

LWVMC General Membership Meeting November 21, 2023
Olympic College and Zoom Hybrid, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Minutes

Present at Olympic College: Amy Davis, Lynda Links, Dee Ann Kline, Francesca Ritson, Lynn Busacca, Eileen Perfrement, Brenda Hirschi, Mark Tuson, Arlene Army, Myrn Stewart, Patti Bradley, Karen Rice, Randy Lewis, Delores Irwin, Karen Herr, Polly Hankin, Julie Frick and Sandra Herndon from Thurston County LWV.

Present on Zoom: Llyn De Danaan, Cheryl Williams, Peggy Morell, Linda Woytowich, Tamra Ingwaldson, Dorothy Oetter, Cadine Ferguson-Brown, Connie Simpson, Toni Droscher, Roslyn Reed, Diana Findley

1. Amy Davis called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes of September 19, 2023 General Meeting were approved.

4. Executive and Committee Reports

- 4.1 **Approval of Revised Bylaws.** Dee Ann Kline moved, Francesca Ritson seconded, and the revised bylaws were approved by 25 members present: 15 present in person, 10 present on Zoom
- 4.2 **Leadership Team.** Amy Davis reported on the LWVWA Leadership meeting of November 20, 2023. The state LWV is studying the Election Credibility Project. The Decline of Local News Study was approved and will move for discussion at the national level.
- 4.3 **Treasurer.** Lynn Busacca reported on behalf of Sandy Miller. The balance is \$3328, including the CD> There are 40 paid members, and one youth member. A bill to KMAS for \$500 is outstanding.
- 4.4 **Voter Services.** Dee Ann Kline reported on the two Zoom meetings for school board candidates in all the school districts in the county except Shelton. The first meeting October 4, 2023, included 5 candidates, the second meeting October 11, 2023, had no school board candidates attend, out of 36 possible candidates. Only 12 had submitted anything for the Voter's Pamphlet. A discussion of strategies to get candidates to submit information to the Voter's Pamphlet ensued. It was noted that it was not obvious to candidates when to submit..It is difficult to get incumbents to submit, in particular. The Speed Dating event at the PUD 3 Auditorium October 17, 2023, was attended by 10 candidates, 2 Shelton School Board candidates,, 2 Superior Court Judge candidates, Port Commissioners, and Shelton City Council candidates. Those in attendance felt it was successful. There will be no voter services meetings for the next three months.
- 4.5 **Member Services.** Lynn Busacca thanked the trainers at the League 101 meeting for new and prospective members. It is time to update the TRY Brochure. She also called attention to the donation boot.
- 4.6 **Advocacy.** Amy Davis announced three events. The Action Workshop December 2, 2023, 8 am to 3 pm, on Zoom. You must register. The purpose is to introduce the Legislative Issues the League will focus on and how to address them to your Legislators. Legislative Site Training January 6, 2024, 9 am to 12:30 pm, Zoom. Lobby Week January 22 to 26, 2024. Appointments with the 35th Legislative District Legislators are encouraged. There will be daily updates in the evening, you must register for them on line. The next committee

meeting is December 4, 2023.

- 4.7 . **Programs.** The December 19 meeting is still being planned. The January 16, 2024, General Meeting will be on Public Hospitals.
- 4.8 **Climate Change Committee.** Lynda Links announced the Legacy Forest Hike on Harstine Island November 26, 2023, at 1 pm. The Committee is holding a Zoom meeting with Beth Doglio November 27, 11 am. She will introduce the upcoming climate issues in the Legislative session beginning the second week of January.
5. **Announcements.** Some election offices in the state, not Mason County, received envelopes filled with white powder. LWVWA President Mary Coltrane made a statement condemning this and asked that we support election workers. Lynda Links also noted that the Mason County Journal released an article about Mason County having the largest percentage of voter ballots disqualified for lack of signature match. Dorothy Oetter and Karen Rice will contact the Auditor for more information.
6. The business meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm
7. Guest speaker Julie Anderson, 2022 candidate for Secretary of State, presented the program “Running a Non-Partisan Race in a Partisan World.”
8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.