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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 Carol 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:**

Education Fund1,920.13

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**

**the**

**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**

[**http://www.PrinceWilliamLWV.org**](http://www.PrinceWilliamLWV.org)

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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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Mailing address: P.O. Box 389, Manassas VA, 20108

703-791-8712.

...Deputy Superintendent: Dr. Carol Flenard

...Associate Superintendent for High Schools:

William G. Bixby. 703-791-7238

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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