

Minutes of the LWV-MC Board Meeting November 3, 2023

1. Lynn Busacca called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM on Zoom.

Present: Lynn Busacca, Lynda Links, Chris Mason, Amy Davis, Peggy Morell, Eileen Perfrement, brief appearance by Pat Carpenter

2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes of the October 6, 2023 Board Meeting were approved after two name misspellings were corrected: Deborah Turner and Peggy Morell
4. Participants shared answers to the question of the day.

5.1 **Leadership Team.** Amy Davis attended the state president's meeting. The planning of the June State Council meeting includes offering the meeting on Zoom. The following year's convention will be in person. The state website has been updated and offers good information.

5.2 **Treasurer.** Pat Carpenter has resigned as Treasurer due to health constraints. Sandy Miller is the new treasurer. Sandy was unable to attend the board meeting today, but she gave Lynn Busacca her report. She cannot pay KMAS and MasonWebTV until she receives their invoices. Lynda Links will remind the vendors to get the electronic or paper invoices to us. We also need to remind members to pay their dues, since only half of the membership have renewed so far. The balance at the end of September was \$3328, including our cd.. Sandy Miller will email a financial report when she receives the October bank statement. The post office box fee has increased to \$176. We received a \$1000 donation from Pat Carpenter and Chris Mason gifted \$250 to our Education Fund. We thank these wonderful members for their generosity! Lynn Busacca will check with Dee Ann Kline to find out how we can access info about our Education Fund. Lynn Busacca asked for ideas how to honor Pat Carpenter's many years of service.

5.3 **Voter Services.** League members who attended the Speed Dating event October 17, 2023 thought it was successful. They noted the "Take Back Mason County" candidates chose not to attend. Lynda Links and some members attended other candidate forums held in October. She reported the Chamber of Commerce forum was not well attended, but the Republican Women's forum for the two judge candidates had many attendees, including League members. Chris Mason suggested we consider Yakima's Civic Engagement Collective as a future model; they provided voting parties and ballot "walk throughs" to engage young voters. Amy Davis shared the state president's meeting also discussed Pierce County and Bellingham's attempts to reach young voters. She also suggested that we each check the VoteWA website within Mason County elections site to make sure our ballots were counted.. Lynda Links added we could check in the Auditor's office on the status of our ballots. It was noted that the Voter's Pamphlet had many blank pages where candidates did not submit a profile.

5.4 **Member Services.** Lynn Busacca noted only half of the membership have

renewed at this time. We expect it to increase toward the end of the year. League 101 is scheduled for November 14, 2023 from 11 am to 1 pm at Timberland Library in Shelton. Since we can bring food and beverages, we'll serve beverages, plus Lynda Links will bring bread, Amy Davis will bring grapes, and Lynn Busacca will bring cheese.

5.5 Programs. Amy Davis listed the potential topics for the next few months. November 21, 2023 is set for Julie Anderson to speak on non-partisanship. Members are asked to think of questions to ask her. The LWVMC members will also vote on the By-Laws revisions, so we need to encourage our members to attend.

Our December meeting will be on growth and development. Possible speaker is Jae Hill, from Shelton Growth and Development. January's meeting will focus on public hospital districts, with Cynthia Stewart, Thurston County LWV. February's possible speaker is Beau Bakken from North Mason Fire District. Future programs may include mental health in law enforcement. Eileen Perfrement suggested Trevor Severance of Mason County Sheriff's Office. Chris Mason agreed to report on rank-choice voting and redistricting.

5.5 By-Laws Committee. Peggy Morell reported that the October 24, 2023 Zoom meeting offered to LWVMC member was not well-attended, but it was important to offer it as part of the process of adopting the revised By-Laws. The deadline for the independent review of the By-Laws of November 10, 2023, has been met. Thanks to Sandra Herndon for her careful review. The next deadline is November 13, 2023, with another email to members of the draft By-Laws before the vote on November 21, 2023. Our current By-Laws indicate a quorum requirement of 11 members in person or on the screen. Financial policies will be developed in the new year.

5.6 Climate Change Committee. Next meeting is November 27, 2023 at 11 AM, with a presentation on Zoom featuring Representative Beth Doglio who will speak for 15 minutes about upcoming environmental legislation in 2024. The remaining time will be used to discuss pending environmental issues. A possible future speaker is Representative Davina Duerr from the Seattle area. HB1181 is one to watch.

5.7 Advocacy. The LWVWA hosts two events each year related to the legislative session. One is the Action Workshop scheduled for December 2, 2023, on Zoom, 9 am to 3 pm. League members can learn about the upcoming session and anticipated League advocacy. The second is Democracy Lobby Week, co-sponsored with Fix Democracy First. It is scheduled for the evenings of January 22-25, 2024. It will include meetings with Legislators. During these Lobby Week evenings, legislative updates are provided and during the day, local League members can participate in meetings with their legislators. Training for those who volunteer to organize meeting with legislators will be on November 11, 2023, from 10 to 11:30 am on Zoom or again on November 14, 2023, from 6 to 7:30, also on Zoom.

Chris Mason also reported on the last Redistricting meeting he attended. Kitsap County members are wondering if this is what they want. They are “Friend “ raising to get more members on the Redistricting Committee.

5.8 Communications. Peggy Morell reported the LWVMC Facebook page is up and running. She encouraged members on Facebook to open, like and share it. Right now it includes mostly Voter Services information, and viewers are sent to our website. She will add Climate Change meetings, League101 session and other member services. We are looking for a volunteer to manage a future Instagram account.

6. No further Old Business or New Business was discussed.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm.
8. Next Board Meeting: Friday, December 1. 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Perfrement, Secretary