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**Empowering Voters Defending Democracy**

              L**eague of Women Voters of the Prince William Fauquier Area**

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**Agenda May 23**, 2023

**Each One Bring One – The name of a prospective New Member and a proposed recruiting venue.** M**embership renewals and recruiting new members is the Number One Priority for the Board.**

**Business Session** [7:00 - 9:00 pm]

1. President’s Report (Attached)
2. Minutes March 21, 2023 and April 18, 2023 (Attached)

**Move to Approve** Minutes of March 21, 2023

**Move to Approve** Minutes of April 18, 2023

1. Treasurers Report (Attached)
2. Reports

* Reality Check – LWV-PWFA Publications [Printing Motion Background] (Attached)
* LWV-VA High School FY-2022-2023 Registration Challenge Recognition Report

[For information only] (Attached)

1. Action Items

* *Facts for Voters Trifold* Printing – Janet Gorn

Two estimates were received:

1. FedEx- Woodbridge

$1181 32 # Paper 1000 color copies folded $1.18/copy

1. Deem Printing Company - Manassas

$375 28 # Paper 500 color copies folded $0.75/copy

$700 28# Paper 1000 color copies folded $0.70/copy

**Move to Approve** 500 copies of *Facts for Voters Trifold* Printing

By the Deem Printing Company not to exceed ($ 400)

* Palm Cards: *Why Join the League of Women Voters* Printing

(Example Attached)

Two Estimates were received:

1. FedEx- Woodbridge

$ 98 50 copies card stock

1. Deem Printing Company

$334 1000 Card Size 4 x 9

**Move to Approve** 1000 cards by Deem Printing Company not to exceed $400

From the FY-2023-2024 Budget.

* Tent Replacement and New Tent Banners – Cathy Ring

(Tabled agenda item)

*Mirror Mirror on the Wall What LWV Booth is the best “Attracting” one of All?*

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**Move to Approve** new tent banner(s) not to exceed $ (TBD)

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L**eague of Women Voters of the Prince William Fauquier Area**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 23**, 2023

**President’s Report**

Janet M. Gorn

* Election of the FY-2023-2025 Board of Directors

Congratulations to the new the FY-2023-2025 Board of Directors. Your job is about accepting the leadership baton to dash to the door to the next chapter in the League’s a future, building on the successes of the past 16-year LWV-PWFA legacy and the LWVUS 103 legacy. And, Hats Off to the work of the Nominating committee for recruiting a full slate of incoming leaders.

* Outgoing - Incoming Board Homework

Although the League *Board of Directors Handbook* provides Job Descriptions and League policy and guidance documents, it does not include hands-on experience notes and specific working documents, or records materials. To provide continuity to the LWV-PWFA programs and activities and transition, between the Outgoing Board Member positions and the Incoming Board positions, Board members are requested to gather their records for forwarding to incoming Board Member by June 30. Recommend outgoing Board Members arrange a meeting or phone call with incoming Board Members.

Board members are also requested to review portfolio records for uploading to the Website (Carol Proven Webmaster). The website functions is an information resource and as both an archival depository and a library. It is important the League maintain a digital records database.

Homework for incoming Board Members*,* in preparation for the July 17, 2023 Board of Directors meeting, is to become familiar with the basic Board Tool Kit. The Kit was emailed *From the Desk of the President* to all Incoming Board Members.

* New Member Recruitment – Membership Renewal

A Membership Renewal notice has been issued for FY-2023-2024. Membership dues are the primary budget source of revenue. Please get out your checkbook; **Renew your membership and recruit** **a prospective new member.**  Volunteers response for League programs and activities is rooted in preserving membership renewals and in expanding the number of new members. It is not just the Membership Outreach Director’s task, but all Board members, to promote membership renewals as well as recruiting new members. Our membership is now 79.

* Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Health Expo Invitation.

Invitation Acceptance Letter emailed to the Sorority. (Attached)

* NOVEC $500 Donation

Thank you email letter for the donation (Attached)

* C-100 Invitation to Co-Host Candidate Fora

The Committee of 100 restated its invitation for the LWV-PWFA League to co-host candidate fora. The invitation at this point in time is open ended, because the C-100 Committee is still reviewing the races; there are a number of races that are not locked in. The C-100 is preparing for its Program Committee planning for November General Election candidates in June and will provide the League with more detailed information. The League has successfully co-hosted candidate fora for a number of years and has both skill and experience.

