



League of Women Voters of the Prince William Fauquier Area

Board of Directors Meeting

May 19, 2026

Co-President Connie Gilman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Those calling in : Carol Proven, Catherine Ring, Miriam Anver, Jane Touchet, Ruthann Litchford, Cynthia Chambliss, Nigel Ogilvie, Cheryl Saggars, Trish Freed, Denise Walker, Pat Reilly, Lorraine Schooner, Laura Feld-Mushaw, and Barbara Greiling.

Minutes: Minutes for the April board meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nigel Ogilvie introduced himself to the board. He reported a placeholder budget was approved by the membership at the annual meeting on May 16. The provisional 2026-2027 budget is based on last year's budget, and Nigel hopes to refine it with input from members. The signatures for the League's bank account have been updated. He reported the League's debit card was missing and has been canceled. Nigel has applied for credit card to replace it, but it has not arrived. He will pick it up at the Truist Bank branch. He added that the \$635 payment for directors-and-officers Insurance was due. To avoid the payment being late, Nigel covered the cost and will be reimbursed by LWV-VA. The State League has promised to pay for the insurance this year, but it is not clear whether it will be covered by LWV-VA in the future so that expense will be added to the budget.

Co-President's Report: Connie Gilman reported that changes to our League's bylaws must be voted on at the biennial meeting, which is slated for spring 2027. The bylaws committee will prepare recommendations in time for that meeting. Connie has scheduled a Sips and Civility lunch for June 11 at 12:15 p.m. at Logan's Roadhouse in Manassas. A Signup Genius notice will go out to members.

Co-President Pat Reilly reported that 15 people attended the annual meeting on May 16 at Haymarket-Gainesville Library. Guest speaker Krysta Jones, a member of the Arlington League, led a discussion of ways to engage voters and prospective League members. New member Melissa Anley-Mills, who has a background in communications, proposed using more social media channels to reach younger people.

Pat raised the question of whether Saturday was the best day to hold meetings. Carol Proven pointed out that we have held meetings on Sundays in the past, with similar turnouts. Jane Touchet suggested that we send a survey to members asking which day and time they preferred. Trish Freed added the survey should include a question about what activities and volunteer opportunities are interested in. Board members could then follow up and invite people to volunteer at specific events or take on tasks that could be done at home. Nigel stressed the importance of personal contact, adding that he renewed his membership because he received a voicemail from Cathy Ring. It was also suggested that the survey include a question about how members preferred to be contacted. Trish Freed volunteered to prepare a survey to be presented for approval by the board at our next meeting. Nigel volunteered to help.

Board members discussed ways in which we are currently communicating with members and Improvements we could make. Cathy Ring sends welcome letters to new members. Laura Feld-Mushaw contacted new members to invite them to help with voter registration. Pat Reilly said jargon can be off-putting for new members and suggested holding orientations to familiarize them with what we do. Carol Proven said we had done that in the past and that she has slide presentations that could be used as a starting point and updated. The Fairfax League, which has a much larger membership, holds frequent in-person and Zoom orientations.

Voter Services: No events are planned at this time, but Carol Proven pointed to the need for planning now for activities before early voting begins for the November election. The possibility of a forum on the proposed constitutional amendments was raised. Plans also need to be made for National Voter Registration Day events at the libraries.

Membership: Membership Outreach Director Cathy Ring reported that membership chairs throughout the state highlight their affiliations with colleges and universities in their areas; to that end, she continues to reach out to Northern Virginia Community College for partnership opportunities. She also is trying to get more information on the Youth Council and ideas for involving those members. Membership Records Director Jane Touchet announced that she is moving out of the area in the next few weeks and must resign.

Other Business: Connie Gilman reported that LWV-VA Council will be held June 6 via Zoom. Connie and Pat Reilly are our official delegates, but others can attend.

Connie asked that board members help update a list of upcoming community events at which we would like to have tables so that we can budget for them and organize volunteers. Ruthann Litchford will send her information about Fauquier events. Connie asked members send her information on events by May 27 and she will compile a list.

Pat Reilly, Connie Gilman and Carol Proven will meet to set up a calendar of events, including the Kickoff Meeting in September.

The next board meeting will be online on Tuesday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Greiling