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

**Executive Committee Minutes**

**May 15,** 2018 at Manassas City Hall

In attendance were Carol Proven, Carol Noggle, Jessie Barringer, Judy Hingle, Jane Touchet, Grace White, Karen Kallmeyer, Pam Farrand. Regrets: Connie Gilman, Linda Larsen, J. Maddocks, Barbara Amster.

President Carol Proven called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. She welcomed Judith Smith to the meeting. She also told us Barbara Amster is ill and recovering at home. Speedy recovery, Barbara.

Minutes of April 17, 2018 meeting**.** Two changes—pg. 2, under TF Recommendations, include *for charter schools* in last sentence; and, pg. 3, in Positions in Brief, change to *will be updated after the State Council meeting.* **Motion**: J. Barringer moved the minutes of the meeting be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Reports**

Treasurer’s Report: G. White reported. April was a quiet month. She will solicit (2) volunteers to develop the 2019 Budget with the goal to present a final budget at the Annual Meeting. J. Barringer will provide oversight. The Dar-al-Noor Mosque has cashed its $100.00 check. And, Pay Pal is being reviewed as a payment option. The report was accepted.

Membership:  J. Touchet reported. There are now 82 members, including 16 households. 42 members are in Haymarket area; 8 from Fa**u**quier Cty., 21 live in the East End of PWC; and 11 are from central Manassas. About 5 members are moving from the area.

Note: Agenda Item for the Annual Meeting. A discussion was held re developing a regular discussion/topics program for members on issues important to them. A program director responsible for the scope of the program would coordinate with the Events committee on logistics. We need to think through the approach, survey members to gauge their interest, and define how this would work. Some ideas: Sunday topics groups, news/legislative issues/education/study programs, etc. The Fairfax and Charlottesville Leagues hold local unit discussions that are popular, and C. Proven will talk to them about their experience. C. Noggle, J. Smith and J. Barringer will prepare to brief this idea at the Annual Meeting. This will be a fall project.

LWV-VA Council, June 16. C. Proven reported. We send two voting delegates of which Carol is one. L. Larsen will not be able to attend and Judy Smith will go in her place.

School Voucher Task Force (TF) – Public Funds for Public Schools: C. Noggle reported. Some State League leaders think this should be a 2-year project but many, like Carol, think the work is done. The findings will be presented at the LWVUS Annual Meeting.

Also of note, there are several members of the Senate Finance Committee who remain skeptical about expansion of Medicaid. The State League will send out an alert to members to contact legislators on this issue.

Electoral Board. C. Noggle reported. The board has prepared an excellent video explaining the dual primary on June 12. The Vote411 link is working on our website/FB. If you put in your address, you will see information about your voting area. Some but not all candidates have responded to the League’s questions. Action: A link to these sites will be sent to all members. If you can, post general information about the primaries on your neighborhood bulletin boards.

Voter Registration (VR): J. Hingle reported. No new details yet re June 20 new citizen registration at the Hylton Center. We will need 2 people at each door. Suggested we have balloon bouquets on our registration tables to draw attention in the crowd. Judy is using new tracker software called Signup Genius for sign ups—feedback is appreciated.

Re-entry Council: C. Noggle reported. Brenda Carswell will attend this week’s event in Minnieville.

Calendar & Event Planning: L. Larsen provided the report, below. J. Smith presented on the Opioid Crisis Committee’s activities -- her report is integrated within the following.

The Events Committee/Opioid Crisis Committee met on May 2 to discuss collaborating with LifeLong Learning Institute on a joint program to be held during National Drug Prevention Month in October, or possibly November, at the Hylton Center on the Opioid Crisis. Judith Smith conducted the meeting with Perley Eaton of LLI, Chrissy Fauls, Heather Martinsen, Linda and Dave Larsen, Judy Shelly, Barbara Greiling in attendance.

J. Smith reported that great interest was generated among members at the documentary/discussion meetings. This demonstrates the need to continue to educate our members and the general public as awareness of this problem grows – and why collaboration with LLI is so attractive. It’s also true that activities like these help us to grow membership. LLI has 350 members; we’ve also learned that George Mason Univ. is interested in joining us in our collaborative efforts. The mission is opioid education for the general public. We discussed holding the jointly sponsored event on a Saturday in October/Nov. time frame, show a film, have a panel discussion of experts. LLI will print a program with details about the presenters in July. There will be a follow-up meeting on June 6.

Marcia Barham and HeidiWhitesel are working on an information card.

June 23 Picnic in the Park: RSVPs must be in by May 31 for this event at the Manassas Park Community Center. Jennifer Carroll Foy is our speaker.

J. Smith and L. Larsen met with Cary Muirhead of Heritage Hunt and coordinated with C. Proven and G. White to arrange for a Kick-off Brunch on September 23 at the Marsh Mansion. The room rental is $250.00 and there is a charge of $32.00 per person to cover the cost of the buffet/room rental. The Marsh Mansion provides good parking, is handicapped accessible, can accommodate 60 guests and is well-located. This price is high and with rising prices the Events Committee is always looking for ways to keep prices to a reasonable amount for members and guests.

Winter Meeting:  The Events Committee is looking at a venue on the Eastern end of the county; Montclair Public Library (cost free) with food provided by Board members or Tall Oaks are possibilities.

June 2019 Venue:  The Events Committee is looking at Gunston Hall as a possible venue. Kudos to J. Smith for a big picture venue. We’ll report back to the board on this.

The Committee will meet before the September board meeting to decide on a new Community Education Program or the need for one in 2018-2019.

The idea of finding volunteers interested in collaboration with the Committee of 100, as suggested by C. Noggle, or another group, on a Forum in the fall or spring is ongoing. This will require finding a venue, moderator, and coordinating speakers.

Sponsorship:  I would like the Board to consider sponsoring a new member as a joint venture as part of the Anniversary Celebration 2018-2019.

Book Discussion: J. Smith reported on the discussion of *The Glass Castle*. 15 people attended, everyone participated, 1.5 hours. Discussion leaders, C. Gilman and B. Amster, are planning a showing of the movie based on the book.

Website, Newsletter, FB: K. Kallmeyer will publish the newsletter on June 10. C. Noggle will provide Anna Ritter with election information for the website.

**Old Business**

T-Shirts. J. Touchet reported. These will be sold at the Annual Meeting luncheon.

**New Business**

Student Dues. J. Barringer reported. She has confirmed that the State and National Leagues will no longer charge Per Member Payment (PMP) for student memberships. This means we can reduce student memberships to $15.

**Motion:** It is moved that we bring to a vote at the Annual Meeting a revision of the by-laws to change the cost of student membership to $15.00. J. Barringer moved the motion be accepted, it was seconded and passed.

Members Needed: C. Proven needs an additional member to attend the LWVUS Chicago Convention with her. She also asked if anyone would like to attend the Capital Area League’s first Friday of the month meetings in Washington, D.C. Let her know if you are interested. G. White attended the Falls Church League and Fair Vote VA meetings on Ranked Choice Voting. There is no League position on this subject.

Next LVW-PWA Executive Committee Meeting: June 19**,** 2018, Manassas City Hall, 9:30 AM.

LVW-PWA Annual Meeting and Luncheon: June 23, 2018, Manassas Park Community Center

LWVUS Convention in Chicago: Jun. 28 -Jul.1.

J. Barringer moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded, passed, and the meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

*Submitted by: Pamela Farrand, Recording Secretary, May 19, 2018*