* LWVUS/EF Youth Voter 2023 Grant Program

The LWVUS/EF Grant Program Coordinator recently followed-up with a phone call with the President, to further discuss the LWV-PWFA contract concerns, that resulted in the League withdrawing its Grant applications and declining the Grants. In a previous discussion the Coordinator requested the LWV-PWFA League suggest draft contract text to address our concerns. The Coordinator and the Review Team considered the suggestions, and plan to factor in revisions for the 2024 Grant Program. However, given the current timeline review of the 2023 Grant Program reports, it was mutually agreed that there is not enough time to reverse the declining of the LWV-PWFA of the Youth Voter 2023 Grant and apply the LWV-PWFA proposed draft to against the current LWVUS/EF grant criteria. The LWV-PWFA is invited to apply for the 2024 Grant. [Comment: the forthcoming LWVUS 21st Century Transformation Roadmap will also have an effect on this grant program.]

* The League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area Convention

The Convention was held on Saturday May 6, 2023, at the Maggiano Littler Italy, Washington D.C. The 2023 Madeline Nauman Achievement Award ($400) was announced. The LWV-PWFA League submitted an Award application for its “*PWC Youth Voter Registration Project.” T*he competition from other local leagues in Maryland, Washington D.C. was challenging. The Award went to the LWV Washington, D.C. for its “*Quilts4DC Statehood”* Project, which promoted Statehood and full voting rights, as well as demonstrated the use of the art for advocacy. Honorable Mention went to LWV Arlington/Alexandria for its Girl Scout “*Voter Girl Program*” and Montgomery County for its Teacher Program on “How to Address Controversial Topics in the Classroom.” All of the awarded League projects demonstrated creativity, originality, imaginative and inventive approaches of carrying out the LWV Education/Advocacy Mission.

* LWV-Virginia 2023 Biennium Convention is June 2-4, 2023 in Williamsburg.

The cost to attend the Conventions is $150, which includes morning break, lunch, afternoon break and dinner as well as entry to all sessions. There is still time to register. The LWV-PWFA budget has set aside funds to offset a portion of the cost. The LWV-PWFA League Delegation includes Pat Reilly, Head of Delegation, Carol Proven, and Carol Noggle. NOTE: President Janet Gorn is unable to attend as she is a 2023 Drew University Alumni Honoree, receiving the Drew University “Achievement in the Liberal Arts Award. President Gorn is also giving a speech on “*Women Returning to Complete an Interrupted University Education*.”

* Dominion Energy “Prince William Energy Engagement Group”

The group is scheduled to meet on May 23rd. Charlie Grymes is the League’s alternate representative. The group will review proposed Dominion Energy’s future proposed Prince William County proposed projects, including electric transmission lines and substations in areas of high energy demand, to serve customers throughout Prince William County and strengthen the power grid efficiency. Participation in this group is important, because the LWV-PWFA League study group on the PWC “*2040 Comprehensive Plan*” includes a review of the PWC “*Electrical Utility Service Plan*.”

* LWV-PWFAW Book Club – “*Book Club to Go Kits*”

With summer just around the corner and thoughts of summer reading, this is an opportunity to re-energize the League’s Book Discussion Group through the SignUpGenius. As previously commented, a challenge for each participating member is to obtain a copy of the book selected for review. To assist with solving this problem, the Prince William Library provides book kits *“Book Club to Go.*” There are more than 140 kits available and can be found in the Library catalogue. Each Kit contains 12 to 15 copies of the same book, in a durable plastic bin, that can easily be carried and keeps the books from getting lost or damaged. The Kit is checked out as a unit, so no one person can check out multiple copies of a title for a book club or discussion group. The Kit is a great valuable tool to save a book club from the trouble of hunting down multiple copies. [Contact Kirk Johnson, Manager, PWC Public Libraries, Material Services Division]

* LWVUS 21st Century Transformation Roadmap LWVUS June 2023 Council Decisions

Be alert to forthcoming LWVUS communications on the status of the Transformation Roadmap, first information provided in LWVUS President Dr. Debra Ann Turner *2023 State of the League Address*. The March 9, 2023 email includes a “Women Powered Democracy” video outlining the new LWVUS Transformation Roadmap (2022 LWVUS Convention Bylaws Revision) focused on a proposed strengthening of a renewed organization at all levels. The LWVUS 2023 Council Meeting (June) will elaborate on a Transformation Framework. This activity will greatly change the LWV at all levels.

