

Prince William Area League of Women Voters of Virginia
Executive Committee Minutes

October 17, 2017

at Manassas City Hall

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

President Carol Proven called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. The Fredericksburg League representatives who had hoped to attend regretted, but we will keep the invitation open. Regrettably, Jean Schwab has resigned from working on publicity/marketing because of personal commitments. Thank you, Jean, for your good work. Volunteers wanted!

Minutes: J. Barringer made a motion to accept the Sept. 19, 2017 minutes. It was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: G. White updated the Aug. budget report to show a \$100 expenditure to Historic Manassas Inc. and said receipts for the Sept. membership dinner/meeting dinner had covered all costs.

J. Barringer said we have no more copies of the old State Membership Handbook to distribute to new members and proposed we have 25 copies of the new Handbook printed. Helen Stackhouse got an estimate of \$74.20 from DEP Printers last July. (Expenses over \$50 require a motion.)

Motion: J. Barringer moved that the Membership Handbook be reprinted. It was seconded and passed.

Motion: C. Gilman moved that new handbooks be expensed from the Admin:Print/Mailing budget line. It was seconded and passed.

Membership: J. Touchet reported. A recent new member mentioned the League's position on gun control as her reason for joining. Q: What are we doing about delinquent members? A: These members are sent reminders. Discussion: The numbers are small, but if non-paying members remain on our roster we are obligated to pay a portion of their regular dues to the National and State Leagues. (LWV-PWA receives \$22 of each annual membership; the remaining goes to Natl/State for their advocacy and local level support). We need to explain to members the importance of their dues support. **Action:** J. Touchet will organize a task group to research/recommend best practices/messaging for current, renewing, and potential members.

Noting that a LWVVA directory is not sent to all new members, should we make our membership roster available to members with names/addresses/phone numbers? It was agreed this would be useful, but members will be given a chance to opt-out.

We're working on the purchase of T-shirts to be sold to members & at events. These will be branded w/the League's logo and say, "VOTE - DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT".

Voter Registration: Voter registration (VR) is now closed until after the election. Absentee voting starts Sept. 22. (More in-person sites open on Oct. 23.)

C. Noggle reported. Good debate on Oct. 6; the Oct. 24 one was canceled (not enough candidates available). She noticed some candidates were confused over the differences between charters/public/private schools.

The School Task Force will meet with a goal of having standards/talking points about school choice issues ready in Dec. On Nov. 1, Carol. B. Amster & others will attend a meeting in Richmond of legislators who may make recommendations for more Virtual Schools.

Vote411.org is an excellent website to see the candidates' positions on issues. B. Amster will coordinate letters-to-the editor to send to local papers to help disseminate info.

J. Hingle thanks all volunteers who participated or have signed up to help in fall events.

Events not listed previously: on Oct. 9, we helped residents at Tribute Assisted Living @ the Glen w/change-of-address and absentee mail-in ballots; Oct. 12, attended a HOLA ribbon cutting celebration @TODOS Supermarket, Marumsc Plaza.

Coming events include Oct. 25 & 26, voter education, Battlefield HS; Nov. 1, Mock Election, Beville Middle School; Nov. --2, HOLA community orientation to election; Nov. 7, Election Day! Nov. 8 & 9, Stonewall Jackson HS VR; Oct. 29, Word of Life International Church. Note: OneVirginia2021 is looking for volunteers to work outside polls on Election Day.

Communications: A newsletter will be released after the elections, and we'll update photos on the website soon. Carol P. will send a notice about the Nov. 12 event & film showing at the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Assn. and hopes we will all support it (www.workhousearts.org/event/nightofterror/). She attended a LWV National Capital Area lunch in Washington, D.C., and accepted a one-year complimentary membership to the organization -- good networking to discover resources, ideas, speakers. She will also attend a Dec. 6 Women's Legislative Round Table (WLRT) Pre-session in Richmond.

Events: L. Larson reported. Seven people have signed up for the Oct. 21 book discussion of *Ra****d* by David Daley. On Nov. 14, there'll be a dinner & showing of the documentary, "Iron Jawed Angels", at Old Town Sports Pub in Manassas, 6:00-8:30 PM; on Dec. 2, an orientation for new (and old) members at Chinn Library, 10:30-Noon. We're working on carpools for the Dec. 6 Round Table (WLRT) luncheon in Richmond.

Conservationist/Environmentalist Kim Hosen will speak at the General Meeting on Jan. 20, Noon - 2:00 PM (see below); on Feb. 24, Topic of Interest at the Marque at the Little Theater for members/potential members, the documentary, "Chasing the Dragon", will be viewed/discussed - thanks to members Judy Smith, Jane Maddocks & Mamie Thompson for their help in planning this event. C. Proven suggested holding a similar event in the East side of the county in the spring. Linda will find a venue & form a committee.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Nov. 21, 2017, 9:30 AM, Manassas City Hall.

Next General Meeting: Jan. 20, 2018, at the Regency in Haymarket. Buffet luncheon, Noon - 2:00 PM, speaker, Conservationist/Environmentalist Kim Hosen.

B. Amster made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Pamela Farrand, Recording Secretary, October 26, 2017