League of Women Voters-Prince William Area

Executive Board Meeting Dec. 17, 2019, at Manassas City Hall

President Carol Proven called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.,

In attendance: Carol Proven, Connie Gilman, Barbara Amster, Lorraine Schooner, Carol Noggle, Judy Hingle, Cathy Ring and Barbara Greiling

Minutes: Minutes of the Nov. 19 meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s report: Lorraine Schooner reported there is $1,214 in the General Fund and $3,792 in the Education Fund.

Membership report: Johnette Fisk submitted a report showing 79 members. Carol Proven had a more recent total of 83 members, reflecting renewals. Carol will send out a new roster, based on the Constant Contact list.

Reports on December Events:

1. Dec. 4, League Legislative Pre-Session in Richmond: Carol Proven, Carol Noggle, Janet Gorn, Grace White, Maggie Strano and Kim McCusker attended.
2. Dec. 8, ERA and Redistricting, Bull Run Library. About 20 members attended. Julia Tanner of the state League reported the ERA is expected to pass early in the Virginia General Assembly session. The next step is for Congress to eliminate the deadline on ERA ratification. Bruce Cannon of 1VA2021 spoke about the need for the General Assembly to approve the redistricting amendment and strong enabling legislation.

Voter Registration: Judy Hingle reported that more presenters are needed for high school voter registration. Training for presenters was set for Jan. 13. Time and place to be determined. Upcoming registration dates are as follows: Jan. 7, 8, Gar-Field; Jan. 21, 22: Hylton; March 11. 12: Patriot; March 24, 25: Potomac; April 1, 2: Forest Park; April 14,15: Stonewall; May 19, 20: Woodbridge.

The Loudoun County League wants to partner with our League in expanding high school voter registration in neighboring counties. This would include Clarke County High School, as well as Fauquier, Kettle Run and Liberty high schools in Fauquier County, where our League members have begun registering students. It would also include voter registration at Northern Virginia Community College in Loudoun County. The request was approved.

Upcoming meetings/events:

 **Jan. 7**, VAratifyERA and the newly formed Virginia chapter of the National Women’s Political Caucus will host the Women’s Equality Summit from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens in Richmond.

 **Jan. 8**, the first day of the 2020 legislative session. VAratifyERA will welcome lawmakers back with a pep rally in front of the Capitol Building. A Party for Parity will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sam Miller’s Warehouse. Information on the Jan.7-8 events is available at [*www.varatifyera.org*](http://www.varatifyera.org).

 **Jan. 19**, LWV-PWA general meeting at John Barton Payne Library in Warrenton from 2 to 4 p.m. The topic will be gun safety. Sherriff’s Deputy Greg Harris will talk along with speakers from LWV and Mothers Demand Action. A planning meeting was set for Dec. 19 to outline the focus for the program.

 **Jan. 27**, Book discussion from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Juke Box Diner in Manassas. Grace White will lead the discussion of *The Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every President* by Chris Whipple.

 **Feb. 12**, League Day 2020 in Richmond will celebrate the 100th birthday of the League of Women Voters. Visit www.lwv-va.org for information and registration.

Census: Carol Noggle reported that the Prince William Library System is preparing to assist people with online Census registration.

Prince William Electoral Board: Carol Noggle reported there is a need for election officers for the upcoming elections.

Virginia State League Board: Carol Noggle reported the board is discussing the funding mechanism for and management of 2020 VOTE411. LWVUS will manage 411 for the presidential races, including the March 3 primary and the November presidential election. LWV-VA will manage 411 for the for U.S. Senate race and likely for the 11 Congressional District races. Our League will be responsible for 411 for local elections for the four towns in May and in two cities in November.

Affordable housing: Cheryl Saggers reported the committee discussed the low-income tax credit program and eviction.

**New business**:

Carol Noggle is working to set up meetings with new legislators.

Thank you to Lorraine Schooner for bringing holiday cakes for all in attendance at the board meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Barbara Greiling