

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

**Board of Directors Meeting April 16,2024**

President Pat Reilly, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Those calling in: Janet Gorn, Carol Noggle, Trish Freed, Laura Feld-Mushaw, Jane Touchet, Cynthia Chambliss, Cheryl Saggers. For most of the meeting there was no quorum. However, Sheila Arrington and Cathy Ring joined us at the end of the meeting enabling us to have a quorum and vote on two motions.

**Minutes:** Janet moved and Cynthia seconded that theMinutes for the March board meeting be amended as follows and they were then unanimously approved:

*Carol Proven and Laura Feld-Mushaw submitted a list of proposed  Community Events for fiscal 2024-2025, as follows: Stonebridge ($100) September 2024; Juneteenth ($75) June 15, 2024; Manassas Fall Jubilee ($100) Oct. 5, 2024; African American Heritage Fest (no cost) August 3, 2024; Haymarket Day ($150) October 19, 2024; and Vint Hill Day ($100) Sept/October 2024. The proposed budget includes $525 for community events. It was stipulated that is a working list and that these events can be replaced if need be. Other events that do not incur a cost can also be included.  The board voted unanimously to approve the* ***2024-2025 List of Community Events*.**

**Treasurer’s report:** Trish Freed presented the Treasurer’s report noting that we have 2,854.85 in our Education Fund and $14,510.17 in our checking account for a total of $17,365.02. There was a brief discussion of how to handle the T-shirt fund raising money. The recommended procedure is for money from sales be mailed to the Treasurer via check with a note in the memo line indicating the number of t-shirts sold. T-shirts are $20 each.

There’s a possibility that our Treasurer for FY 25-25, Grace White, might not be able to complete her 1-year term due to a planned move to Pennsylvania. The board discussed the need to seek a replacement. Trish will be training Grace on the Quicken software over the next couple of months.

**President’s report:** Pat Reilly thanked Cynthia Chambliss and Sheila Arrington for planning the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held on May 5th. Pat shared that our bylaws prevent our chapter from voting on additional officers at the annual meeting as this is done on a biennial basis. She can, however, appoint the new Treasurer and will introduce Grace White as the FY 24-25 Treasurer to members at the annual meeting. Barbara Amster was recognized for her great efforts to convince Fauquier County to allot more money to the school system to increase teacher pay. She and several other non-partisan organizations successfully convinced the County to allocate an additional $1million to the school system.

Pat proposed that our chapter withdraw from the National Capital Area LWV. We pay approximately $80 per year in PMP and we haven’t received any benefits from our participation. An animated discussion followed resulting in agreement between the members present. Trish moved that our chapter withdraw from LWV NCA. Cynthia seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Pat and Trish requested that Janet provide them with the contact information of the President and Treasurer of the LWV NCA so we can withdraw asap. Trish noted that we pay PMP in arrears and will be billed for last year’s membership.

**Meeting co-chairs**: Cynthia reported that we are booked for our annual meeting on Sunday May 5th from 2-4 at the Juke Box Diner. Manassas City Mayor Michelle Davis- Younger will be our speaker. Cynthia has a proposed agenda. Pat will introduce the Speaker and she will have between 30 and 45 minutes for her presentation and Q and A. Cynthia will find out if there is a $15 charge for each person attending or just a $15 charge for those who want to eat.

**Membership report:** Jane Touchet reported that there are now 76 members.

**Advocacy:** Carol Noggle reported that two senior centers had requested our assistance in helping with absentee ballots. Carol is waiting to proceed until the sample ballots are released by the electoral board.

**Voter** **Services:** Laura reported thatwe are partnering with County Clerk SEAL ON WHEELS at the Bull Run Library Saturday, April 20 from 10 to 1:30. We will do Voter Registration next to their set up.

**Unfinished business:** Pat announced that we are partnering with Loudoun County in a FB Live Stream forum for CD 10 on May 23rd from 7-8:30. It is hoped that most if not all the candidates will participate.

Piedmont Media board members have approached Pat about a project promoting the benefits of voting. Jessica Matthews, formerly director of Carnegie foundation for peace, has been the contact. They are requesting our help in imagining a civics lesson in the form of stories as sponsored content for their publications. Pat has offered to author that content. Piedmont Media told Pat that they could obtain the money for this activity from a donor. We’d need approximately $3K. A discussion as to how this money would flow either through our chapter as either a grant or as a donation ensued, as well as if it would qualify as Education Fund money. Janet requested that we table this discussion until the next meeting when we have additional information. Once we have the additional information, Trish offered to contact Nora Pullen at the LWV US Ed Fund to see if the funds would qualify for use in our Ed Fund account.

Janet requested that we discuss D& O insurance at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Trish Freed

Treasurer