



**LWV-PWFA Board of Directors Meeting
June 21, 2022**

Virtual Business Session Cancelled – 2022 Primary Election Day
Minutes - Written Reports

NOTE: LWV-PWFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI: Board of Directors, Section 4: Meetings, “There shall be at least five (5) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually.” The LWV-PWFA Board has held more than 5 Board meetings during FY-2021-2022 and therefore cancelling the June 21st Board Meeting is aligned with the Bylaws requirement.

- I. Meeting minutes (attached)
- II. Treasurers Report (attached)
- III. Voter Services Report (attached)
- IV. Membership Outreach Director Report
Renewal Memberships: 21
New members: 1
- V. Event Registrar Report: Community Event Participation Summary
Event: Juneteenth Freedom Day
Date: June 17-20
Registered Voters: 9
Registration Fee: \$ 35
- VI. Webinar June 20: Host PWC Comprehensive Plan Study Committee
“Get Dangerously Savvy About the PWC Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan: Land Use, Housing, and Mobility Chapters”
Mr. Charles Grymes presented a very successful tutorial on the PWC Comprehensive Plan and the Strategic Plan. Nineteen (19) attendees are now more “Savvy” citizens.

- VII. *2040 Comprehensive Plan Update* Letter: The LWV-PWFA League Policy Position (adopted by the LWVUS and LWV-VA)) recognizing the importance of a Comprehensive Plan, was sent to the PWC Planning Commission and the PWC Board of Supervisors. (attached)
- VIII. Sips and Civility Event
Date: August 25, 2:30-4:00 pm
Venue: Montclair Library
Host: Lena Berrios Gonzalez
Refreshments: Library Veranda
Dinner Optional – Giorgios Restaurant/Wine Styles
Program – Virginia State Library Traveling Exhibit
“We Demand: Women’s Suffrage in Virginia”
Explore the history that led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. Walk through a series of 8 double-sided panels and an interactive kiosk, a traveling exhibition from the State Virginia Library with support from the Task Force to Commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote. Accompanied the Exhibit is a special book display.
- IX. Announcement – Board of Directors Vacancy: Advocacy Coordinator
Carol Noggle has served as the FY-2021-2022 Advocacy Coordinator. Carol notified the President that she can no longer give due diligence to the position as she is also the Voter Services Director. The Advocacy Coordinator is an important function of the Board. *The role is charged with providing information and guidance in the area of advocacy activities for the Virginia General Assembly and is the Liaison for the LWV-VA Legislative Coordinator.* (See *Board of Directors Handbook*, page 19). A SignUpGenie volunteer notice to be set out soonest. (Revised Organization Chart attached)



League of Women Voters of Prince William-Fauquier Area
Annual Meeting Minutes
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 issue. 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 Delegate's 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 balance budget.
- We will draw from operational budget reserves, though there are limits on how much can be taken from reserves.
- Education will be maintained completely separate from operating account.

A motion was made, seconded and approved on all items above. Also, motion 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.

A) Outlays.

- 1) 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.

B) Reserves.

- 1) 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.
- 2) The balance remaining in the combined operating budget reserves, after withdrawals to fill an income gap, shall not drop below 33% of budgeted expenses.
- 3) 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

Panel Discussion-

League member Laura Mushaw coordinated a panel discussion lead by four of our local legislators. The following is a brief summary of each presentation.

Delegate Briana Sewell – 51st District

Del. Sewell was born and raised in this community. A very high priority is education. Other efforts include standardization in the procurement process; a veteran's care center in eastern PWC; increased funding for schools; major success in broadband availability-only 350 homes are without broadband; communications technology and innovation. She continues to serve as Chief of Staff for BOCS Chairman.

Delegate Michelle Maldonado – 50th District

Although Del. Maldonado is new to politics, she comes from a long line of educators. Professionally she serves as an intermediary. Has fought for changes on rent laws to allow low income tenants up to 90 days notification of eviction; codified Heritage Month; Sits on K-12 committee – helped stem progress of rolling back youngsters; Was named rookie legislator of the year; Developed Technical and Innovative Caucus which allows for better information; Lead healthcare and literacy for kids K-3; Working on improving access to trades for students; Working on women's reproductive rights.

Delegate Candi King – 2nd District

Del. King championed the standardization of IEPs for special education students; Continues to fight for legislation against human trafficking; Continues to fight to protect the rights of low- income tenants; Continues to fight for paid leave.

Delegate Elizabeth (Liz) Guzman – 31st District

Del. Guzman professionally is a social worker. She is the first Latino delegate in Virginia; Seeks to insure pre-school for ages 3-4 years; Champion for children with disabilities; Working to reduce the impact of SOL test scores; Worked to reduce special education caseload to 20; championed collective bargaining.