* New LWVUS Policies on *League Responsibilities* and *Members Rights and Responsibilities*

The LWVUS Governance Committee recently reviewed the League’s need for developing policies and educating leagues and its members and drafted proposed policies. To that end, the LWVUS Board Directors approved (April 29, 2023) and issued policies (May 9, 2023) on “League Responsibilities” and “Members Rights and Responsibilities.” Both policies are included in the LWV-PWFA Board of Directors Handbook and were distributed to Board members in the “*From the Desk of the President*” email.

**ATTACHMENT: Email Letter to the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority**

**Health Expo Invitation**

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May 9, 2023

Kimberly Ginyard   
Chair, Political Awareness, and Involvement   
Prince William County Alumnae Chapter   
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Hi Kimberly,

 Thank you so much for the answers to the LWV-PWFA questions.  I forwarded them to the Board of Directors along with an expedited *Written Vote Procedure* request.  I am pleased to inform the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority that the League’s Board of Directors accepts your invitation to participate as a “Patron” with a table/booth at the Expo Event.  I am also pleased to inform you the Board approved the use of our LOGO on any Expo promotional materials.  The LWV-PWFA League is already in the process of preparing a promotional notification to our members.

If I can be of further assistance in arranging for the LWV-PWFA participation, please contact me.  This Expo is a very welcomed valuable Health Information community forum.

**Janet**

 Janet M. Gorn, President

**ATTACHMENT: Thank You Letter for NOVEC Donation**

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May 12, 2023

Dawn M. Kach

Administrative Assistant

Public Relations

NOVEC

*Dear Ms. Kach;*

Thank you for the NOVEC recent $500 donation to The *Prince William-Fauquier Area League of Women Voters* (LWV-PWFA.)  Your tax deductible donation is most welcome in support of the League’s educational programs and activities.

The League is a nonpartisan political organization, which encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government choices/elections/processes; and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues. Through our unbiased, nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process, and issues, the League engages in educational and advocacy activity through dissemination of information to Government officials, the public, and League members.

Our Mission is Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy.  We envision a Democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate. The League believes in the power of its members to help create a more perfect Democracy.  Members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders in the community.

Thank you again for your generous denotation.

**Janet M. Gorn**

President

League of Women Voters of the

              Prince William-Fauquier Area

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L**eague of Women Voters of the Prince William Fauquier Area**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**April 18, 2023**

President Janet Gorn called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

President’s Report:

The President announced the LWV-PWFA “Each One Bring One” recruitment has increased membership to 75. She reminded the Board that membership renewal and new member recruitment kicks off in June. It is the number one priority, and it is not just the Membership Outreach Director’s recruitment task, but all Board Members. As the second largest county in Virginia, the League’s goal should be 125-150 versus our current 75 members. The updated membership roster has been emailed to the board by Lisa Grant. The goal is to recruit new members through use of webinars and the League’s website where information about the league programs and activities, events, accomplishments, and current activities can be accessed. Carol Proven commented prospective members can also ask questions and receive information in a timely manner.

The President complimented the Board on the FY-2021-2023 Leadership’s heavy investment in creative and innovative activities, to energize members to volunteer and become more actively involved in League activities and programs.

The President announced she received and accepted an invitation from Dominion Energy to join its “Prince William Energy Engagement Group.” The group will review proposed Dominion Energy’s future proposed Prince William County proposed projects, including electric transmission lines and substations in areas of high energy demand, to serve customers throughout Prince William County and strengthen the power grid efficiency. League participation in this group is important, because the LWV-PWFA League study group on the PWC “*2040 Comprehensive Plan*” includes a review of the PWC “*Electrical Utility Service Plan*.”

The President recapped activities of the LWV-PWFA League’s Book Discussion Group which serves to broaden member views on issues of interest through reading both contemporary and previously published books. By being widely read, members can broaden their view and supplement their understanding of League issue studies and adopted Policy Positions. She reported that there is a new tool available to assist Book Discussion Groups. The Prince William Library now has book kits *“Book Club to Go.*”

The President reported the Committee of 100 has reached out with a general invitation to the LWV-PWFA League to co-host candidate fora. The League has successfully co-hosted candidate fora for a number of years and has both skill and experience. The C-100 is preparing for its Program Committee Planning for November General Election candidates in June and will get back to the LWV-PWFA on more specific proposed candidate fora plans.

