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

**Executive Committee Minutes**

June 19, 2018 at Manassas City Hall

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

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

Minutes J. Barringer moved the minutes of the May meeting be approved. It was seconded & passed

**Reports**

Treasurer’s Report: G. White reported. Our checking account balance is $5936.66. The balance in our Ed Fund is $4870, before deductions for TRY printing.

Membership:  J. Touchet reported. We now have 84 members. She also reported on our T-shirt sales. We spent $523 and have sold $570 worth. We discussed ordering more. B. Amster moved that we buy 50 more with smaller lettering. It was seconded & passed.

LWV-VA Council, June 16. Jane Touchet reported that the speaker was very good, despite being partisan. C. Noggle reported that the School Choice position was approved. She also reported that the workshop on *League Principles* & *Transforming the League* summaries will be sent to members.

After discussion, we decided not to participate in the Women's Summit, It is too partisan. There was definitely concern about the partisan goal of the summit -- "turn Virginia blue" this fall -- but LWV-VA decided to have a vendor table.

C. Noggle has been invited to a reception at the Governor's Mansion to celebrate the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia.

Electoral Board The State Board is meeting today to investigate miss-assigned voters.

Voter Registration (VR): J. Hingle reported that we are fully staffed for the Naturalization ceremonies. Members present all liked the new tracker software called *Signup Genius* that she is using for sign ups. We are planning for the Dale City July 4th parade and exploring other registration/ education opportunities. We discussed venues for a program that will support/honor 9/25 Voter Registration Day. The Libraries were suggested, as were VRE commuter train stations.

We discussed using PayPal for dues collection. We would be charged $1.84 for a $70 renewal/membership, $2.50 for a $100 membership. G. White said it is also useful for paying our bills. Connie Gilman moved that we adopt this method. It was seconded & passed.

C. Proven told us that Brenda Carswell was honored June 3 at the Youth Council Celebration with a Certification of Appreciation. She represented LWV-PWC by presenting a Voter Engagement and Civic Engagement workshop to the Youth Summit NAACP Prince William Chapter.

B. Greiling reported on the 11/17 Opioid Epidemic program that we are planning with the Lifelong Learning Institute. It will be at the Manassas Park Community Room.

Book Discussion C, Gilman told us that "*Women and Power"* by Mary Beard will be discussed on 8/2 at the Chinn Park Library from 7 to 8:45 PM.

Communications B. Amster was interviewed for an article about our League in the *Prince William Living* magazine. It should be out soon. She will publicize the 11/17 Opioid meeting if it is determined that space will be available.

New Business

We need to find a new Event Planner as Linda Larsen has stepped down.

Carol P. suggested we think about having Unit Meetings similar to the Fairfax League and that we survey members about how they want to get involved. Judy H. said information meetings for new members would be a good idea. She suggested we call it "Sips & Civility. We discussed dates & venues. Connie Gilman will contact the City Tavern about a date in mid July.

After discussing the sponsorship suggestion, it was decided that Carol P. will ask Linda Larsen to clarify her request for awarding an Anniversary Sponsorship Membership.

Carol P. cannot attend the LWVUS Convention (6/28-7/1). Carol N. is going as a VA State delegate. Our League is allotted 2 delegates. She asked if anyone present was interested..

LWVNCA needs volunteers interested in Transportation issues. They meet on first Fridays. B. Amster will ask members.

VOTE 411 We discussed the $200 cost for adding the Manassas & Manassas Park City Council races. J. Touchet moved that we not spend the money. It was seconded & passed.

Brenda Carswell has suggested (via Email) that we consider partnering with KIM (Keep it Moving) chaired by Kim Smith.  We have members who may want to serve as mentors/support for previously incarcerated women. She would like to have Kim Smith speak at one of our membership meetings about the program. Help is also needed with the partnership with the ADC Reentry Council, especially in the Western end of the County.

The meeting was adjourned at. 11:40 AM.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 17th.