other topics of interest: Car exhaust, WRAP Bill, environmental teachers from the high School,

## **PROGRAM**

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:40. Since the entire group of guest speakers were ill, the forests and land acquisition program was canceled. In its place was a presentation on League Studies and introduction to January Advocacy efforts. The results of the Shoreline Study were shared by Lynda Links, Carolyn Maddux introduced the upcoming Journalism Study, and the process for initiating a study was presented by Amy Davis. Amy Davis then described ways to learn about upcoming legislation and take action this month: join ACT (Action Coffee Time) on Zoom on Mondays and respond to LWV-WA Legislative Newsletter on Sunday.

An idea for a future study/program included investigating broadband equity within the county.