Board consensus supported submitting a *Letter to the Editor* regarding “Restoring Felon Rights in Virginia,” in response to the *Washington Post* paper’s “VA Tightened Policy on Restoring Right to Vote” March 22 News Article. The President informed the Board that on March 23, that the LWV-PWFA President submitted a letter to the Editor of the *Washington Post*.  The League’s letter was subsequently printed in the March 30, 2023 Editorial Page (Page A22), *Letters to the Editor,* as the lead-in letter.  A similar letter was submitted to the *Prince William Times* and the *Fauquier Times* which was printed in hard copy on the “Opinion” Page *Letters to the Editor,* as the only letter on the page.  The Prince William Times also issued a virtual copy of the letter.

President Gorn raised concern regarding the lack of a consistent way to store and access League historical records, photos, and documents. These currently are scattered in various League repositories (e.g., website) and in member personal files. Per the President and Volunteer Director, the League needs a consistent way to store and access documents. Board consensus supported issuing a SignUpGenius requesting volunteers to establish a History Committee and an Archivist to review preservation of LWV-PWFA historical records and a storage system.

The President reported on her participation as a member of the LWVUS Delegation to the 67th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-67)

**Minutes**:

The Minutes for March 21, 2023 were approved

**Director/Coordinator Reports**:

New Booth Tent. Cathy Ring reported that the new booth tent ordered was received but must be returned due to size.

NOVEC Donation. Still pending response.

Membership Outreach Event NOVA Manassas. Cathy Ring reported the League membership recruitment table will be at the NOVA/Manassas campus on April 22 and again on April 24. NOVA will advertise via Instagram. Trish Freed and others Board members express excitement that political science and other students will have a meaningful way to access data about the League. It was suggested we have a QR code on our website. It was also reported that NOVA/Manassas requested the LWV-PWFA League provide a formal presentation in the fall about the League, its Mission and issue positions.

Voter Services Report. Carol Noggle reported on a great visit with Belville Middle school, although mock election is not recommended for 6th graders, a video may be more meaningful. Registration forms were shown to students. Discussion on new procedures in which voter to be asked which party ballot they would prefer. PWC will have over twenty ballots during the fall election.

Biennium Meeting. Miriam Anver reported on the status of confirming the Keynote Speaker Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn for the May 21 Biennium Meeting.

Prince William Library Event – September National Voter Registration Day. Acting Action/Program Director Janet Gorn reported on the status of September events, including confirmed Children’s Story Hour at six (6) libraries, confirmed author and book signing events at two (2) libraries, and still pending interest in a LWV-PWFA voter registration table at several libraries.

Sips and Civility Board Handbook Guide. After a Board discussion consensus supported not including the draft guide in the Handbook.

Facts for Voters. It was reported that the publication is now ready for printing.

**Action Items**:

After Board discussion, the motion to approve the LWV-PWFA League cooperative partnership with the Committee of 100 was tabled.

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After Board discussion, the motion to approve a Booth tent banner and moto was tabled pending further research.

**Nominating Committee Report**:

Chair Ruthanne Litchford report the Nominating Committee had completed its tasks and the following core Board of Directors Officer and Director candidates’ are to be proposed for election at the Biennium Meeting.

**Officers:**

President                            Pat Reilly

Vice President                   Kim McCusker

Recording Secretary        Barbara Greiling

Treasurer                          Trish Freed

**Directors:**

Voter Services Co-Directors         Laura Feld-Mushaw & Carol Proven

Volunteer Director                            Judy Hingle

Membership Records Director         Jane Touchet

Membership Outreach Director      Catherine Ring

Action/Program Director                  Carol Noggle

Meeting Co-Directors                       Cynthia Chambliss & Sheila Arrington

Non-elected Officer:

The Ex-Officio Officer:        Janet Gorn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by:

Cynthia Chambliss

Recording Secretary

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L**eague of Women Voters of the Prince William Fauquier Area**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**March 21, 2023**

President Janet Gorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All attendees were required to wear hats.

The President Reported:

-- The Town of Dumfries Council presented the LWV-PWFA League with a Women’s National History Month Proclamation, “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories” in recognition of the work done by the League in both Prince William and Fauquier Counties. Cynthia Chamblis represented the League.

-- President Gorn, as a member of the LWVUS Delegation to the *United Nations Commission on the Status of Women 67*, reported on the LWVUS webinar “*Technology: Friend, or Foe of Free, Fair, and Accessible Elections*.” Webinar is available on the LWVUS website.

