Prince William Area League of Women Voters of Virginia

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Jan. 22, 2019 at Juke Box Diner

In attendance were Carol Proven, Barbara Amster, Jane Touchet, Barbara Greiling, Cheryl Saggers and Janet Gorn. Grace White joined in via telephone for the Treasurer’s report.

President Carol Proven called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Minutes: B. Amster moved that the minutes of the December meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer’s Report: G. White reported that our checking account balance is $9, 241.76. The balance in the Education Fund is $2,825. 03.

Membership Report: J. Touchet reported that there are 83 members, according to the Constant Contact database. Jessie Barringer’s roster shows 84. Jane will meet with her to consolidate the information. There are 10 members within five households and four student members. Membership is still predominately from the Gainesville-Haymarket area. Efforts will be made to recruit more members from the East End and to increase diversity among races and age groups.

J. Touchet represented the PWA LWV at the MLK 2019 Oratory Competition and Program at the Hylton Memorial Chapel in Woodbridge, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She presented the three middle school winners and the three high school winners with a gift of books from the league.  The high school students were each given a boxed set of John Lewis' award-winning graphic novel March, while the middle schoolers each received a collection of appropriate books depicting the struggle for racial equality and the civil rights movement.  The total cost for the books was $153.78, of an authorized amount of $200.

Jane will follow up with Bonita Sherman, our League member who is also a Delta, to obtain photos and more information about the winners to be posted in our next newsletter.  The books were much appreciated by the participants and their families and oratory sponsors.

Voter Registration: J. Touchet reported that voter registration was held at Gar-Field High School.

TRYs: Connie Gilman submitted a report that 8,000 TRYs have been ordered. Donations are expected to cover the printing costs.

Representatives Community Event at PWC BOCS: C. Proven reported that several members attended the Jan. 5 event. Members also attended the Jan. 20 forum on the need for a nonpartisan redistricting committee.

VAratifyERA: A Virginia Senate subcommittee failed to pass the ERA on Jan. 21, but the full committee could still consider it.

Legislative Report: Carol Noggle submitted a report on the Virginia General Assembly Week 2. (attached)

Book Discussion Update: The group will discuss American Political Parties by L. Maisel on Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. at Chinn Park Library. C. Gilman reported that meetings for the upcoming year are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 7; Monday, Aug. 12; Saturday, Oct. 26; and Tuesday, Jan. 28. Top books are Make Trouble, Slave Next Door, Woman’s Hour and Gatekeepers.

General Meeting: The January general meeting was postponed due to snow and rescheduled for Feb. 3. It was suggested that attendance might be low because of Superbowl that evening. It was decided to move the meeting to March 10. C. Proven will look for a venue.

Library Event: B. Amster reported the League has been invited by the Haymarket Branch of the Prince William County Library to present an introduction to LWV as part of Women’s Month. It will be held at 7 p.m., March 28 at the Library. C. Proven has a PowerPoint program that can be used, and C. Noggle will speak. LWV brochures will be available.

Resource Fairs: J. Touchet reported that the League will distribute membership information at nonprofit resource fairs on Feb. 2 at Potomac Community Library and Feb. 23 at Central Community Library. Both events are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Partnered Meeting: The League will partner with the Prince William County Committee of 100 for a dinner meeting and forum on the ERA on Thursday, Feb. 21 at the Wyndham Hotel. This is dependent on Sen. George Barker being available.

League Convention and Council: C. Proven reported the we have received notes from Sue Lewis regarding the 2021 League Convention and from Linda Garvelink regarding the 2020 League Council looking for hosts and helpers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.