



## League of Women Voters of the Prince William Fauquier Area

### Board of Directors Meeting June 17, 2024

President Pat Reilly, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The meeting was held on Monday due to primary elections on Tuesday. Those calling in: Carol Proven, Carol Noggle, Laura Feld-Mushaw, Judy Hingle, Kim McCusker, Grace White, Janet Gorn, Lorraine Schooner, Cathy Ring and Barbara Greiling.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Trish Freed submitted a report ahead of the meeting: As of June 11, there was \$2,954.85 in the Education Fund and \$15,642.47 in the checking account. Grace White will take over as treasurer before July 1, but as she is moving to Pennsylvania in the fall, a new treasurer will be needed. Pat Reilly said she had notified the Nominating Committee of the upcoming opening.

**President's report:** Pat Reilly thanked those members who represented the League at a Juneteenth event in Warrenton on June 15, including Barbara Amster, Miriam Anver and Carol Noggle for staffing a booth on Main Street and Carol Proven for participating in a civic engagement panel.

Pat said community events are one of the League's biggest expenditures of money and resources and asked that we support them in any way we can and report back on which ones are most worthwhile and others that we may want to reconsider. Because our resources are spread thin, she urged the board not to spend money and volunteer hours on events that might sound good, but don't use our resources well.

We joined the Loudoun League on May 23 for an online town-hall-style presentation of candidates for the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat left open after Rep. Jennifer Wexton's upcoming resignation. We may do this again after the primary. Pat reported key lessons learned from the event. Eventbrite is not a reliable platform, she said. There was glitch that placed participants in two different rooms, which was luckily fixed at the last minute. The platform was also limited to 100 signups and people were not able to get in. It is also important to have an administrator and to practice ahead of the event.

Despite those problems, it was a very successful event. Loudoun Times-Mirror editor Coy Ferrell did an amazing job as moderator. Eleven Democratic candidates and one Republican candidate participated. All candidates were invited.

The Northern Virginia Democracy Center and the PWNAACP have formed a partnership of nonpartisan organization committed to civic engagement. A series of webinars titled "What's Happened to My Democracy" is planned. The first on criminal justice took place in May and was excellent and informative. Future webinars are to address topics such as women's health, voting rights, the Supreme Court, economic justice, and environmental concerns. Pat reported that planning for a webinar on voting rights is underway, but there have been communications problems.

Pat urged members to support these partnerships with participation. Signing on will boost numbers and show LWV PWFA is an active partner.

**Meeting Co-Directors:** Pat said she will suggest to Sheila Arrington and Cynthia Chambliss that the fall Kickoff Meeting could be as early as Sept. 8.

**Membership Outreach:** Cathy Ring asked about starting to call members about renewing their memberships. Carol Proven will send out reminders to all members first.

**Advocacy:** Carol Noggle continues to represent the League at Re-Entry Council and Re-Entry Connections events to provide information about restoration of rights and voting.

**Voter Services:** Laura Feld-Mushaw and Lorraine Schooner staffed a table at Seals on Wheels in Dumfries on June 15. Although they answered one or two questions from attendees, they found that most people were focused on the tasks that brought them there.

Carol Noggle reported volunteers helped seniors fill out 22 absentee ballot applications at Harper's Station, Potomac Place and Fairmont. Judy Hingle said Westminster senior living community has requested our help with a Sept. 16 slide presentation entitled "What's on the Ballot" as well as voter registration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 23. Another registration opportunity is also planned for staff and residents in the care facility. The board voted to add these events to the calendar.

We have also received a request from the Dale City Christian Church for voter registration from noon to 4 p.m. on July 20. There were questions about the event and Carol Proven will ask for more information from the coordinator. The board voted to add it to the calendar pending more information. There were three abstentions over concerns about volunteer availability.

Carol Proven will compile a list of nonavailability for the summer. Send her notice of vacations, etc.

**Unfinished business:** Janet Gorn raised a question about naming a program director as outlined in the bylaws. Pat Reilly said plans for a program committee had been made at an earlier meeting. Janet will send out the definition of program from the LWV VA Council.

Pat Reilly asked if any one had signed up for the LWVUS Convention. No one had.

Janet Gorn suggested the League create a YouTube account. Pat pointed out there were no funds available for it in the budget. It was also noted that such an undertaking would require time and expertise. Janet was asked to research her idea and bring it back as a proposal including volunteer and funding requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. The next board meeting will July 16.

Submitted by

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Recording secretary