-- The LWVUS issued an overview of the planning for the forthcoming “*LWVUSW 21st Century Transformation Roadmap*” accompanied by a video announcement. All leagues are obligated to implement the roadmap which could among a number of changes affect Bylaws and a dues increase accordingly. The complete roadmap will be presented at the LWVUS Council meeting in June and subsequently guidance to state and local leagues.

Announcements:

-- Hats off to Barbara Amster who succeeded in establishing the Fauquier Unit High School Voter Registration program in partnership with the Fauquier Bar Association “*So You’re 18*” Program.

-- The National Capital Area League Convention is May 6, 2023. President Gorn is attending.

-- President Gorn will lead the Delegation to the LWV-VA Convention June 2-4, 2023. Pat Reilly, Carol Proven, and Carol Noggle will also attend. The registration fee is $150; the League has budgeted $300 to help with the cost.

-- Vice President Connie Gilman submitted an application for a NOVEC donation ($800). Response is pending.

Business Session:

Minutes for January and February were approved.

Treasurer Trish Freed presented the proposed FY-2023-2024 Budget. Budget Committee recommended changes in the advertising and marketing expenditures. Motion to approve as presented passed. Under the Bylaws the proposed budget is to be sent to the general membership 30 days before the Biennium meeting.

Action Item. Motion to approve the LWV-PWFA League sponsorship in the Prince William- Manassas Adult Detention Center Re-Entry Council Program Coalition passed.

Action Item. The Bylaws require consideration of a Bi-Annual Action Program. Currently the League has in place an Informal Action Plan with a case- by- case approach. Motion to approve continuing with an Informal Action Plan FY-2023 -2025 approved.

Action Item. Motion to approve a new tent not to exceed $225 approved. Motion to purchase a new tent banner with moto was tabled pending more research and information.

The President complimented the Co-Meeting Directors Miriam Anver and Laura Feld-Mushaw, on the successful well attended Sips and Civility March 19th meeting at the City Tavern, celebrating Women’s National History Month “*Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.*” The event afforded attendees the opportunity to share their LWV stories.

The Board discussed materials for the League’s tent, including LOGO tablecloths, membership recruitment signs, and affective hand-out items such as fans and rocks. (“Voting Rocks; I’m a Fan”). The Treasurer commented that the League has $400 available for this purpose. Barbara Amsted and Ruth Litchford to research and report at next meeting.

Outreach Membership Director Cathy Ring reported on the NOVA Community College Manassas interest in hosting a cooperative event in Fall 2023 and the college in April arranging for a table to recruit college members April 19 and 24.

Voter Services Director Cartol Noggle reported on NOVA Community College voter registration scheduled for April 19 and 24, in tandem with membership recruitment table. It was also reported that total Voter Registration is now 1185 after Brentsville’ s additional 61 registrations.

Acting Events/Program Director Janet Gorn reported on the League’s collaborative Program partnership with the Prince William Library. In an around the September National Voter Registration Day, the LWV-PWFA League and the Library System in six (6) libraries will co-host a children’s Story Hour “*Monster Needs Your Vote*” by Paul Czajak. In association with the Story Hour event, the children will receive a “Do Your Part and Vote Coloring and Activity book” and a bookmark. LWV-PWFA League voter education information will also be available for parents. In addition, in two (2) libraries, the League will host an author and book signing event for the book Edith Wilson: *The First (Unelected) Female President,* by Rebecca Boggs Roberts.

At the end of the meeting, before adjournment, the Board viewed the video by LWVUS League President, Dr. Turner. “Top objectives: Empower voters; Grow Membership and Diversity; and Defend Democracy.”

Submitted by:

Cynthia Chambliss

Recording Secretary

**Treasurers Report**

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**Account Balances as of 5/18/2023**

**Bank Accounts:**

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LWV Checking 13,690.02

**TOTAL 15,610.15**

**OVERALL TOTAL 15,610.15**

**Report**

**LWV-PWFA Publications**

May 23, 2023

**Janet Gorn, President**

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**Reality Check – LWV-PWFA Publications**

The LWV-PWFA League publications and virtual communication tools are the underlying architecture for all the League’s education and advocacy Mission programs and activities, as well as member recruitment promotion. With the limitations of a Balance Budget, the past *Business-As-Usual* print as needed approach is no longer viable. Therefore, the League is obligated to conduct a reality check for review of the current categories of publications, the printing cost (commercial, personal printing reimbursement, donated, in-kind, and sponsor grants), and the demonstratable distribution benefit to the membership and the community. Moreover, it is also prudent to review Board of Director’s portfolios to identify potential additional future publications.

