

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

**Board of Directors Meeting Sept. 1818, 2024**

President Pat Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Those calling in: Carol Noggle, Judy Hingle, Grace White, Cythnia Chambliss, Kim McCusker, Jane Touchet and Barbara Greiling.

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

**Treasurer’s report:** Treasurer Grace White received six regular and two household membership renewals in August and $220 from merchandise sales. The checking account balance as of August 31 was $17,459.96. Shari Oley, a former member of our League who recently rejoined, has agreed to serve as treasurer. A motion to approve Shari becoming treasurer effective Oct. 1 was approved by unanimous vote. Grace will meet with Shari to go over the accounts and procedures; Trish Freed has also offered to help with the transition.

Pat Reilly also brought an emergency funding request to the board. Both Voter Services directors were out of town ahead of Sept. 17 National Voter Registration Day and the Top Tens we had planned to use that day were printed without the names of the independent candidates for president. Judy Hingle prepared a new version, which had to be printed with rush pricing. Pat asked that the board approve a $600 expenditure to reimburse Judy for the printing costs. Carol Noggle made the motion and Kim McCusker seconded. It passed unanimously.

**President’s report:** Pat Reilly thanked meeting co-directors Sheila Arrington and Cynthia Chambliss for their efforts in finding a venue and setting up a beautiful table for our Tea for Democracy on Sept. 8. She also extended thanks to all the members who brought desserts and helped with cleanup. She expressed gratitude to program directors Carol Proven, Judy Hingle and Connie Gilman for inviting LWV-VA Voting Study Chair Deb Wake to be our speaker. Pat urged members to read the study group’s report *The Inalienable Right to Vote* in preparation for a consensus meeting, which should be held before Dec. 15. The board agreed on a Zoom meeting for Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. Pat will resend the link to the report to all members along with additional information from Deb Wake.

On Sept. 16 at Westminster retirement community, Keith Scarborough, a member of the Prince William Board of Elections, spoke to residents about voting integrity and answered their questions. At the event, Pat spoke with the community director, who expressed interest in broadcasting information on absentee ballots and registration on their closed television system.

Vice President Kim McCusker reported that we have been asked to staff tables at Laurel Ridge Community College in Fauquier every Monday and Tuesday from 11 to 1. However, most students seem to be registered. We also have provided the college with posters with QR codes for voter registration. We will continue to staff the tables and re-evaluate as we go, Kim said.

**Advocacy**: Carol Noggle reported on the candidate forum held Sept. 17 for the 7th and 10th Congressional District candidates. Derrick Anderson and Eugene Vindman, candidates for Congress in the 7th District, and Suhas Subramanyam, Democratic candidate in the 10th District, participated; Republican candidate Mike Clancy declined to take part. Carol commended moderator Larry King of WUSA TV for an excellent job.

Carol also reported she will attend the Re-Entry Connections event on Oct. 17.

**Voter** **Services**: In the absence of directors Laura Feld-Mushaw and Carol Proven, Judy Hingle reported on voter registration at Hylton High School. Over two days, Laura, Judy, Barbara Greiling and Brenda Jackson-Sewell visited 16 senior government classes at the school and registered 170 students. It was agreed that this could serve as a model for registration events at other high schools.

Judy also noted that on National Voter Registration Day, a volunteer from the Top Ladies of Distinction, pointed out that the printed receipts we give to those who register do not contain the information on the back of the receipts attached to the form. It was agreed the information should be there and it was suggested that we get a stamp to use on the receipts. The matter will be referred to the Voter Services directors.

**Volunteer Director**: Judy Hingle reported the Top Ladies of Distinction had expressed interest in being included in future voter registration events. Board members agreed League members should have the first opportunity to volunteer and that a League member should be the lead on any events. Judy will explore the idea of delayed signups for other groups.

Judy also raised the issue of members agreeing to do voter registration without consulting the Voter Services directors and without going through SignUp Genius. This raises problems in tracking volunteer hours and in potential liability concerns. Following the election, Judy will seek help from other members in framing policies and procedures on such events and bring a proposal before the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. The next board meeting will be Oct. 15.

Submitted by

Barbara Greiling

Recording secretary