

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

**Board of Directors Meeting March 19, 2024**

President Pat Reilly, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Those calling in: Carol Proven, Janet Gorn, Carol Noggle, Trish Freed, Laura Feld-Mushaw, Judy Hingle, Kim McCusker, Cathy Ring, Grace White, Jane Touchet, Lorraine Schooner, Louise Morello, Barry Bator, Sheila Arrington and Barbara Greiling.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the February board meeting were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer’s report:** Trish Freed made a motion that the 2024-2025 proposed budget, which had previously been sent to board members, be approved. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The proposed budget will be sent to members by April 5 and be voted on at the annual meeting on May 5.

The LWVUS transformation plan will be presented at the national convention in D.C. on June 27-30. Pat Reilly and other board members recommended that our League hold off on changes to our bylaws until after the convention, as there may be revisions to membership categories, dues or other details in the transformation plan. Bylaw changes will be voted on at our kickoff meeting in September. Pat Reilly will consult with meeting co-directors Sheila Arrington and Cynthia Chambliss about planning a September meeting.

**President’s report:** Pat Reilly thanked Cynthia Chambliss and Sheila Arrington for planning the terrific Sips and Civility brunch on March 17 and the tour of the Manassas Museum that followed. We enjoyed a personal tour by the museum’s development director.

Vice President Kim McCusker’s donation of 100 tee shirts, which she designed, gives our League a creative way to raise funds for operating costs. Following a discussion of the shirts at our last meeting, Jane Gorn pointed out that, in order to sell merchandise, there must be a vote by the board. Pat asked that the board take up the matter. The board voted unanimously to approve the design of the tee shirts. In a separate unanimous vote, the board approved the sale of the tee shirts at $20 each to benefit the operating fund.

**Meeting co-chairs**: Cynthia Chambliss and Sheila Arrington were not available to give a report, but Pat Reilly said the annual meeting is scheduled for May 5. We are awaiting written confirmation from Bull Run Library; when that is in hand, an announcement will be sent out to members. Manassas City Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger was suggested as a possible speaker.

**Membership report:** Cathy Ring reported the Northern Virginia Community College Woodbridge and Manassas campuses were happy to have us register their students. There may be opportunities for more registration events there in the future. Two prospective members Kathleen Montgomery and her sister Mindy attended Sips and Civility.

**Advocacy:** Carol Noggle reported she will attend the Jail Board meeting on March 20 and the Re-Entry Connections event April 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Manassas Baptist Church. Information on restoration of rights will be provided. Pat Reilly thanked Carol for the updates she sends members on the bills their delegates and senators have introduced this General Assembly session. Carol reported on some of the governor’s vetoes, including on rail safety bills.

**Voter** **Services:** Carol Proven will put copies of the voter registration posters on Constant Contact and let members vote on their favorite design. Copies are available from Ruthann Litchfield or Kim McCusker and can be downloaded from our website and printed at home. Several members offered to submit copies of the posters to be included in their community newsletters. A decision on printing another 50 copies was tabled for future discussion.

Carol Proven and Laura Feld-Mushaw submitted a list of proposed voter registration 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 working list.

**Unfinished business:** The Loudoun LWV Chapter invited us to join a Zoom presentation of candidates for the 10th Congressional District. It will be held May 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Loudoun League will stream it on their Facebook page. A recording of the event will be placed on our website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next board meeting will be April 16.

Submitted by

Barbara Greiling

Recording secretary