

League of Women Voters of Mason County Board Meeting (ZOOM)  
Friday, April 1, 2022 - 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
Minutes

**I. Call to Order**

Nancy S called meeting to order Attendees: Nancy S (Chair) / Sherri D / Linda L / Cindy S / Dee Ann K / Pat C / Lynn B / Amy D / Karen H / Randy L (Minutes)

**II. Approval of March 4 Board minutes**

Amy D noted that Harriet Tubman is proposed on the \$20 bill, not the \$10 bill as described in the minutes. Cindy S moved to approve minutes with correction. Pat C seconded. Passed unanimously.

**III. Executive & Committee Reports**

**A. Leadership Team ---** Dee Ann, Cheryl, & Lynn

1. Use of League email & Zoom

Lynn B & Nancy S. explained that we need to use LWV zoom & email but will need practice  
Dee Ann K – All email should use LWVMC address

2. Planning for annual report

Dee Anne K - Never too early to submit information - Deadline May 13th  
Will be presented at annual meeting at Harmony Hill – June 7<sup>th</sup>– covid permitting  
Dee Ann will put in May newsletter and referenced in September  
And will be on web page

3. Civics Education Fair

Dee Ann K – Coordinator is June Frick – April 23 1→3 pm at Capital  
Designed for students but others can attend – Dee Ann K would like to lead a “tree tour” outside  
Sherri D asked how students are invited. Dee Ann K – Schools, YMCA, youth groups, etc.

4. Nominating committee

Nominations for leadership team is in place / Pat C treasurer / Cindy S & Lynn B membership  
Amy D – Difficult to recruit for Secretary – perhaps implement “simple” minutes  
For example – do not document “question of the day” in minutes  
Some reports not needed – perhaps limit reports for presenters to 3 paragraphs  
Cindy S – Send agenda reports to Secretaries  
Lynn B asked who is authorized to use zoom account? She would like to see it used more.

**B. Treasurer ---** Pat C.

Received invoice from state league = \$1,149.50 (64 members at time of invoice – now 69)  
\$7,685.59 in LWVMC account Pat C – There are uses for Square to collect funds

**C. Climate Change ---** Sherri D.

**LWVMC Climate Change Committee**  
**Report to Board of Directors by Sherri Dysart**  
**April 1, 2022**

**CCC Regular Meetings**

- Mar 3, 2022 @ 1:00 PM: James Landreth-- cancelled

- March 24, 2022 @ 11:00 AM: Julianne Gale & Zephyr Elise, The Lorax Coalition
- April 7, 2022 @ 11:00 AM: Sandra Kaiser, Climate Change on the International Stage

#### League Environmental Newsletter – Our Climate Radar

- First issue on 11/1/21
- Subscribe if you are interested (contact Marty Gibbins)

#### Suggestions for future meetings—Continue CCC?

- Survey?

#### Focus of CCC

Discussed program/advocacy steps at the 10/28 meeting: **Take Action**

- Advocate for climate resiliency planning (e.g. Kitsap County)
- Write letter to **City of Shelton** requesting initiation of climate resiliency planning
- Advocate for responsible building in public buildings (e.g. new jail)
- Investigate water quantity/quality issues (status of Hirst decision)
- Investigate science/climate change curriculum in Mason County
- Investigate forestry issues in Mason County & DNR (public lands)

#### Projects/Actions

- Wrote letter to BOCC; signed by Leadership Team; delivered on 11/15/21
- Sent copy of letter to Kell Rowen (Community Development Administrator)
- Nancy Snyder held an online meeting of community members interested in climate change issues
- **Meeting with Mark Neary, County Administrator, scheduled for 4/6 10:00 AM**
- **Earth Day Event? April 22**
- **LTE- Earth Day/2022 Leg session**
- **Establish hiking events to Legacy forests**

#### Raise Awareness

- Arrange for more presentations of Nancy's Climate Reality slideshow
- SMCJ – Continue to ask for coverage by The Journal
- Regular Guest Editor columns / LTE / Press Release articles covering the LWVMC meetings
- Interviews on KMAS

#### Outreach/Collaboration

##### **Kitsap Connections:**

**Kitsap Environmental Coalition:** interacting with Beverly Parsons, Co-President

**LWV-Kitsap County:** The LWV Kitsap has a robust Climate Solutions committee. They are the driving force behind "Our Climate Radar" monthly newsletter.

##### **Education:**

I established a connection with Miriam Bertram, Assistant Director of the UW Program on Climate Change (continuing collaboration). TO DO: Investigate science/climate change curriculum in Mason County.

