



League of Women Voters of the Prince William Fauquier Area

Board of Directors Meeting August 15, 2023

President Pat Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Those calling in: Cynthia Chambliss, Judy Hingle, Carol Proven, Carol Noggle, Trish Freed, Sheila Arrington, Lorraine Schooner, Laura Feld-Mushaw, Donna Anstee and Barbara Greiling.

Minutes of previous meetings: Judy Hingle moved that the minutes of the July 18 board meeting be approved as submitted, and Carol Proven seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report: Trish Freed submitted written reports. As of Aug. 9, there was \$2,594.10 in the Education Fund and \$15,824.39 in the checking account. She noted membership renewals were behind last year. Membership outreach chair Catherine Ring was not at the meeting, but Pat Reilly reported on Cathy's plans to send a notice to members with information on renewing and asking that they reply promptly. Those who do not reply by Aug. 27 will receive a phone call from Cathy. Carol Proven and Carol Noggle volunteered to help with the phone calls.

Carol Noggle reported the State League will cover the costs for Vote 411.

President's Report: Pat reported LWV-US is working on the Framing the Future portion of the Strategic Transformation plan that will change the way we bring in new and renewing members as well as the way dues are collected and apportioned. Jane Newell, state transformation director, has asked local Leagues to each name a point-of-contact to receive information from the State League and attend monthly meetings to share information, ideas and concerns. Carol Proven and Trish Freed volunteered to share the duties.

Advocacy: Carol Noggle reported the Committee of 100 is working on scheduling debates ahead of the Nov. 7 election. There are no updates from the NAACP regarding debates. Vote 411 should be published by Sept. 12 in time for early voting. Janet Boyd has loaded candidates for the races assigned to our League, and questions from the primary election can be reused.

Carol watched the Aug. 15 State Board of Elections meeting and reported that ballots have not been finalized. Several potential candidates encountered glitches that left them off the ballot and made appeals to the board.

Voter Services: Carol and Barbara Greiling staffed the League voter information table at the Prince William County School System's new teacher orientation Aug. 9 at Colgan High School. Jeff Girvan, director of social studies for the school system, came by to discuss voter registration in advance of the November election. He will encourage high schools to reach out to the League to schedule dates as the "So You're 18" programs generally do not start until November. Laura Feld-Mushaw said the voter services directors are making a basic plan for high school registration before the Oct. 16 deadline. Setting up a table in the social sciences department or library is a possibility. Laura will contact Barbara Amster about registration at Fauquier County high schools.

The chairs are also reaching out to senior facilities to set dates to help residents with mail-in ballot applications.

Carol Noggle reported 15 members have completed voter registration training. Judy Hingle suggested a Constant Contact message be sent out congratulating those members, offering information on how to access the training and encouraging other members to become certified.

National Voter Registration Day is Sept. 19. Laura will contact the Prince William Public Libraries system about setting up registration tables as the League has done in the past. The goal is to cover at least the larger libraries.

Janet Gorn has coordinated a Library Story Hour project in conjunction with National Voter Registration Day. Story hours are scheduled at six libraries from Sept. 11 through Sept. 21. Volunteers are needed to read "Monster Needs Your Vote" by Paul Czajak and to provide voter information at a display table. So far two members, Barbara Greiling and Donna Anstee, have volunteered. Volunteers should attend a training Zoom call on Sept. 3 from 7 to 8 p.m. Each child will receive a coloring book, "Do Your Part and Vote."

Volunteer director's report: Judy Hingle will post information on the September kickoff meeting as soon as it becomes available.

Meeting co-directors: Cynthia Chambliss and Sheila Arrington reported on possible venues for the kickoff meetings. None of the places they checked was available on Sunday, Sept. 24. Bull Run Library is available on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 2 to 4. Cynthia will book that date and also check on the availability of meeting space at the McCoart Center. Cynthia and Sheila will look for a speaker. Natalie Snyder of AARP is a possibility.

Other business:

Pat Reilly urged members to review the Top Tens for Prince William and Fauquier on the League's website

Pat noted the board had received a Point of Order Action Request from Janet Gorn regarding the Young Democrats' request to help LWV-PWFA, but as Janet was not in attendance, Pat recommended action be deferred until the September meeting. The board voted unanimously to defer the matter.

Cynthia Chambliss reported that the Committee of 100 will hold a candidate forum for the Prince William commonwealth's attorney race at Metz Junior High School on Aug. 25.

Because the next scheduled board meeting falls on National Voter Registration Day, it was suggested the date be changed to Sept. 12. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Barbara Greiling

Recording secretary