Banking Summary 7/1/21-6/30/22
7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022

6/20/2022

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Category	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022
INCOME	
Donation in kind	250.00
EDFund Reimb	1,342.14
Grant	200.00
Membership Assis Grant Fund	345.00
Membership dues	4,928.03
Merch sale	10.00
TOTAL INCOME	7,075.17
EXPENSES	
Advertising	500.00
Bills & Utilities	
Insurance	44.19
Internet	150.00
TOTAL Bills & Utilities	194.19
Debate Cost	79.00
Event Registration	35.00
Expense Reimbursements	2,156.43
League Banners	387.55
Membership Refund	67.49
PMP	4,445.55
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,865.21
TRANSFERS	
FROM Checking 0494 XX0494	70.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	70.00
OVERALL TOTAL	-720.04

Account Balances - As of 6/30/2022

Account	6/30/2022 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Education Fund	2,244.60
LWV Checking	14,520.79
TOTAL Bank ...	16,765.39
OVERALL TOTAL	16,765.39



Voter Services Report

May 2022

Carol Noggle, Voter Services Director

Voter Registration:

All but two PW HS were scheduled for VR in collaboration with the Prince William Bar Association. Freedom HS was canceled because of two snow days. Colgan HS chose to have a virtual “So You are 18” presentation. Two additions for VR included the PW Independence Traditional High School and the Osbourn HS in the City of Manassas. High school voter registration was also accomplished in Fauquier in the Fall of 2021 before election day.

Major participation by members in-person and/or at home were essential to success. Preparing for a high school day included a new feature – highlighting in yellow the essential items on each form. Given that we prepared and distributed at least 2,000 application forms please applaud the many helpers. I believe that the highlighting reduced the time spent completing the forms because students did not need to read all the details of unnecessary sections on the form. At-home helpers also prepared our pre-printed receipts by attaching the “I Registered to Vote” sticker. The PW Election Office willingly provided all the stickers and VR application forms.

Also remember that the completed forms must be alphabetized, and all names listed on a spreadsheet to take to the Election Office. Willing members at each high school sorted the forms before the end of the day. The names were then entered onto an Excel spreadsheet for delivery to the EO and also sent by email to one teacher at each high school.

League members visited the following high schools from Fall 2021 through April 2022, registering many students at each school.

Battlefield: 303	Independence Nontraditional: 7
Brentsville: 76	Freedom: 0 (snowed out)
Gar-Field: 150	Colgan: 0 (Not scheduled.)
Forest Park: 245	Gainesville: None, because they have no Seniors this year.
Unity Reed: 108	Osbourn HS in Manassas City: 7 in the fall; [In process n:]: 4
Patriot: 269	Liberty (FQ) 3
Potomac: 141	LFCC (FQ): 7
Woodbridge: 212	
Hylton: 205	
Osbourn Park: 211	

The City of Manassas has a City Council Democratic Primary in progress so Voter Registration of Osbourn High School students provides those students a chance to vote as soon as their VRs are processed.

So You’re 18 Collaboration: 15 years!

The terrific collaboration that the PW League has with the PW Bar Association and the PW Election Office at the high schools continues. Covid-19 prevented many months in 2020 and early 2021 of high school VR so this school year has allowed a renewal –Hooray!

We are still researching to find even one other Virginia jurisdiction that has the high school in-person presentations by their local Bar Association members.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all the wonderful members who helped, either at-home or in-person, with community events, high school visits and with National Voter Registration Day at the libraries. Please accept my apology if I left anyone off my list.

Louise Morello
Darcy Kreutz
Judy HIngle (Our Sign-Up Genius was essential.)
Lucia Anderson
Catherine Ring
Jane Touchet
Laura Feld-Mushaw
Barbara Greiling
Carol Proven
Barbara Amster
Brenda Jackson-Sewell
Patrice Waters
James Jones
Trish Freed
Lorraine Schooner
Janet Hollis
Donna Anstee
Cindy Cole
Cheri Sagggers
Judy Anderson
Sheila Arrington
Ruth Balton
Charlie Grymes
Miriam Anver
Ruthann Litchford
Miggy Strano
Jane Maddocks
Leslie Plummer
Pat Reilly
Sandra Roszel
Millicent Stackhouse
Lyssa White
Heidi Whitesel
Janet Gorn
Brenda Carswell (also Re-Entry Council meeting)

We will continue to seek opportunities for voter registration and absentee by mail ballot applications at Senior Living facilities.

MAJOR CHANGES AFFECT THE 2022 ELECTIONS

After many months of determining the composition of the Virginia Redistricting Commission that was followed by the dismantling of the Commission that left the redistricting process to the Court and the assigned "Masters", new maps were devised and approved for Virginia's eleven (11) Congressional Districts. Remember that long, long agonizing process?