Bearing in mind, the trend to seek out online information resources, it is sensible, and pragmatic to weigh hard copy, and virtual communications format options, based on practical data and cost. The League should explore cost-effective virtual options for educating the public through intra-communication virtual tools, such as a Community College and High School Instragram system, civil society organizational websites, e.g., Committee of 100, the Chamber of Commerce Women’s Committee. This is a cost effective approach as well as an potential expansion of education and advocation communication Mission obligations. It requires preparing a communication package designed for a virtual communication.

The League currently has several distribution categories of hard copy publication:

* Membership Recruitment:
  + Palm Cards: *Why Join the League of Women Voters*
  + *League Justices of the Supreme Court Trifold*
  + Membership Flyer – *Each One Bring One*
  + Membership Flayer – *Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport*
* Community Education:
  + *Facts for Voters Trifold*
  + *Top Ten* Flyer
  + *Getting Back Your Right to Vote: A How To for Released Felons Trifold*

The League distributes hard copy publications in a variety of fora:

* Participation in Other Community Events (List) - Booth
* Community Colleges and High School Voter Registration Events
* Candidate Debate/Panel Forum
* Senior Facilities

It is timely for the Board to introduce an annual Publication Plan, consistent with Balance Budget planning, for both hard copy and virtual communication formats, to be implemented at the beginning of each Fiscal Year. Propose that the Board approve convening a Publications Committee to prepare a Publications Plan, including both hard copy and virtual communications options, and proposed distribution fora.

With the League about to commence participating in Community Events beginning in July and co-hosting candidate fora, an immediate Board action is a Motion to approve the commercial printing of the newly revised “*Facts for Voter*” Trifold to be available at the League’s Booth. This is an expensive budget item.

NOTE: Associated with the publication of the “*Facts for Voter*” trifold is consideration of the distribution venue(s). It has been suggested that the *Facts for Voters* Trifold hard copy should no longer be distributed during voter registration at high schools or community colleges. It is recommended that the Voter Services Director(s) explore these venues to upload a voter education package to their intra-communication virtual system, including *Facts for Voters*. It is also recommended that the Voter Services Director(s) explore other community venues for publication distribution.

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**Why Join**

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**League of Women Voters**

Are you interested in fairness in elections?

Are you troubled by the feeling that you are

helpless to change things today?

Are you frustrated that people complain about

the way things are, but do not want to do

anything about it?

Do you feel that very few people are concerned

about what is going on in the County, State,

or Nation?

Do you feel that very few people know how our

government works?

Does it concern you that people don’t know

who their elected representative are?

Does it concern you that people don’t know who

the candidates are, or what they stand for?

**Then League of Women Voters**

**is the Place for You**

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**Our Mission ….**

**Empowering Voters**

**Defending Democracy**



**Host Candidate Fora**

**Register Voters**

**Study Issues and Form Positions**

**Sponsor Speaker Webinars**

**Distribute Nonpartisan Political Information**

**Advocate Before Government Bodies**

**Write Letters to the Editor**

**Write Op-ed Articles for News Media**

**Host Author and Book Signing Events**

**Broaden Our Views in a Book Discussion Group**

**Cosponsor the Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest**

**Cosponsor BLM Warrenton Vigil**

**Coalition Sponsor for the PWC Re-Entry Council Program**

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**LWV-VA High School FY-2022-2023 Registration Challenge Recognition Report**

Carol Noggle, LWV-PWFA Voter Services Director   
**Prince William County**

The League of Women Voters of the Prince-Fauquier Area is pleased to report that in the FY-2022-2023 academic period, the League’s Virginia State Certified members registered 2,005 high school students in 14 high schools. Our League system of working with our high schools for voter registration seems to be unique in Virginia and definitely does not accommodate using the point system for recognition. Our long-established collaboration with the Prince William Bar Association’s “*So You’re 18”* program provides a 2-day visit to every Prince William High School. Each day we are scheduled for 3 or 4 groups of Seniors, depending on the size of the school. Most classes are scheduled in the auditorium. The attorneys are scheduled for about 45 minutes and the League has a 30-minute time slot. The class size varies from 20 to over 100.

