League of Women Voters

Annual Meeting

May 15, 2022

The meeting was opened at 2:00 pm by President, Janet Gorn. Janet announced this is our League’s 15th anniversary and affirmed our continued support and focus on women’s issues. A brief slide show was then shown documenting our broad support and participation in the 100th BLM demonstration and the Women’s March.

Janet laid out a brief agenda for the annual meeting to include:

* A panel lead by four local political representatives
* Business session
* Recommendations for future topics for upcoming League meetings

Laura Mushaw, coordinator for today’s panel discussion, then introduced the four panelists and stated each would have approximately ten minutes to update us on past and current legislative accomplishments in the Virginia General Assembly. A summary of each of the presentations is attached. The four legislators were:

* Briana Sewell, 51st District
* Michelle Maldonado, 50th District
* Candi King-2nd District
* Elizabeth Guzman – 31st District

Following the four very enlightening Delegates’ presentations, Janet opened the floor for our business session. A motion was made and passed to accept our previous annual meeting minutes.

Treasurer’s Report – Trish Freed

* Called for vote on next year’s fiscal budget (2022 – 2023).
* Stated lower membership a significant factor in reduced operational income. Proposed $7700 down by $2500 year-to-year.
* We will operate on the basis of a balanced budget.
* We will draw from operational budget reserves, though there are limits on how much can be taken from reserves.
* Education fund will be maintained completely separate from operating account.

A motion was made, seconded and approved on all items above. Also, a motion was made and approved to amend by-laws, Article IX: Financial Administration, Section 4.

Section 4. Budget: A balanced budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall be submitted for Adoption by the Board of Directors at the Annual or Biennium Meeting. The budget shall include support for the work of all levels of the League.

1. Outlays.
2. The League shall maintain a balanced budget. The total outlay for any fiscal year shall not exceed the total receipts for that fiscal year, unless 3/5 of the attendees at a General Meeting provide, by majority vote, for a specific excess of outlays over receipts.
3. Reserves.
4. The following limits on use of reserves by the Board of Directors shall not exceed 25% of that fiscal year’s annual operating budget expenses.
5. The balance remaining in the combined operating budget reserves, after withdrawals to fill an income gap, shall not drop below 33% of budgeted expenses.
6. In the event of an emergency, where the Board seeks to withdraw from the operating budget reserves that would exceed these limits, the Board shall seek approval by a majority vote of those present at a General Meeting.

Membership – Cathy Ring

* Reiterated that money sent against State League requests goes directly to the State.
* Membership dues are due by the end of June
* Reminder letters requesting payment of dues will be sent out in June via Constant Contact. 2nd reminder in July. Member will be called if not paid by August.
* Members are asked to donate $100 if possible.
* Flyers will be posted in public libraries, community colleges and George Mason University.

Communications – Carol Proven

* Has completed development of our new League Tri-fold. Carol was broadly praised by all for the new document.

President Gorn then opened the floor for topics for our upcoming year. Some suggestions were:

* Land use
* Planned Parenthood
* Transportation (in the west)
* Affordable Housing
* Responsible Gun Ownership
* Distribution and use of Prescription drugs

President Gorn thanked all for the tremendous work and support from League members. A special thanks to Laura for the outstanding panel discussion and to Trish for outstanding completion of budget procedures.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Cynthia Campbell