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

**Executive Committee Minutes**

October 18, 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 & Lorraine Schooner

President Carol Proven called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.

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

Treasurer’s Report: G. White reported. Our checking account balance is $7894.77. The balance in our Ed Fund remains at $2245. Pay Pal was successfully used to pay for meals at the Kick-off meeting. We discussed other less expensive venues for future Membership meetings.

Membership Report:  J. Touchet will be contacting members who have not yet renewed. We discussed different colors other than red & blue for future T-shirts. A smaller font size for the message was also recommended. We still have 52 left to sell

VOTE411: C. Noggle is working to get it in the newspapers. PW School Board candidates have not responded to the questions. She also reported that an article in the Washington Post had misinformation about voting requirements. She is contacting them to correct the errors in print.

Kick-off Meeting: C. Proven reported that the September 23rd meeting was well attended and the speakers - Delegates Luke Torian, Jennifer Carroll-Foy & Hala Ayala - were excellent. . Our League representative, Pat Fishback, also gave an excellent presentation about the proposed Equal Rights Amendment.

Debates/Forums: C. Noggle reported that the School Board Forum was well attended. The 11th CD forum is this Thursday, October 18th. Senator Kaine will not participate in the November 1st Senator debate.

Voter Education: J. Hingle reported that 1,000 Top-Tens & TRYs were distributed at the Manassas Festival. They were also distributed at NOVA campuses & Senior Centers where residents were also helped to fill out Absentee Ballot requests. Three High Schools are scheduled for Voter Registration. Signup Genius is being used for this purpose. She proposed that we pay for the upgraded version of this application at $108/year. B, Amster so moved. It was seconded & passed.

Sips & Civility: C. Gilman reported that the November 12th meeting will be at City Tavern. We discussed other venues & switching from East to West locations.

Opioid Program November 17th: J. Smith informed us that C. Noggle will be one of the speakers. The box lunches will cost $12. Signup Genius & Eventbrite will be used for reservations. It will also be on Facebook to share.

C. Noggle explained the October 23rd DORM prison program for inmates who will be released in 90 days. Training is required for participation by the organizations that help prepare prisoners for outside life. Our most recent newsletter has an explanation of the re-entry program and DORM at the jail. J. Touchet suggested "Friends of Guesthouse" as a program.

L. Schooner told us about the 1 & 1/2 hour documentary movie "One Vote" by Christine Woodhouse and recommended it for a future League program.

Orientation Meetings: C. Proven will schedule 2 sessions in December - one for each end of the County.

Newsletter: J. Touchet will write her bio for the "Meet the Member section in the next issue.

New Business: Replacement for Recording Secretary Pam Farrand. C. Proven will contact Barbara Greiling.

We discussed the Tracking Advocacy Challenge from the State League. How to measure our efforts was a concern. Sending postcards to representatives about the issues we care about was a suggestion. The ERA was one issue that was mentioned.

C. Noggle told us about the Pre-Session Women's Roundtable in Richmond on December 5th. She also suggested setting up visits to State Representatives by our members who are their constituents to inform them about League legislative priorities.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20th.

Jessie Barringer

**Acting** Recording Secretary.