



League of Women Voters of the Prince William Fauquier Area

Board of Directors Meeting May 21, 2024

President Pat Reilly, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. Those calling in: Carol Proven, Carol Noggle, Trish Freed, Laura Feld-Mushaw, Judy Hingle, Kim McCusker, Grace White, Kathleen Montgomery and Barbara Greiling.

Minutes: Minutes for the April board meeting were approved unanimously, as were the minutes of the May 5 annual meeting.

Treasurer's report: Trish Freed said she has received some membership renewals. Grace White will take over as treasurer as of July 1. Her address needs to replace Trish's address on the website as the mailing address for membership checks. Trish, Grace and Pat will visit the bank make the necessary changes to our account.

President's report: Pat Reilly thanked Cynthia Chambliss and Sheila Arrington for arranging for Manassas Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger to speak at the annual meeting. She was an excellent speaker. The next formal meeting will be in September.

Pat pointed out that our League is partnering with other organizations for some upcoming events. We will join the Loudoun League for a town-hall-style presentation of candidates for the 10th Congressional District seat left open after Rep. Jennifer Wexton's upcoming resignation. The event will be held online on May 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Board members voted unanimously to partner with the Loudoun League for this event.

The Northern Virginia Democracy Center and the PWNAACP have formed a partnership of nonpartisan organization committed to civic engagement. The first of a series of webinars titled "What's Happened to My Democracy" will take place May 25. The topic is criminal justice. Future webinars will address topics such as women's health, voting rights, the Supreme Court, economic justice, and environmental concerns.

Pat urged members to participate in these events. She also reported that the League will not be able to pursue sponsored content with The Fauquier Times and Prince William Times on the importance of voting. Donors were ready to give \$6,000 to the Education Fund, which we could then use to purchase the newspaper space and we would provide the content. However, due to the LWVUS review process for the Education Fund, there is no guarantee that the outlay of Ed Fund money would be approved and we could be responsible for the \$6,000.

Laura Feld-Mushaw suggested that we find out who is going to be available to help with community events this summer so that we don't schedule events that we can't adequately staff. Carol Proven and Judy Hingle will look into a way to track planned vacations.

Voter Services: Carol Proven reported that the Voter Services directors are getting ready for fall by talking to the Election Office about voter registration at Prince William high schools. The Election Office will send a letter to the school superintendent, pointing out the state requirement for registration opportunities for students. Carol and Laura said that school personnel are now busy with end-of-the-year activities and that most principals will be on break in July so nothing is likely to be decided in the next couple months.

Volunteer Director: Judy Hingle reported that she is looking at ways to invite members to board meetings through a Google calendar. She also said she has been approached about voter registration opportunities at Westminster senior living community.

Unfinished business: The board agreed that selling tee shirts at the LWV National Convention didn't make financial sense and voted unanimously not to participate as a vendor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next board meeting will be Monday, June 17 as June 18 is Election Day.

Submitted by

Barbara Greiling

Recording secretary