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

Executive Board Meeting February 16, 2021, via Zoom

President Carol Proven called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Calling in: Barbara Amster, Connie Gilman, Lorraine Schooner, Judy Hingle, Carol Noggle, Janet Gorn, Barbara Greiling, Grace White, Cheryl Saggers and Catherine Ring.

Minutes: Minutes of the January board meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s report: Lorraine Schooner reported the General Fund balance is $13,026.99. The Education Fund balance is $1568.46.

Redistricting: Grace White reported the delay of Census results until Sept. 30 means redistricting will not be completed in time for the November delegate elections.

Election Law Study Group: Barbara Amster reported that the state study group has incorporated comments from local Leagues into a final report for LWV-VA Board consideration.

Affordable Housing: Carol Noggle sent an action item on tenant rights legislation to the membership.

Legislative update: Carol Noggle will send a report on highlights from the General Assembly session to members as well as a link to the Virginia Department report on cultural competency for teachers**.** Carol Proven requested that Carol Noggle also discuss the legislation passed during the session at the Feb. 21 general meeting.

Suffragist Heritage Committee: Janet Gorn reported the Prince William Historic Foundation has set Oct 9 for its annual gala and event commemorating women’s suffrage.

They Represent You: Connie Gilman reported that an electronic version of the TRY is now available. Carol Proven will post it on the League website.

Calendar Event Updates: Connie Gilman reported on the following calendar items:

The February general meeting will be held Feb. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. Keisha Wilson-Sogunro will discuss educator Jennie Dean, a former slave who founded the Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth, which served African-American students for decades.

Sips and Civility from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 2 will feature the finalists’ speeches from the Matin Luther King Oratorical Contest sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta. Our League presented books to the finalists.

The March 21 general meeting will feature a speaker from the Nature Conservancy.

The book list for the upcoming year was finalized at the last book discussion. On April 12, we will discuss “Fix What You Can: Schizophrenia and a Lawmaker’s Fight for Her Son.” The author, Mindy Greiling, will join us via Zoom.

Name change: Barbara Amster will contact LWV-US to determine what steps must be taken to change our name to League of Women Voters – Prince William and Fauquier Area.

Vote411: Carol Noggle recommended that our League not participate in Vote411 for the upcoming state elections. Submitting information on the delegate races in our area is time consuming, and not all candidates participate. The board agreed that there is more value in candidate debates and forums.

The next board meeting will be Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Volunteer List: Judy Hingle has posted a list of ongoing volunteer opportunities on SignUp Genius. Carol Proven urged members to look at it and offer suggestions for additional topics.

National Popular Vote: Grace White pointed out that LWVUS supports the national popular vote and suggested that it be a topic at an upcoming meeting or Sips and Civility. Connie Gilman will look into a speaker on the topic for our April general meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Greiling