



League of Women Voters of the Prince William Fauquier Area

Board of Directors Meeting July 16, 2024

President Pat Reilly, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Those calling in: Carol Proven, Carol Noggle, Laura Feld-Mushaw, Judy Hingle, Grace White, Janet Gorn, Kathleen Montgomery, Cathy Ring, Miriam Anver, Sheila Arrington, Jane Touchet and Barbara Greiling.

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

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's Report, which Grace White sent to the board in advance, was approved with a correction to a block in the Champions of Suffrage column. Grace has sent a reminder letter about membership renewals, which are now due, to be included in the upcoming newsletter. The Nominating Committee is working on lining up a standby treasurer, who will take over when Grace moves.

President's report: Pat Reilly alerted members to several troubling occurrences. Barbara Amster and Pat were informed by a representative of the Fauquier Schools that our League would no longer be invited to register students at Fauquier high schools as a new group was taking over. Neither the Board of Elections nor teachers were aware of the change, and there was no assurance that the group was nonpartisan or certified with the state. Pat has requested a meeting with the school superintendent. Meanwhile, LWVVA President Joan Porte was approached by a woman claiming to be a "Fauquier LWV member" who wanted to join the League's voter registration training. The woman copied the GOP on her request. Joan checked with Pat to see if she is a member, and our records show she is not. Joan notified her of our nonpartisan status and told her she could not join the training. Subsequent to that, Loudoun GOP Chair Scott Pio wrote to Joan Porte accusing the Loudoun chapter of planning events with Democrats. The 10th Primary District Town Hall, which our League cosponsored with Loudoun, included 11 Democrats and one Republican. Each of the 16 candidates in the race was contacted twice. The missing GOP candidates did not reply to the invitations. It was also announced several times during the event that all candidates were asked to participate. Joan Porte urged chapters to review the League's nonpartisan policy and adhere to its guidelines. Pat sent the policy guidelines to board members.

About a dozen members took part in the live online training with the State Board of Elections for voter registration certification.

LWVVA will again be offering reimbursement for Get-Out-the-Vote Activities. Last year we got the full \$1,000 so Pat urged members to keep track of expenses and send receipts to Grace

The list of upcoming activities, which Carol Proven compiled, includes candidate forums, which we will sponsor with other organizations. Pat urged members to support those partnerships by signing up.

We are also scheduled to participate in Voter Registration Day at Prince William Libraries on Sept. 17. Laura Feld-Mushaw is working on setting up a schedule. We will staff tables at the six larger libraries as we did last year.

Meeting Co-Directors: Sheila Arrington and Cynthia Chambliss are looking at venues for the Kick Off meeting on Sept. 8.

Membership Outreach: Cathy Ring has been in contact with NVCC Manassas about voter registration.

Membership: Jane Touchet reported that we have 77 members, including three new members this year.

Advocacy: Carol Noggle praised the work that has been done by the Land Use Study Group. She suggested the group might soon be able to take the next steps toward arriving at a position for the League to use to influence local policies. That would include preparing a report and consensus questions and a presentation to all members.

She also reported that jail personnel had contacted her to register an individual who was incarcerated.

Voter Services: Upcoming events that will require volunteers include the African American Festival on Aug. 3 and the New Teacher Orientations on Aug. 8 and Aug. 21. The Dale City Christian Church event has been rescheduled from July to Sept. 21. Judy Hingle will add these events to SignUp Genius.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next board meeting will Aug. 20.

Submitted by

Barbara Greiling

Recording secretary