

Prince William Area League of Women Voters of Virginia Executive Committee Minutes

Dec 19, 2017

at Manassas City Hall

In attendance were Carol Proven, Carol Noggle, Jessie Barringer, Jane Touchet, Connie Gilman, Judy Hingle, Karen Kallmeyer, Barbara Amster, Pam Farrand.
Regrets: Linda Larsen, Grace White.

President Carol Proven called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.

Minutes of Oct. 21, 2017 meeting. J. Barringer suggested edits to the minutes: spell out T.F. (Task Force), networking to networking/orientation, communications to publicity, brochures to current brochures. C. Gilman moved the minutes be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: As of Nov. 30, the Operating Fund balance is \$10,011.61 which includes the VCET Grant of \$3,202.47; the Education Fund balance (held at LWVUS) is \$1,860.00. C. Noggle noted the report clearly presents where expenses/repayments come from. Since the VCET Grant for the school-to-pipeline program was not designated, the committee will be able to decide where dollars are needed most. C. Noggle asked that \$750 be designated for printing. C. Gilman announced that NOVEC will again donate \$750 toward the cost of printing for TRY 2018. J. Barringer mentioned another possible donor for TRY printing might be American Disposal.

Membership: J. Touchet reported there are 61 regular members (of which five are family memberships), 12 Champion and two student members. Discussion:

(1) PWA-LWV memberships are based on a Jul. 1 – Jun. 30 fiscal year and are extended six months before the membership expires (to give time to renew). However, to avoid paying LWVUS & LWV-VA dues for non-renewing members, we will remove those names from the LWVUS Roster by Jan. 31 if renewal has not been received.

(2) We discussed how to handle the overpayment of the sponsored student membership for Bailey Dove. It was decided to ask her sponsor whether she wanted a refund, or to extend the membership for another year, or to sponsor another student, or to donate to the LWVUS Education Fund.

(3) This year, we'll start sending an e-membership directory to new members, but will first give current members the opportunity to opt-out of the directory, or to have only their name listed.

Motion: B. Amster moved a message be sent via email to members explaining that we are publishing a new membership directory as an information tool for members, for internal use only. If a member objects to having their personal information in the directory, to please let us know by Jan 30th. The motion was seconded by C. Noggle, and passed with one objection, J. Barringer.

(4) Website membership forms will be updated to explain fiscal year information (see (1) above; and a section added for new members to note their areas of interest.

Lastly, J. Touchet is getting estimates on T-shirts. Next decision: how to order, by sizes, how many, and how to price.

Voter Registration: J. Hingle and C. Noggle reported. In November/December 2017 we registered over 168 seniors at Stonewall Jackson HS, 256 seniors at Woodbridge HS, and 269 at Patriot HS. The teachers who helped this year have been great. Judy will be preparing information for the June 12th primaries. There has been a change at the Election Office with Winston Forrest going to Goochland County as Director of Elections. We'll try to meet with Ryan Mulligan (interim) to discuss upcoming school registrations. No Electoral Board agenda is posted yet.

C. Noggle will meet with Morgan O'Toole, the NoVa manager of Inspire, a peer-to-peer group which aims to get students to register to vote online. They have a good video but are finding it hard to motivate students. There might be an opportunity for us to collaborate with them.

C. Noggle noted the need for an action alert regarding school choice and will draft one to be sent to delegates. We provided our talking points to the legislators at their Jan. 6th forum.

Four of our members attended the Dec. 6 Roundtable in Richmond. Good speakers, including VA Sec. of Finance Rich Brown. We will be looking to create a subcommittee of members to attend and observe these meetings in the future.

On Jan. 22, the School Choice Task Force will be holding a meeting open to the public to explain the importance of maintaining public school funding and the inroads that we can expect against public school funding in the next session of the General Assembly.

Events. More than 20 guests attended the Dec. 2 orientation at Chinn Park Regional Library, including two people from Fredericksburg. Another orientation is scheduled in May. Documentary film showings/discussion of *Chasing the Dragon** will be shown on Feb. 24 at The Marquee in Gainesville, and on Mar. 24 at the Bungalow Ale House in Woodbridge.

Conservationist/Environmentalist Kim Hosen will speak at our General Meeting on Jan. 20, Noon – 2:00 PM (see below).

Newsletter & Website. K. Kallmeyer is preparing the newsletter. Please send updates and information to her; send information for the website/FB to Anna Ritter. Dates for the 2018 General Assembly, PWC Board of Supervisors, School Board and other events will be posted on the website.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Jan. 16, 2018, 9:30 AM, Manassas City Hall.

Next General Meeting: Jan. 20, 2018, at the Regency in Haymarket. Buffet luncheon, Noon – 2:00 PM, speaker, Conservationist/Environmentalist Kim Hosen.

P. Farrand moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

**Chasing the Dragon* was produced in Prince William County. FBI agent Shane Dana, who lives in PWC, was instrumental in developing the film and has firsthand knowledge of the problems with opioid abuse in our county.

Pamela Farrand, Recording Secretary, January 14, 2018