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

**Executive Committee Minutes**

September 19, 2017 at Manassas City Hall

In attendance were Carol Proven, Carol Noggle, Jessie Barringer, Jane Touchet, Judy Hingle, Linda Larson, Pam Farrand.

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

Minutes: J. Barringer made a motion to accept the August minutes. It was seconded and passed.

Treasurer’s Report: G. White presented a report at the General Meeting on Sept. 12 and will provide an updated report in Oct.

Membership: J. Touchet announced there were two new members, two renewals, one member moving out of the area, five not yet renewed to whom reminders will be sent.

Voter Registration: J. Hingle reported on fall events. Voter materials were successfully distributed at Haymarket Day and at four high schools’ back-to-school events. Opportunities to volunteer are: Sept. 24, Manassas Latino Festival; Sept. 26, Voter Registration Day/Democracy for Sale (film); Sept. 26 Community Resource Fair, Adult Detention Ctr. Manassas; Oct. 7 Manassas Jubilee; Oct. 7, Block Party, Dar al Noor Mosque. We’ve also been asked to help at a Beeville, VA middle school’s mock election. Volunteers should contact Judy Hingle.

C. Noggle discussed Vote411.org. The site’s zip code sort is easy-to-use. All 100 House District candidates and ballots in Virginia are on the site as well as candidates’ responses to the League’s 10 questions. Members may forward-to-a friend using the widget on the PWA-LVW website.

Absentee voting starts Sept. 22.

A Candidate Debate will be held on Oct. 6, sponsored by the League, NAACP and Committee of 100, at Hampton Middle School, 14800 Darbydale Avenue, Woodbridge, 7:00 PM. Candidates from Districts 31 & 51 will participate. Other debates are in negotiation.

Events: L. Larson reported that member Cynthia Chambliss recognized the work of the League at Gainesville Democratic Magisterial District's annual Fish Fry on Sept. 17. The book discussion of *Ra\*\*\*\*d* by David Daley will be held Oct. 21 at Not Your Average Joe's in Woodbridge from 11:40 AM -1:30 PM. Hosts: Judy Shelly and C. Proven; Connie Gilman to lead the discussion.

Member Jane Maddocks asks if she and other members may hold ”pop-up” meetings on a topic and report to members on the discussion. All agreed this was a worthwhile effort.

One Annual and four General meetings are held each year to inform members and provide interesting speakers. The committee discussed how to best format these meetings and will test different ideas.

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In December, two events are being planned: a member orientation in the East end of the county, at a library, and a Round Table in Richmond. B. Amster suggested holding Sunday afternoon events in the winter.

C. Proven, B. Amster, C. Noggle, J. Hingle & Judy Smith will attend a School Choice Task Force meeting in Fredericksburg, to help draft standards that will guide the League’s position on School Choice Options in Virginia: Charter, Vouchers, Tuition Tax Credits, Virtual -- issues that are anticipated to come up in 2018 legislation.

J. Barringer is no longer the LWVUS roster manager. We will look for another member to perform this task, which could be handled from home.

Two motions were passed:

Motion: J. Barringer moved that the Committee approve a contribution of $100 to Dar al Noor’s block party. It was seconded and passed.

Motion: J. Hingle moved that the Committee approve up to $200 for the purchase of Constant Contact, an online data management program. It was seconded and passed.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: October 17, 2017 9:30 AM, Manassas City Hall.

Next General Meeting: January 20, 2018, at the Regency in Haymarket. It will be a luncheon buffet with speaker.

Pamela Farrand, Recording Secretary