

League of Women Voters of Mason County Board Meeting - ZOOM November 4, 2022 at 12:30 pm

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 12:32 pm by DeeAnne Kline

Attending: Attending: Lynn Busacca, Dee Ann Kline, Lynda Links, Sherri Dysart, Cheryl Williams, Shelly Spalding, Shelly Anne Jones, Francesca Ritson, Cindy Shotts, Amy Davis, Pat Carpenter, Liz Ellis.

Dee Ann Kline hosted the meeting. (Lynn B. Co-Host)
Minutes were taken by Liz Ellis

Approval of October 2022 Minutes **Amy Davis** moved, **Cheryl Williams** seconded, and the October 4, 2022 minutes were approved.

Approval of Agenda- Approved by Amy Davis

EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Nominating Committee, Shelley Ann Jones Visitor - The State Nominations Committee is seeking to fill 9 positions on the State Board, including President and Executive V-P. Shelly is a chairperson of the LWVWA Nominating Committee, along with Amanda Clark and two Board Appointees. Seeking nominations to fill these positions, applications due by January 31. Will announce nominations March 15, 2023. Learn more by observing a current Board meeting, talking to Nominations Committee members, reading Board materials. Go to the Members Only site at LWVWA.gov Look up Nominations, apply online or request the Word form from Shelley Ann sjones@lwvwa.org Next Nominations meeting is December 8 at Noon and again at 6:30 p.m.

Leadership Team

President Reports – Dee Ann – Lynn B. – Dee Ann working on Civic Education grant to allow hybrid meetings. Grant stipulations include community participation in Program. If win grant, will need to work on community outreach. Grant would cover laptop, and owl which is a camera/microphone that sits in middle of table, and camera picks up whomever is talking. The owl has an 18 ft radius and rotates to whomever is speaking. \$1255 for the owl, \$785 for laptop and the League is adding \$350. Will have a write-up for the Board meeting next Monday. If we win this, the technology will not be ready for November meeting, perhaps ready for January 2023.

- **Lynn B. Looking for help to review our by-laws** – Haven't reviewed bylaws in a couple of years. This should occur in January. It is good to get an understanding of how we work. Let Lynn Busacca know if interested.

Board Reports

Secretary's Report – Liz E. No reports

Treasurer's Report – Pat C. Moving out of state, and glad Sandy taking over. We have a balance of \$2741.00 Donations received for speakers. Have spent all for advertising that was budgeted. Nancy sent out reminder for dues. Request for an order for pins made. Vote cards suggested for a re-order, as well (good for thank you letters) – may have been \$170.00. Group agrees to order new cards, find new printing company.

Voter Services Committee – Lynda Links, Dee Anne – Had debriefing meeting, on track for next election year. Letter in Journal very complimentary about the event. Mason WebTV very good portrayal of the event. Next VS meeting is November 28 at 10 am. Will start talking about next year. All districts (school, fire, Port, etc) up and will focus on them – how can we bring these candidates in? This was a request from a couple of years ago. How to get non-partisan candidates in from non-legislative districts. This will be the focus of the next meeting.

Program Committee – Amy Davis – November 15 is called Why Fire Districts Matter to you. Our speaker is Curt Bennett, and we will ask four questions – on history, funding, organizational structure, and moving forward. May be at the library.

We also have the journalism study in January. We are reaching out the High School to see if they would like to participate – could be part of the community outreach grant. That may not occur until end January, early February.

Group discussion: *Do we meet in person for the Fire District discussion or keep it a Zoom meeting?*

- Not possible to do a hybrid meeting (yet) as we do not have the equipment
- Concerns about changing format in such short notice.
- Speaker wants in person,
- Members may be reluctant to travel
- Poor weather
- Some members may not do the computer at all – but they would not attend a Zoom meeting anyway
- Poll the members? Not enough time.
- Leadership guide us? Let's vote now.

Voted on Meeting in Person vs Zoom meeting for the Fire District Meeting: Vote was a majority in favor of the Zoom option.

Member Services Committee – Lynn B. We have new members, welcome Shelly Spaulding. It is time for a League 101, Lynn will work on this. 78 members to date. May be on a weekend. Looking for fun activities for member services.

Climate Change Committee – Fran R. and Sherri D.– Speaker from Front and Centered discussed the HEAL Act (Senate Bill 5141) and discussed Climate Justice, very interesting. May be worth looking into for the entire membership. Shorelines Study planned for fall, around January could define next study.

Big thank you to you to Sherri Dysart for her leadership on the Climate Change Committee. Sherri sent a wonderful letter sent to the Mason County journal.

Sherri D.– Just wanted to give a brief outline around the forest issues, what actions the league and individual members could take. Please attend the Action Workshop (date?). The Center for Responsible Forestry is a good place to learn more. Find our passion, share with Sherri. There is a lot of misinformation about forestry. Intention of the letter to the Journal was to ensure that people were educated, well-informed citizens and voters.

Lynn B. discusses burnout prevention and appreciation – Tree planting ideas, coordinating a Mason County Tree tour (Jack Duffield, League Member) son of John Duffield author of Mason County Trees). Good date for this would be around Earth Day, followed by a tour of the Capital Campus trees.

- Shoreline Study on November 16 10:00am Shelton Civic Center

Observer Corps – Lynda L. No report

Centennial Committee – Cindy Shotts and Lynn B. – Women in Mason County posters are very popular. They were recently on display for an evening event at Evergreen Elementary. We gave the elementary school 2 copies of our civic books. Ethel Dalby poster is now on display at the Museum. Her poster is representing the artist colony in Union.

PAD Project -Lynn B. 1416 and 839 tampons and 50\$ Lynn took them to CIELO and Liz is taking her half to Turning Point on Monday. Suggested we write an article for the journal

New Business

Shorelines Management Act Study Group – SMA is 50 years old. No one discussed climate change 50 years ago, and the study is looking at climate change impacting shorelines. Join a Mason County Senior Planner at the Civic Center, 10:00 a.m. November 16th, to learn more. 2-3 more meetings, and they will be complete.

SWAC open position – Solid Waste for Mason County – Wendy Matthews, County Solid Waste, overwhelmed with how garbage is managed in Mason County. With more recycling regulations and the potential for a recycling plant, a Solid Waste Action Committee needs members. The League follows recycling bills. SWAC needs 8 people. Have three. Will address big changes. Meet twice a month for one hour. Interested? Please contact Lynda Links.

Other Business:

Amy D. National Advocacy in the upcoming year: At the National level, let's keep our eyes on codifying Roe v. Wade, restoring the Voting Rights Act, protecting Marriage Equality, Immigration Reform and DACA, paid family leave, child tax credits, protecting Medicare and Social Security. Amy working on advocacy messaging. News – LWV or Arizona won Amicus Brief against voter intimidation.

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Upcoming Events

Election Day Nov 8, 2022

LWV General Meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2022 11:30 – 1:30 ZOOM

Shoreline Management Study Group Wednesday November 16, 2022, 10:00 Shelton Civic Center

~~Climate Change Committee Meeting, Thursday November 17, 11:00am-12:00pm ZOOM~~
Canceled

HAPPY THANKSGIVING Thursday November 24

Voter Services Committee Meeting, Monday, November 28, 10:00 am ZOOM

Board Meeting Friday, December 2, 12:30pm-2:30pm. ZOOM

LWVWA Virtual Action Workshop December 10

LWVWA Virtual Lobby Days February 6-10

Meeting adjourned at: approximately 2:20 p.m.

“You can't solve your problems by using the same thinking that got you into those problems in the first place.” Albert Einstein