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

**General Meeting  (Virtual Zoom)**

**Minutes**

**Sept. 19, 2021**

LWV-PWFA President Janet Gorn and Lena Gonzalez Berrios, Senior Librarian, Montclair Community Library, opened the virtual Program Session at 2:00 p.m. via WebEx. The Program was a book and author presentation by Barbara Batson and Mari Julienne, authors of a *Campaign for Women’s Suffrage in Virginia*. The program was held in partnership with the Prince William Public Libraries and the Virginia State Library.

President Janet Gorn called the business Session to order at 3:10 p.m. Janet welcomed members and gave an update on board accomplishments, including a new color-coded calendar, as well as an additional volunteer option to SignUp Genius, which allows members to volunteer for work-from-home and other short-term opportunities. She encouraged members to volunteer for National Voter Registration Day on Sept. 28.  Volunteers are needed to register voters and give out voter information at all Prince William libraries that day.

Carol Proven gave a briefing on the League of Women Voters, highlighting how the League is organized on the national and state level, and explaining the difference between its education and advocacy missions and how those missions are carried out. Trish Freed said that, as a relatively new member, she appreciated the very informative overview of the League.

The minutes of the May 16 annual meeting had been emailed to members and were approved.

Treasurer Trish Freed reported the balance in the General Fund was $16,680.38. She also informed members they can now make credit card donations to the Education Fund on the League website.

Vice President Connie Gilman reminded members of the book discussion of *Just Mercy*: *A Story of Justice and Redemption*. It will be held at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 5, at Jukebox Diner in Manassas.  She also asked for suggestions for books to be discussed in 2022.

Voter Services Director Carol Noggle discussed opportunities for voter registration and education, including National Voter Registration Day, several upcoming community festivals, and candidate debates.  On Oct. 6, the League and the Prince William Committee of 100 will hold debates of candidates for the 2nd House District and the 31st House District. The debates will be virtual with separate Zoom links.  Professor Stephen Farnsworth of the University of Mary Washington will be the moderator.   Pat Reilly of the Fauquier Unit reported that a meet and greet with candidates for the 18th and 68th House Districts will be held Oct. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Warrenton Community Center.

Fauquier Unit Director Ruthann Litchford reported that members registered seven voters at the Warrenton Spring Fall Festival and handed out 250 *Top Ten* and 100 *Vote Like a Girl* buttons.  The League will be at Kettle Run and Liberty high school and Lord Fairfax Community College for Voter Registration Day on Sept. 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Greiling, acting secretary