

League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham & Chatham Counties
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, February 18, 2017 – Chapel Hill Public Library

Attending: Pam Oxendine, President; Eva Rogers, Vice President; Susan Marston, Treasurer; Krishna Mondal, Director; Pat McDaniels, Director; Amy Jeroloman, Director; Jennifer Rubin, Director; Brenda Rogers, LWVODC member; and Melissa Nicholson, visitor.

CALL TO ORDER

Pam Oxendine called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Eva Rogers moved to accept Agenda; Krishna Mondal seconded; all approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jennifer Rubin moved to accept Minutes of January 23, 2017 meeting; Pat McDaniels seconded; all approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

- (1) Pat McDaniels asked for clarification concerning the Financial Report – to explain further the \$2915 to be received from NC Justice Center. Susan Marston explained that when NCJC allocated the 2016 Close the Gap grant, it withheld 10% of the total until after all monies are spent and final report is submitted. That 10% is now due to LWVODC. Jennifer Rubin moved to accept financial report; Pat seconded; all approved.
- (2) Pam Oxendine and Susan discussed the need for a budget committee to draft a budget for 2017-18. Pam, as president, will appoint this committee. Budget must be presented to board and shared with membership no later than one month before the May annual meeting.

Nominating Committee

Pat reported that the committee to nominate officers for 2017-18 continues to search for treasurer and other officers. There was discussion of various ways to reach out to membership to find qualified and interested persons.

Voter Services

- (1) Krishna Mondal reminded board of a Voter Services and Advocacy meeting to be held Saturday, March 18, noon-2pm, at the Chapel Hill Public Library. All League members interested in Voter Services and Advocacy are invited to come and meet the county leads, get an overview of what this action team does, and learn of its plans for the coming year.

(2) Krishna stressed the need for more free venues. Eva will contact a member who might be interested in researching this topic and preparing an information sheet about venues in the area.

Gun Violence

Brenda Rogers advised that the Beyond Gun Violence conference held January 27 and co-sponsored with the NC Council of Churches went very well. Speakers included Congressman David Price and NC Justice Center Executive Director Rick Glazier.

Environment

Eva Rogers advised that a program on fracking will take place April 1 at the Chapel Hill Public Library, 10 am-noon. The League of Women Voters of Moore County will present its study.

Violence Against Women

Krishna Mondal advised that because of cancellations, the March meeting had to be postponed; there is now one scheduled for April 4 at the Chapel Hill Public Library, open to the public. Tentative title: "Gaps in Domestic Violence Services: Lack of Shelters"

Reminder: Pam stressed that action teams need to get information to Jennifer Rubin in a timely manner so that the calendar will be organized and up to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Communications

Jennifer Rubin passed along newsletter editor Nancy Ratan's request that anything for the April newsletter be submitted to her by March 25.

Membership

- (1) Amy Jeroloman described the duties of the membership-database manager, i.e. maintaining two databases: one for local needs, organized by county; and one to reconcile to LWVUS, which does not organize by county. The accuracy of each is critically important – the first to meet the needs of ODC, and the second being the information on which PMP is based.
- (2) There was discussion of the need for a master membership list – one that approved League members can access and make changes to, assuring that any changes to a member's information are available to all. Possibilities include the (a) website membership list and (b) putting the document in the cloud, such as Google Docs or Dropbox. Further study will be done.
- (3) There was discussion of our current policy wherein anyone paying dues after January 31 has a membership until June 30 of the next calendar year. Pam suggests two membership drives: one just before July 1; and one in February, offering the incentive of five extra months for the same membership fee. (4) It was suggested that we have a Membership Process Team to study issues such as decisions regarding dues, types of

membership, and keeping an updated list (see #2 above). So far, the members of this team are Eva Rogers, Jennifer Rubin, and Amy Jeroloman.

- (5) Eva Rogers reported that six persons have responded to her request for a welcoming committee. These persons will contact new members, ask for interest surveys (if not already available), and generally welcome them to League.
- (6) Current membership: 249, reported by Eva

New Director

Pam Oxendine asked Amy Jeroloman to become a Director of LWVODC, taking the place of departing Director John Hammond. Amy agreed, and is now on the Board of LWVODC.

March 11 Event – Women and Government: Act, Support, Run

- (1) Eva Rogers advised that Extraordinary Ventures can accommodate 100.
- (2) Lunch, a salad bar, will be provided by members.
- (3) Eva needs greeters and others to handle registrations for possible walk-ins.
- (4) Jennifer Rubin will receive notification from SignUpGenius of all registrations. All PayPal payments + all payments by check should equal the number on SignUpGenius. Susan Marston will keep Pam Oxendine apprised of number registered.

Calendar Updates

Add: Happy Hour Friday, February 24, 3:00-5:00 pm, home of Brenda Rogers

Add: New-member training March 7, Chatham County, venue TBA

ODC Redistricting Team

Pam Oxendine defined goal of this team, chaired by Nikki Jordan, as working with precincts who are disenfranchised. Through there is nothing concrete to be done until the judge makes his decision, ODC members remain eager to get involved and be engaged. Krishna Mondal suggested making phone calls, writing letters, monitor what is happening in our three counties. Krishna herself is building up the website and doing research to provide more information and links to important sites.

Need for Program Director

In the past ODC had a program director to handle the logistics of program meetings. It was suggested that we try to find such a person again.

Need for someone to chair Health and Medicare Expansion team

Pam will follow up on suggestions from Janet Hoy.

Retirement of Bob Hall, Democracy North Carolina

Eva Rogers suggested that because Bob and his organization have been a valuable partner to LWVODC, that ODC be a sponsor for the event honoring his retirement. Sponsorship is \$250; she is asking for contributions. Those wishing to contribute should make checks payable to Eva, and she will forward one check to Democracy North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

Pam Oxendine adjourned the meeting at 12:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marston, 2-20-2017