Thus, with major changes in Prince William and Fauquier County district boundaries, and because of a significant increase of residents in PW, our 2022 elections have significant changes from the past. Instead of 3 Representatives to Congress, PW will elect only 2 Representatives --one from the 10th and one from the 7th District -- with significant boundary changes.

Most important for voter information is any change to precincts and polling places. Prince William has had to add 10 additional precincts to meet the requirement of the maximum number of voters allowed in each. The precincts in the 7th Congressional District are impacted for the June 21st Primary. See all the information here:

<https://www.pwcvotes.org/>

There is no June Democratic Party Primary in the 10th Congressional District and no local Primary in Fauquier County. There is a 10th CD Republican “firehouse primary” on May 21st.

The sample ballot for PW Voters in the 7th CD is available here:

https://www.pwcvotes.org/files/ugd/d8ec42_b7f1f37b150c4befb31057ba4a5e05c0.pdf

The sample ballot for the Manassas City Council Democratic Party Primary is here:

<https://files4.1.revize.com/manassasva/Voter%20Registration/Sample%20Ballot%20yellow.pdf>

NEW: June 21st, 2022: Why is the Primary date so late this year? It has always been on the 2nd Tuesday of June, right? Why was the law changed? The goal was related to precincts in schools when schools are in session. Security and space and necessary adjustments by the schools were sometimes necessary and very inconvenient if students and parents and teachers were present in the building. Generally, students were not present but the entrances and exits had to have extra security or limited access, spaces had to be cleared of furniture or rearranged, extra work by custodial staff was required. Resistance to the change seemed strongest from those who generally had major travel plans starting the day after the school year ended. However, Virginia also has a law for no-excuse absentee voting so there are significant options for early voting.

VOTER EDUCATION via VOTE411

LWV-US has changed the 411 software for establishing the Local Leagues’ Voter Guide to the candidate lists and responses to the questions we, and LWV-VA, craft. This has created a need for significant orientation and re-orientation. LWV-PWFQ is responsible for setting up the Vote411 guide for the June 21st City of Manassas Democratic Primary. There are 4 candidates for 3 positions.

ALSO: For November

1. For the November election, that day may provide easier participation for some because it is designated as a Virginia State Holiday.
2. The Voter Registration deadline will be extended to November 8th. (I will check but I believe a person who registers that day will need to vote with a provisional ballot.)
3. Mail-in absentee ballots MUST have a Witness Signature this year because there is not the emergency that was declared last year.
4. Drop boxes for Absentee Ballots will be allowed.
5. There is no change in the identification requirement; that is, a Photo ID is not required. The list of what can be used is available online.

<http://www.princewilliamlwv.org/>

Addendum to May Voter Services report

Senior Facilities

Harbor Chase: May 27: 4 Absentee by Mail applications

List under construction by Donna Anstee; for fall 2022 visits

NOVA Manassas:

Meeting date coming this month with staff to set up VR on campus with student participation. Contact with Provost Molly Lynch was made by Cynthia Chambliss.

NVRD September 20, 2022

Libraries: Amy Cunningham of PW County confirms participation; will work for permission at every library. Lena at Montclair Library will certainly be on board.

Other sites than libraries can be sought.

Amy recommended a book for a Book Talk that is relevant to incarceration and re-entry: “Living with Conviction” about a person who was incarcerated. A movie, “Jailbreak Lovers”, is based on the book.

Continuing: Warrenton Black Lives Matter vigil on Saturday mornings. Voter Registration/Education always offered.

Third Party VR Training **Annual Renewal**: scheduled with DST for Saturday, June 25, 10 AM to 12 PM with Virginia Department of Elections staff: virtual

Sign-Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4caea82ba2f94-third>

Restoration of Rights:

Re-Entry Council Family Orientation: April 21st at Mt. Olive Baptist Church (Brenda Carswell and Carol Noggle). Offered ROR brochure for families and other organizations.

Re-Entry Council meeting: June 13 at PW County Development Center.

Possible event for ROR information: National Night Out: August 2nd; details coming

Adult Detention Center Community Resource Fair for the fall: Jail staff stated that it is **NOT** likely to happen; thus, not an opportunity for significant orientation for inmates.

Officer William Burley, 35th District Probation and Parole Officer & Chair of the Re-Entry Council, per my query about the status of ROR by the Governor, stated that their understanding is that a released felon must still complete all probation and parole obligations before he/she can apply for ROR. That is how they advise those released felons that they encounter.

LWV-VA Council session included a presentation by former Secretary of the Commonwealth Kelly Thomasson who processed the ROR applications during the administration of two Governors. She compared the vast numbers of those whose rights were restored previously with the small number so far in 2022. There has been a recent uptick so that is good news. What is not available, however, are the names and locations of those on the restored list. Thus, we do not know how to contact them to provide Voter Registration; nor do we know if they must complete probation and parole and financial penalties first.