We engage the students in a discussion about the history of gaining voting rights for 18-year old citizens, the demise of the poll tax, a sample of the Louisiana literacy test and role-playing to show how discriminatory it was, the current election schedule, what’s on their ballot, who represents them now so that they know who to contact regarding changing the laws, and, of course, the details of qualifying to register and vote and the required information on the voter registration application.

We are also aware of the very diverse population in Prince William County; per the 2020 US Census the county is the 10th most diverse in the United States. We also are aware a significant number of students or family members are not U.S. citizens.

There are always some students who do not know their Social Security number even though the teachers have reminded them before the day we are scheduled. Some parents do not want their child to share their Social Security number. They have called the teacher to ask why their child was being asked to use it at school the next day.

We state that we will return the following day for the applications that students return to the teachers. The teachers and the office staff are very helpful in collecting those VR applications for our return visit. We then provide the VR receipt to the teacher for those students.

It is apparent that the teachers are working hard to encourage participation. We also know that they are tasked with a huge curriculum to cover. There are specific instances of teacher encouragement that could be reported.

One of our members said that the purpose of recognition seemed to be a “carrot” to increase registration and engage the students, but the current collaboration is effective without a reward system based on points.

Hence, we believe that every one of our high schools is eligible for “Outstanding Recognition”.

Prince William County School Superintendent

Dr. LaTanya D. McDade

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Battlefield HS: 650 Seniors. (VR: 172)

15000 Graduation Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169

Principal: Ryan Ferrera: [FerrerRS@pwcs.edu](mailto:FerrerRS@pwcs.edu)

Assistant Principal: Judy Beerbower: [BeerboJM@pwcs.edu](mailto:BeerboJM@pwcs.edu)

Teacher: Joe E. Schelzo: [schelzje@pwcs.edu](mailto:schelzje@pwcs.edu)

Teacher: Joe M. Calloway: [callowjm@pwcs.edu](mailto:callowjm@pwcs.edu)

Brentsville HS: 194 Seniors (VR: 64)

12109 Aden Road, Nokesville, VA 20181

Principal: Katherine Meints: [meintski@pwcs.edu](mailto:meintski@pwcs.edu)

SS Teacher: Jeff MacDonald: [macdonjl@pwcs.edu](mailto:macdonjl@pwcs.edu)

Colgan HS: 690 Seniors (VR:237)

13822 Dumfries Rd, Manassas VA 20112

Principal: Tim Healey: [healeyt@pwcs.edu](mailto:healeyt@pwcs.edu)

Teacher: Rebecca Sabean: [Sabeanrn@pwcs.edu](mailto:Sabeanrn@pwcs.edu)

Forest Park HS: 500 Seniors (VR:163)

15721 Forest Park Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22193

Principal: Richard Martinez: [martinri@pwcs.edu](mailto:martinri@pwcs.edu)

SS Teacher: Brian Higgins: [higginbc@pwcs.edu](mailto:higginbc@pwcs.edu)

SS Teacher: Nick Vroustouris: [vroustng@pwcs.edu](mailto:vroustng@pwcs.edu)

Freedom HS: 463 Seniors (VR: 122) Snow Day

15201 Neabsco Mills Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22191

Principal: Chevelli Smith: smithce@pwcs.edu

SS Teacher: Nick Trotter: [trottenj@pwcs.edu](mailto:trottenj@pwcs.edu)

US/VA Government CLT Lead: (The BEST for helping with the literacy test!)

(See his email: December 1.)

French teacher (on RSJC) Jahanzeb Akbar: [akbarj@pwcs.edu](mailto:akbarj@pwcs.edu)

Gainesville HS: (first year for this school to have Seniors –250) (VR: 90)

13150 University Blvd., Gainesville, VA 20155.

Principal: Neil Beech: [beechna@pwcs.edu](mailto:beechna@pwcs.edu)

Asst. Principal: Andrew Barton: [bartonap@pwcs.edu](mailto:bartonap@pwcs.edu)

SS Dept. Chair: Marianne Burns: [BurnsMP@pwcs.edu](mailto:BurnsMP@pwcs.edu)

Librarian: Jackie Krutchen: [kruchtaj@pwcs.edu](mailto:kruchtaj@pwcs.edu)

(Krutchen originated the request for us to help before the Feb. Primary election)

Librarian: Tripp A. Ennis: [ennista@pwcs.edu](mailto:ennista@pwcs.edu)

Gar-Field HS: 469 Seniors. (VR: 110)

14000 Smoketown Rd, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Principal: Matthew Mathison: [mathismj@pwcs.edu](mailto:mathismj@pwcs.edu)

Teacher: Santos Parada: [paradasi@pwcs.edu](mailto:paradasi@pwcs.edu)

Stephanie Smith [SmithSJ@pwcs.edu](mailto:SmithSJ@pwcs.edu)

(SS teacher and Key Club sponsor. She arranged for 2nd day of VR after weather cancelled one day.)

