

LWVMC Board Minutes, June 2, 2023 on Zoom

Francesca Ritson called the meeting to order at 11:34 am.

Present: Francesca Ritson, Lynn Busacca, Lynda Links, Cheryl Williams, Pat Carpenter, Amy Davis, Eileen Perfrement

The minutes of the May 12, 2023, meeting were approved.

Leadership Team

Annual Report. Cheryl Williams screen shared the annual report. She will send it to the board members for review before the annual meeting at Harmony Hill on June 6, 2023.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Carpenter reported the current balance of \$3863.78 following the National Registry (PPM) payment of \$1130.50 and rebates for the state convention attendees. Ann Dangel donated \$300 to the education fund, for a balance of \$4300. The payment of the Climate Change Committee speaker Ruth Idunn of \$50 will come from the education fund. Sandy Miller will assist Pat Carpenter with depositing dues.

Climate Change Committee

Francesca Ritson reported on the June 1, 2023, presentation from Ruth Idunn of Fungi Perfecti. We were unable to record it because of company policy. Eileen Perfrement did take notes. The presentation focused on the value of fungi to the health and regeneration of forests. Paul Stamets film Fantastic Fungi and Finding the Mother Tree book are recommended.

Member Services

Lynn Busacca reported the celebration of life for Pat Kevin will be the afternoon of June 24 at the fire station on Steamboat Island. She will ask Nancy McMahan to make an announcement when she has the details.

Lynn plans for patio meetings for recruitment and retention of members.

Voter Services

Eileen Perfrement reported that contact has been made with the Allyn Days organizers. She will volunteer to get us a free table. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Annual Meeting to see who will volunteer to work the voter services table, and then Dee Ann Kline will get back to Eileen as to whether we can have a table one or two days. Cheryl Williams will volunteer to work or sit at the table.

Lynda Links reported on the speed dating event scheduled October 17th for Shelton School Board, Shelton City Council, and Superior Court Judge. PUD 3 only allows events to be scheduled 90 days in advance, so we will need to wait to secure a venue. PUD 3 has the advantage of being free. Dedrick will be asked to record the event, but has increased his fee to \$500, which could be paid from the education fund.

Eileen also reported that virtual forums are planned for the other school boards in the county. Voter Services members will contact the superintendents and arrange to attend school board meetings to invite members to attend the virtual forums.

Program

Amy Davis has questions obtained from Brenda Hirschi as a former school board member. Further questions will be solicited at the Annual Meeting. We need questions for the judge and city council candidates. Amy will bring 3 x 5 cards and a general description of the jobs. Questions could be solicited during the lunch portion of the meeting. Each board member will sit at a different table during the meeting to facilitate discussion.

Centennial

We need to find permanent homes for more of the influential women of Mason County posters. Lynn will contact the Pavel family, and Ellen will contact the Velasco family.

Bylaws

Lynn led a discussion of the final article of the Bylaws, VIII. Principles and Program of Work. The board was pleased with them. The final draft will be reviewed by the board before presentation to the general membership.

The programs for next year will be discussed at the board retreat in the summer.

Finalized Annual Meeting Report

Keep the report to two minutes.

Lynn and other board members will call members to invite them to attend.

Summer Retreat

The board retreat is planned for July 17. Lynda Links agreed to host at her home. All members will be invited to attend. Chris Mason and Peggy Morell have been active and will be encouraged to attend.

Summer Neighborhood Meetings

Lynn Busacca needs help to organize them, especially for the North part of the county. Cheryl Williams volunteered to help.

Spell-E-Bration

Cheryl Williams will be on the Kiwanis team. There is no League team this year. Begins at 5:30 pm at the Civic Center.

Distributing Minutes

Francesca Ritson will propose at the membership meeting that the distribution of minutes, because they are currently posted on the Website, only be distributed with the agenda and invitation to the meeting. Board minutes or general meeting minutes will be distributed to the membership with the respective agenda, but both will be posted on the web site ASAP.

Francesca Ritson adjourned the meeting at 12:52 pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Eileen Perfrement