

**League of Women Voters of Mason County General Meeting May 16, 2023**  
**Olympic College, Shelton, Library and Zoom 11:30 am to 1 pm**

Dee Ann Kline called the meeting to order at 11:25 am.

Present: Nancy Snyder, Patti Bradley, Cheryl Williams, Lynn Busacca, Francesca Ritson, Amy Davis, Karen Herr, Chris Mason, Dee Ann Kline, Diana Findlay, Randy Lewis, and Eileen Perfrement were in person. On Zoom were Shelley Spalding Karen Rice, Pat Carpenter, Dorothy Oetter, Tamra Ingwaldson, Elinor Lindquist, Carolyn Maddox; and Arlene Army by phone.

The minutes for April 18, 2023, General Meeting were approved.

#### Executive and Committee Reports

##### A. Leadership Team

###### 1. Nominating Committee-Amy Davis

The candidates will be elected at the Annual Meeting June 6, 2023, at Harmony Hill.

Amy Davis, Lynn Busacca, and Dee Ann Kline will divide up the duties of leadership. Pat Carpenter will be Treasurer, with Sandy Miller and Diane McLean will be back up treasurers. Eileen Perfrement will be secretary, with back up coming from general membership volunteers.

##### B. Treasurer-Pat Carpenter

There are 67 members. \$5,924.28 is the balance. \$1,075 in the CD. \$4,003.97 in education fund. We will need to pay state membership over the summer.

##### C. Committee Reports

###### 1. Climate Change-Francesca Ritson

Francesca read a letter from Sherri Dysart on her retirement from the committee. She will focus her efforts on work with Mason County Climate Justice. Sherri will arrange a meeting at her home over the summer to explain how members can help with forest preservation.

The next Climate Change Committee meeting is June 1, speaker Ruth Idunn from Fungi Perfecti.

###### 2. Member Services-Lynn Busacca

League 101, a meeting to introduce new members to League services, held April 29, was successful and will be held again later in the summer for those who could not attend and any new members we may get.

###### 3. Voter Services-Dee Ann Kline

In October, there will be an in-person forum for Shelton School Board candidates, judges, and commissioners and city council members. Virtual meet and greets will be arranged for all the school board positions in the other six school districts.

Next meeting is May 29 on Zoom at 10

#### 4. Program-Amy Davis

Questions for the school board candidates will be generated at the Annual Meeting.

#### 5. Advocacy-Amy Davis

Sure Wood timber tract, near Allyn in Mason County, is about to be auctioned for clear cutting soon. Two League members spoke to the County Commissioners at their May 9, urging them to write a letter to the DNR to cancel the timber sale. Other members were in attendance. The members discussed Sherwood Forest further.

#### 6. Centennial-Eileen Perfrement

Eileen reported on the poster presentation at Mary M. Knight, May 6, 11 am. Cheryl came on stage as Mary M. Knight with information about her. It caught the attention of the audience for the poster presentation by Cindy Shotts and introduced by Eileen to Leroy Valley, chair of Museum committee, Matt Mallery, Superintendent of Schools, and Michael Marstrom, Principal. Chris Mason helped set up the voter services table.

#### 7. Centennial-Cheryl Williams

Cheryl reported on the poster presentation at the Squaxin Island Tribal Museum, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Joyce Cheeka's family received the poster for the museum, and a reception followed.

#### 8. Bylaws-Lynn Busacca

The LWVMC Board has been reviewing the bylaw changes Lynn and Peggy Morell have been working on for several months. The last board meeting covered Article VII- Nominations and Elections. Next will be programs. The proposed changes will be presented to the general membership over the summer, and members will vote on the draft in the fall at both the Board and then General Membership meetings.

#### D. Annual Meeting-Amy Davis

The annual meeting is Tuesday, June 6, at Harmony Hill, at 11:30 am. It will be a potluck style picnic, which Lynda Links will organize. Cheryl Williams will prepare the annual report for presentation at the meeting. Questions for the school board candidates will be generated.

#### E. LWVMC Convention Report-Lynn Busacca, Amy Davis, Dee Ann Kline, Lynda Links

Lynn encouraged attendance at future conventions. The two studies coming up this year are Caregiving and support to seniors, and Immigration and integration into the community.

Amy reported on leadership and leading when you don't want to. She also announced the State League's resolution to advocate for the protection of mature forests.

Dee Ann announced the next convention will be in 2025, the next odd year. It will be on the west side of the state. Councils are in even years.

Chris Mason was not at the convention, but he was asked about ranked Choice Voting, and referred to multi-member districts and redistricting. He sits on the Affinity Group. They are preparing resolutions for redistricting which will next occur in 2030.

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Randy Lewis announced a potential name change of Mason County to its Native name, Sawamish.

Amy Davis introduced Colleen Carmichael, Executive Director, Quixote Communities, for a presentation on permanent housing for the unhoused, or homeless. She introduced Tamra Ingwaldson, League member, who is on the board of Shelton Veteran's Village. Colleen invited members to tour the village today or later by contacting her.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eileen Perfrement, Secretary