Hylton HS: (C.D. Hylton) (# of Seniors?) (VR: 204)

14051 Spriggs Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22193

Principal: Cassandra Crawford: [crawfocl@pwcs.edu](mailto:crawfocl@pwcs.edu)

SS Teacher: Glen Hiler: [hilerg@pwcs.edu](mailto:hilerg@pwcs.edu)

(1/23/23: anniversary of U.S. Constitution re poll tax: 1/23/1964: attorney advised us of that during our visit on 1/23/23.

Independence Non-Traditional HS: 120 Seniors (VR: 8)

14550 Aden Road, Manassas, VA 20112

Principal: Stephanie Bretzke: hickssm@pwcs.edu

Asst. Principal: Last names: A-D: Ralph Block: [BlockRC@pwcs.edu](mailto:BlockRC@pwcs.edu)

Asst. Principal: Last Name: R-Z: Amy Cole: [ColeAT@pwcs.edu](mailto:ColeAT@pwcs.edu)

Lynn Morrow: Counselor: [morrowlm@pwcs.edu](mailto:morrowlm@pwcs.edu)

Arvinda Johri: English Teacher (excellent!) [johriak@pwcs.edu](mailto:johriak@pwcs.edu)

Osbourn Park HS: 600 Seniors. (VR: 260)

8909 Euclid Avenue, Manassas, VA 20111

[www.Osbournparkhs.pwcs.edu](http://www.Osbournparkhs.pwcs.edu)

Principal: Lisamarie Kane: [kanelm@pwcs.edu](mailto:kanelm@pwcs.edu)

Teacher: Lisa Petrovich: [PetrovLL@pwcs.edu](mailto:PetrovLL@pwcs.edu)

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Patriot HS: 650 Seniors. (VR: 147+: April 25, 26)

10504 Kettle Run Rd, Nokesville, VA 20181

Principal: Michael Bishop: [bishopme@pwcs.edu](mailto:bishopme@pwcs.edu)

Teacher: Heather Teschke: [TeschkHN@pwcs.edu](mailto:TeschkHN@pwcs.edu)

Potomac HS: (?? # Seniors. (VR: 130)

3401 Panther Pride Drive, Dumfries, VA 22026

Principal: Brandon Boles: [bolesbc@pwcs.edu](mailto:bolesbc@pwcs.edu)

Asst Principal: Christina Harris: [harriscv@pwcs.edu](mailto:harriscv@pwcs.edu)

Teacher: Stephen Frazier: [fraziesd@pwcs.edu](mailto:fraziesd@pwcs.edu)

Unity Reed HS: 400 Seniors (VR: 139) (**21** students returned their forms the next day.)

8820 Rixlew Lane, Manassas, VA 20109

Principal: Richard Nichols: [nicholrd@pwcs.edu](mailto:nicholrd@pwcs.edu)

Asst. Principal: Maria Anderson: [andersmx@pwcs.edu](mailto:andersmx@pwcs.edu)

Asst. Principal: Chris Hintosh: [hintoscr@pwcs.edu](mailto:hintoscr@pwcs.edu)

Asst. Principal: Kelli MacDonald: [macdonkm@pwcs.edu](mailto:macdonkm@pwcs.edu)

SS Teacher: Brian McCarthy: [mccartbm@pwcs.edu](mailto:mccartbm@pwcs.edu)

SS Teacher: Nicole McCarthy: [mccartnl@pwcs.edu](mailto:mccartnl@pwcs.edu)

Woodbridge HS: 605 Seniors (VR: 158)

3001 Old Bridge Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22192

Principal: Heather Abney: [abneyhl@pwcs.edu](mailto:abneyhl@pwcs.edu)

Librarian: Sarah Rowland: [RowlanS@pwcs.edu](mailto:RowlanS@pwcs.edu)

**Fauquier County**:

The 3 public High Schools (Fauquier, Liberty, Kettle Run) were not signed up for the 2022-23 School year. Discussions are underway to finalize participation in an FY-2023-2024 identical high school voter including with the Fauquier Bar Association for partnering with its *“So You’re 18”* program.

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