Nancy Snyder has established a connection with Deena Alley at the Shelton High School Natural Resources Academy. Nancy will be following up with Deena Alley the week of Jan 10, 2022. **Forest Ecology curricula being used is funded by the timber industry, and incorporates their biases.**

##### **Forestry:**

I am now a member of the **LWVWA Lobby Team, Issue Chair-Forests.**

I am working with the **LWVUS Wildfire and Forest Policy Group.** This group aims to write Forest Policy for LWVUS adoption. Forestry **Science symposium "in the works".**

I have am now a Board member of the **Center for Responsible Forestry.**

I am attending the **DNR Board of Natural Resources (BNR)** meetings which are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month (except for August) at 9:00 AM. The BNR sets policies to guide how the WA State Department of Natural Resources manages our state's lands and resources.

I am attending the **Olympic Climate Action (OCA)** meetings (OCA is a chapter of 350Seattle). OCA has a Climate and Forestry committee, which I am leading.

**PNW Forest Climate Alliance – WA State Lands Forestry Working Group**

I've established a Working Group to advance an Ecological Preserve proposal, applicable to WA State trust lands (proposal crafted by former land commissioners Peter Goldmark and Jennifer Belcher).

I've joined (as an individual) the **PNW Forest Climate Alliance** organization, and their **Wildfire Working Group**.

I'm maintaining contact with **Mason County Climate Justice** (they have formed the Lorax Coalition).

**D. Member Services ---**

Lynn B

Excitement over museum event will have brochures for potential new members. Five new members have joined this year.

Also, will have voter registration brochures at event

**E. Voter Services ---**

Dee Ann K

New committee with 4/5 members so far with 1<sup>st</sup> meeting being held on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Several people attended the Zoom meeting on "Empty Chair" debate on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a second Zoom meeting titled "How Do We Get the Word Out?"

Good book by League – "The State We are In"

**F. Program ---**

Amy D. & Lynda L.

Amy D – Excited about Harmony Hill Meeting in person on June 7

Mark Neary – Mason County Administrator – may attend. Usually a potluck but this year something simpler is planned.

**G. Advocacy ---**

Amy D. & Karen H.

Amy D - Legislative issues described in last membership meeting –

Issues sent to Advocacy committee

1. Medicare Letter to Rep. Kilmer – No response thus far

**H. Observer Corps ---**

Cindy S.

Submitted by Cindy Shotts - Reports for minutes: Board meeting, Apr, 1

Lynda reported that the Mason County Commission will meet at 6 PM, Tuesday Apr. 5 on Zoom. The public will have opportunity to comment on the proposals on the Belfair Sewer Expansion. The Commission intends to take a final vote that night.

**I. Centennial ---**

Cindy S.

Submitted by Cindy Shotts - Reports for minutes: Board meeting, Apr, 1

We are preparing for the gala open house to introduce our Women Leaders project which is tomorrow, April 2 at the Mason County Historical Museum. The museum has been a partner with us on this project. We have had wonderful news coverage in the Mason-Shelton Journal. We will have committee

members there to talk informally about the women they researched. And we will have a voter education table and registration. We will offer our civics education book and ask for a donation.

Coming in May: we have been invited to have a table at the Matlock Old Timer's Fair, May 7. Cheryl Williams will be there to talk about Mary M Knight. We will need members who can help for 2-hour shifts.

The following weekend, May 15, we will have our table at the Fjordin Crossin event in Hoodspport. We will feature Xihn Dwelley who will also be there with her new cookbook. We will need members to help with this also.

We are also planning to have our voter education/registration table combined with highlighting our women at other events across the county this summer.

Dee Ann will be setting up a sign-up monkey to organize our volunteers for these events.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. LWVWA Council – It's a "go" – With covid requirements

Registration link on web site - \$125 – Theme: "Restore, Reconnect / Review"

Easy way to get there is by train – station is 5 minutes from hotel

Cindy S – Should have a group travel to event in a "train party"

Perhaps go with Thurston League

Amy D - Nick Lovrich keynote speaker -Book on civil discourse

Lynn B – Results of LWVWA research presented at event

Discussion of reimbursement for LWVMC attendees

Allowed to use up to 60% of education fund / \$800 in general budget for conferences

Pat C – Let her know so she can plan funding

Early registration (by May 15<sup>th</sup>) is less expensive

#### VI. Upcoming Events

April 2 – Women Leaders of Mason County; LWV Centennial Display Open House at Mason County History Museum from 2 – 4 p.m.

April 2 – LWVWA session on the "Empty Chair Debate" from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
(Zoom)

April 7 – CCC program with Sandra Kaiser from 11-12; Climate Change on the International Stage

April 19 – General membership meeting from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.; Program featuring Holly Joseph, Dean of Students at Evergreen State College

April 23 – Getting the Word Out (Zoom) LWVWA workshop from 10 – 11:30

April 23 – Civics Education Fair at state capitol from 1 – 3 p.m.

May 6 – LWVMC Board Meeting from 12:30 – 2:30

May 7 – Matlock Old Timers Fair from 9:00 a.m. - ?; Mary M. Knight display

May 15 -Fjordin Crossing from 11:00 – 3:00 at Hoodspport. Xihn Dwelley display