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

 **Executive Committee Minutes**

July 21, 2016 at Manassas City Hall

In attendance were Carol Noggle, Carol Proven, Linda Larsen, Judy Anderson, Jessie Barringer and Shirley White.

President Carol Noggle called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM.

Carol Proven moved to accept the June Minutes. The motion was seconded & passed.

Treasurer's Repor**t:** In the absence of Treasurer Grace White, Carol Noggle reported that we have received the $5000 grant for our activities to address the "School to Prison Pipeline" problem.

Membership: Jessie Barringer reported that 24 members have renewed so far. Reminders have been sent to those who have not yet renewed. Carol Proven has received Jane Maddocks' renewal & will forward it to Grace.

Carol Noggle wasn't able to attend the July 4th Dale City event, but Brenda Jackson-Sewelldistributed our literature to the attendees in spite of not having a tent or table on the rainy day.

We need volunteers for the upcoming community events in August & September - August 6th (A-A Heritage), September 17th (Haymarket Day), September 25th (Manassas Latino Festival) and October 1st (Manassas Jubilee). Contact with the Manassas and Woodbridge NOVA campuses needs to be made to prepare for starting voter registration when classes start on August 22nd.

Carol Noggle and Barbara Amster attended the swearing-in ceremony of 40 new Citizens this morning at the Manassas Battlefield where we assisted the Election Office staff with voter registration.

Carol N. told us that Barbara Amster wants to get involved. She has been asked to do the Publicity job duties but she is new to Virginia and our area so she is not well informed yet. Linda Larsen will provide more information to Barbara.

Carol N. attended Supervisor Candland's Town Hall meeting last night (7/20) about the PW County Strategic Plan. There was a large panel that included some county officials (fire, police, planning, transportation), 3 School Board members, and only 3 members of the 20-member “Strategic Plan Team (SPT).” League members Al Alborn & Chris Lee also attended. Carol told us that most of the discussion was about current concerns rather than a long-term vision or strategies. Citizens are welcome to attend the SPT regular meetings to make comments. See more [here](http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/budget/Pages/Strategic-Plan-Detail.aspx). Next meeting, to focus on Human Services is July 27, 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Development Services Building.

We discussed the need for a Webmaster and the availability and affordability of the League Easy Web (LEW) program from the California League.

For our next Newsletter edition we have a report from Linda Larsen about our June Annual Meeting and the new officers who were elected. More reports are needed for inclusion. (Please contribute news of your activities.)

Judy Anderson told us that people are now able to register to vote automatically when making transactions with the DMV. The new registration form can be downloaded. 3rd party voter registration training, that needs to be renewed annually, is available on-line.

Our League is participating in the Prince William County Continuum of Care committee re: assessment of needs and funding for the care (housing and helpful services) and the reduction of homeless people. Another League member is needed to serve as our alternate on the committee to help with “Program Evaluation, Ranking and Application Review”. (Meetings at August 2nd and 11th at 1:30 PM.) More information [here](http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/socialservices/Pages/Prince-William-Continuum-of-Care.aspx).

Shirley White, Carol Proven, Linda Larsen, Judy Anderson and Carol Noggle met with some members of the PW Committee of 100 on July 14th to set up a joint League/PWC100 debate/forum with the 1st & 10th Congressional District candidates. Our preferred date is September 29th. Members of both our organizations will try to contact people who can persuade the candidates to participate. (Shirley White and Carol Noggle had met June 30th with C100 President Ann Wheeler for preliminary discussions on this joint event.)

Linda Larsen & Shirley White reported that Senator George Barker and Delegate Rich Anderson have agreed to present the pros & cons of the proposed Constitutional Amendment about the Right to Work at our September 10th meeting.

Carol N. has been invited to speak at a lunch for Seniors on Wednesday August 10th at the Calvary Baptist Church. She will encourage them to vote absentee.

Pursuant to our $5000 grant from VCET: The Central Community Library is the venue reserved for the August 24th community forum about the "School to Prison Pipeline" with other non-profit groups. Grant funds can be used for various expenses such as printing voter education materials and flyers, food, transportation, and facility rental if needed.

The State League has mandated two of the questions for the Congressional candidates for VOTE411. Our League can choose about 3 others for the 1st District. VOTE411 for these are free (paid to LWVUS by LWV-VA. We have decided to pay $200 for the online Voter Guide for the candidates for offices in the cities of Manassas & Manassas Park.

Carol N. passed around the pros & cons of the 2 Constitutional amendments that will be on the ballot in November.

We discussed some new proposals for High School student voter registration - Peer-to-Peer, on-line registration. Election office personnel plan to meet with Social Studies teachers before school starts to discuss the best methods.

Carol N. attended the court hearing on July 19th in Richmond on the Restoration of Felons' rights controversy that resulted from the blanket restoration done by Governor McAuliffe. Another case that was heard was about the State Senators who are being held in contempt of court for not releasing Emails that were requested in the redistricting case where plaintiffs claim that some districts do not meet the Virginia Constitutional requirement for compactness of districts. No decisions have been made – it is hoped that the judges will present their decision on restoration of rights well before the November election.

We are seeking ways to increase the engagement of more of our members in our activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on August 23rd.

Jessie Barringer, Secretary