Family Orientation by Re-Entry Council: July 21 at 5:30 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Juneteenth: June 18: Warrenton

See sign-up for the day.

August 10: Prince William Schools Orientation for new employees; Voter Registration; Forest Park High School



June 22, 2022

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2021-2023**

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**The Prince William County 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update
League of Women Voters Policy Statement**

The LWV-Prince William/Fauquier Area Chapter recognizes the importance of the *2040 Comprehensive Plan*. It should be a reliable guide to future changes in roads, housing, parks, and other changes in the landscape.

Though chapters are being developed separately, they should all be consistent as well as comprehensive. The 2040 Comprehensive Plan will be judged as a success if, for example, policies and action strategies in the Parks, Recreation and Tourism are implemented in relevant places in the Land Use and Mobility chapters.

The integration of the Land Use, Affordable Housing, and Mobility chapters is especially critical. Locating new housing near existing roads and planned transit (such as future Metrorail stations), and expanding the capacity of the bike/pedestrian network, will reduce traffic congestion and minimize greenhouse gas emissions. The alternative, planning for new housing in places without public transportation or even safe routes for e-bikes, will create future traffic congestion requiring expensive expansion of the road network.

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan should implement the Action Strategies in the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan. To document consistency, the Planning Office should publish a crosswalk between the Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. That crosswalk should identify where Strategic Plan Action Strategies such as "HW2: C. Support permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities" and "EC1: D. Incentivize and promote partnerships to reforest publicly and privately owned land" are implemented in the Comprehensive Plan.

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan should implement commitments already made with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG). In particular, the commitments regarding reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the availability of affordable housing should be matched by Policies and Action Strategies in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

If the Land Use Chapter plans for new data centers that will increase commercial energy use, then Action Strategies should identify how that increase will be offset so the county can meet its 2030 target adopted with MWCOG. To

document consistency, the Planning Office should publish a crosswalk between the Comprehensive Plan and MWCOG commitments.

Action strategies in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan should be measurable. Language such as "LU5.4 Ensure that signs for individual uses in mixed-use developments are designed and installed consistent with a development-wide sign program" is clear enough for measuring if new proposals are consistent with the plan. Language such as "LU5.6 Encourage the incorporation of signs into a development's landscape plans" is too generic and vague. All Action Strategies starting with "Encourage..." should be revised to something like "Require..."

It is critical that the long-range plan address equity imbalances in Prince William County. The Office of Equity and Inclusion should identify how Policies and Action Strategies in existing as well as draft chapters could be revised to address wealth inequality, increase the quality of life in Equity Emphasis Areas, improve access to local jobs, etc. Special effort should be made to get input from marginalized communities on those comments before the Planning Commission considers draft chapters, so the completion of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan will help the arc of history bend towards justice.

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan should be developed in a transparent process, with extensive public engagement. This is a long-range plan. Strong public support for the plan is needed for it to continue to guide new development, even as new members are elected to the Board of County Supervisors. One way to measure the quality of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan as a reliable guide until the next update in about 10 years: Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPA's) should be rarely needed.

The League believes that an interrelated approach to combating climate change—including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources—is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem. The League support climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. Individuals, communities, and governments must continue to address this issue, while considering the ramifications of their decision, at all levels—local, state, regional, national, and global.

Sincerely yours,

Janet M. Gorn

Janet M. Gorn, President
League of Women Voters, Prince William- Fauquier Area

Prince William Coutu Planning Commission
Prince William County Board of Supervisors



**Board of Directors
FY 2022-2023 Organization Chart
[Part I]**

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*Elected 2-year Board Member Positions 2021-2023. Only Officers and Directors are Voting Members.

Board Meetings are the third Tuesday of the month and open to the general membership.
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**Off-Board of Directors
FY 2022-2023 Organization Chart
[Part II]**

-- **Observer Corps**

Sheila Arrington (Chair)
Barbara Amster
Ruth Balton
Marcia Barham
Pat Reily

-- **VOTE411**

Donna Anstee (Chair)
Lucia Anderson

-- **TRY/Top 10**

TBD

-- **Racial Justice Report Study**

Lorraine Schooner
Heidi Whitesel
Ruth Balton
Joan Rener

-- **Comprehensive Plan Study**

Marilyn Karp (Chair)
Miriam Anver
Charlie Grymes
Carol Proven
Sally Yankee

-- **Senior Center Facilities**

Donna Anstee

-- **Adult Detention Center**

Carol Noggle
Brenda Carswell

-- **Voter Registration**

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34 Certified Members

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-- **Nominating Committee**

TBD