**Prince William Area League of Women Voters of Virginia**

**Executive Committee Minutes**

July 17, 2018 at Manassas City Hall

In attendance were Carol Proven, Barbara Amster, Connie Gilman, Grace White, Jessie Barringer, Jane Touchet, Carol Noggle, Judy Hingle & Judy Smith.

President Carol Proven called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. She welcomed Judy Smith to the meeting.

Minutes C. Gilman moved the minutes of the June meeting be approved. It was seconded & passed

**Reports**

Treasurer’s Report: G. White reported. Our checking account balance is $10,529.10. The balance in our Ed Fund is $1985 after the deduction for TRY printing.

Membership:  J. Touchet reported on our T-shirt sales. She showed us a sample of the proposed smaller lettering. All agreed it looked better.

Electoral Board: C. Noggle will attend the July 24th meeting. A proposal to schedule Primary Elections later in June, when schools are closed, is a concern.

Voter Registration (VR): J. Hingle reported that we have 4 volunteers for the July 28th "*Jazz in the Park"* event*.* We will pay $60 for the space. We will also be at the August 4th *African American Festival*. We have a conflict with the September 23rd Latino Festival and our Kick-off meeting. We will explore looking for a partner to distribute Top Tens & TRYs. We will be at the Chinn Library and the Haymarket-Gainesville Library on 9/25, Voter Registration Day, from 10 AM - 2PM**.** J. Hingle will explore other venues such as DMV offices & VRE commuter train stations.

J. Smith reported on the plans for the November 17th Opioid Epidemic Program we are co-sponsoring with the Lifelong Learning Institute at the Manassas Park Community Center. We will send out a "Save the Date" to our members.

C. Gilman said 12 people are expected for tonight's "Sips & Civility" get-together. Attendees will be asked to indicate areas of interest on a pass-around sheet. We discussed possible days & times for future get-togethers.

C. Proven suggested that the Board meet at her home on the evening of September 22nd as our next day's Kick-off speaker, Pat Fishback, will be staying there overnight.

Book Discussion: C. Gilman reported that Anna Ritter will lead the August 2nd discussion of "*Women and Power*" at the Chinn Library.

Communications: B. Amster will contact newspapers for the November 17th Opioid program.

B. Amster announced that a Boy Scout representative approached her regarding having a League representative on their Board. J. Hingle moved that we look into this matter. C. Gilman moved to table the motion. B. Amster will investigate further.

PayPal : The option for dues collection on our website & Facebook should be available soon.

VOTE411: We have paid the $200 fee. There are no candidates yet for the Manassas City Council & School Board & the Manassas Park City Council races. C. Noggle asked members present to submit questions for those positions as well as for the PW County School Board Chair. Volunteers to draft questions –for City Council: Barbara Amster, Connie Gilman, Carol Proven, & Grace White; for Manassas City School Board and PW School Board Chair: Judy Smith, Jane Touchet & Laura Feld-Mushaw (Jane will contact Laura.)

New Business:

We discussed finding an Event Planner replacement for Linda Larsen. Several names were mentioned. C. Proven will ask attendees at tonight's Sips & Civility meeting if they would be interested in undertaking this task.

After the idea for a sponsored membership was discussed, C. Gilman moved that we not support this proposal. It was seconded & passed.

C. Proven announced that the Committee of 100 would like to work with us on Candidates' Forums this fall for US Senate & Representatives for the 1st, 10th & 11th Congressional Districts We discussed possible dates. Carol N. told us that some appearances have already been scheduled in other Counties. She also said that the State League's rules require that all candidates must be invited.

C. Noggle suggested that we explore setting up meetings between State legislators and our members who are their constituents to discuss topics that they want the legislators to focus on.

The meeting was adjourned at. 11:40 AM.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 21st.