

LWVMC Board Minutes March 3, 2023 on Zoom

Lynn Busacca called the meeting to order at 12:34 pm.

The minutes of the February 3, 2023 board meeting were approved.

Present: Lynn Busacca, Lynda Links, Francesca Ritson, Amy Davis, Peggy Morell, Dee Ann Kline, Pat Carpenter, Eileen Perfrement

Attendees shared stories of their grandmothers and what they would think of the current state of the world.

Leadership

Francesca Ritson reported the completion of the survey, and results will report at a later board meeting. Thirty League members returned the survey. She also reported Dee Ann Kline, Francesca Ritson, and Lynda Links have completed the OWL training, and Amy Davis is next to train.

Dee Ann Kline reported the OWL protocol for in-person members will be ready for the March 21 general membership meeting, which is planned as a hybrid. The April 27 Climate Change committee program will also be a hybrid at the public library. The projector is at Dee Ann's home.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Carpenter reported 67 paid members and a balance of \$5854.28. The national roster is up to date.

Journalism Study

Dee Ann Kline reported that Carolyn Maddox will lead the consensus questions discussion on March 7 at 10 am. Ten people are involved in the study. John Lester, Manager of the Shelton=Mason County Journal, is planning to attend. If the group does not complete the questions, March 14 is scheduled if needed. The results will likely be presented at the June 6 Annual Meeting.

Voter Services

Dee Ann Kline reported the February 27 meeting was postponed to March 6 at 11:30 am to allow members to attend the LWVWA ACT meeting every Monday at 10am through the Legislative session, scheduled to end April 23.. The next two meetings will also be at 11:30 .

Member Services

Lynn Busacca reported the phone volunteers will be making calls to encourage membership attendance at the general meeting.

Programs: Amy Davis gave the schedule.

March 21 General Membership topic is trauma. Marilyn Roberts is the guest speaker.

April 18 General Membership topic is community forests. Mason County Climate Justice presents.

April 22 Nature Hike to celebrate Earth Day is being planned.

May 16 General Meeting topic is tiny home village. Colleen Carmichael is the presenter.

June 6 Annual Meeting is in person at Harmony Hill.

Dee Ann Kline suggested a future topic be broadband accessibility in remote areas of the county.

Bylaws

Lynn Busacca and Peggy Morell met many times to clarify, simplify, and provide ease of implementation of the bylaws. They decided to introduce only the 4th article at this board meeting..

Article IV Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, manner of selection, and terms of office

“staggered term” was questioned. Dee Ann explained the state expectation of a two year term, and the wording will remain. In the same sentence, “will “ is changed to “can”.

Sections 2 Qualifications and Section 3 Vacancies had no suggested changes.

Section 4.Powers and Duties of the Board, Officers, and Standing Committee Chairs

Add “agenda “ to the presidents, or Leadership Team, description.

No suggestions on description of other offices.

Concern was expressed on votes of board members. Each member should have only one vote. In relation to ad=hoc committee chairs not having a vote, it was agreed that was fine, but that ad=hoc committees should have the opportunity to become standing committees by the board. That would allow the chairs to then have a vote.

The bylaws committee will incorporate the changes and bring them back to the next board meeting. Lynn wanted to extend the discussion beyond May if needed in order to get the bylaws correct.

Climate Change

Francesca reported the February meeting had 40 attendees.

April 27 program meeting has Erica Marbett and Marissa from the Squaxin Tribe will present.

Advocacy

Amy Davis encourages members to attend ACT Zooms on Mondays. Legislative bills are explained. Legislators do take tally of voter preferences.

Centennial

Cindy Shotts was not present. Lynn announced the 8th outstanding woman: Joyce Cheeka. Permanent homes are being pursued for all the posters.

Nominating Committee It’s the responsibility of President/Leadership Team to appoint. Important to consider adding new League members to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.