

## **LWVMC Board Meeting October 6, 2023**

**Present:** Cheryl Williams, Lynda Links, Dee Ann Kline, Peggy Morell, Lynn Busacca, Pat Carpenter, Amy Davis, Eileen Perfrement

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Busacca at 11:35 am.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Communications was added to the agenda, then it was approved.

### **Approval of minutes from September 8, 2023**

The minutes from the September 8, 2023 Board meeting were approved.

All members responded to the question of the day: Reflect back on your most memorable election, one involving a certain candidacy or ballot issue. What made it so meaningful and enduring?

## **Executive and Committee Reports**

**Leadership Team.** The notable roles of the leadership team were announced. Dee Ann Kline serves on the LWV-WA State Board as Treasurer. Amy Davis attends the Presidents' Meeting. Lynn Busacca attends the regional MELD meetings. Chris Mason is active on the Rank Choice Voting Team. Dee Ann Kline mentioned a future LWV-US dues restructuring after the November, 2024 election.

**Treasurer.** Pat Carpenter reported that 13 members paid so far for 2023-2024 program year, and Sandy Miller has deposited additional dues. \$2234.80 is in checking according to the record Pat has. More will be added in later.

**Voter Services.** Dee Ann Kline reported the first Civics Education Zoom of School Board candidates and incumbents from Hood Canal, Grapeview, North Mason, and Elma School Districts, was held October 4, 2023. Three candidates from Hood Canal and one from Grapeview attended. One community member from Hood Canal also attended, along with many League members. The board members and candidates were engaged and thoughtful, with a clear interest in the students. The second Zoom is scheduled for October 11, to include Pioneer, Southside, Mary M. Knight, and McCleary School Districts. The Shelton Board members and candidates will be included in the Speed Dating scheduled for October 17, 2023, at PUD 3 auditorium. The Mason County Superior Court Judge and Shelton City Council candidates are also included. It is organized and ready to go. Cheryl Williams prepared a radio transcript and will have KMAS send a bill of \$150 to the League post office box.

**Member Services.** Lynn Busacca reported the date for the orientation of new and prospective members (League 101) as November 14, 2023, from 11am to 1pm, at Timberland Library in Shelton. Peggy Morrell and Chris Mason will assist Amy Davis, Lynda Links and Lynn Busacca. There are 4 new members who are interested so far.

**Programs.** Amy Davis reported Julie Anderson, the non-partisan candidate for State SOS last year, will present at the November 21, 2023 General Meeting. Future programs under consideration are Judicial Systems, with the possibility of Victoria Meadows, retired District Court Judge, to help organize. Another possibility, suggested by Polly Hankin, is a WA State Humanities programs.

**By-Laws Committee.** Lynn Busacca and Peggy Morell sent a letter to all members with the by-law changes for consideration at the general meeting November 21, 2023. The members need to get their comments in by October 31. Peggy recommended a Zoom that members with questions could join before October 21 and after Speed Dating October 17. Lynn will arrange for a legal (or other expert) review, and Peggy will provide guideline for such a review. The bylaws are six and one half pages.

**Climate Change Committee.** Lynda Links reported on the landfill tour at the transfer station. Fourteen people attended. A recycling tour may come later. The October 19, 2023 CCC meeting will feature Fran Sant from SEPA, State Environmental Policy Act., at 11am on Zoom. Francesca Ritson will send an invitation. Amy Davis mentioned the possibility of Beth Dogglio for the December meeting.

**Advocacy.** Amy Davis reported on the LWV-US Debra Turner newsletter. October is Voter Education Month. October 9 is Indigenous People's Day.

**Communications.** Perry Morell plans for regular updates. She wants to publicize committee work to make Mason County more aware of League activities. We will continue to recruit new members. At the next board meeting, think of 3 main ideas to publicize. As for social messaging, start with Facebook, and add Instagram later. Amy suggested lifting Debra Turner's messages. We need to involve younger people in the League.

Ideas: Recruit high school and college students, perhaps an Internship for a college student. Set up a registration booth at Olympic College. Consider an Oysterfest booth.

**Old Business. Update on liability insurance.** Dee Ann Kline contacted Philadelphia Insurance. She sent an email to Pat Carpenter regarding financial information that is required for the application. The purpose of the insurance is to protect board members and families under an umbrella liability policy. Leadership Team will have a quote for review at the next Leadership Team meeting.

**Good of the Order.** Cheryl Williams reported that she has been invited to join the State Board by Linda Benson. She is still deciding.

The meeting was adjourned by Lynn Busacca at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Perfremment, Secretary