

**August 20, 2016 Board Meeting League of Women Voters  
Orange Durham Chatham Counties**

**In attendance:**

Pam Oxendine, President

Eva Rogers, Vice President

Susan Marston, Treasurer

Pat McDaniels, Director

John Hammond, Director

Jennifer Rubin, Director

Amy Jeroloman

Cynthia Wertz

Cynthia Mial, Secretary

**Call to order:** Pam Oxendine called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

**Approval of Agenda:** Amy Jeroloman said she wanted to add Data Base issues to the Agenda.

**Approval of Calendar:** The Calendar as presented was approved with changes to the venue for the Holiday Party and the date of the New Member luncheon (from October 14 to October 21). Susan Marston said that the League had paid \$450 net after member contributions for the Washington Duke luncheon last December. One member who had declined the RSVP for that event had cited the \$45 fee as the reason. Cynthia Wertz also pointed out that many “social” members who like to attend these kinds of functions are retired and would find \$45 expensive. It was decided that another venue would be considered for a Holiday event. John Hammond moved for approval of the Calendar with the

changes mentioned. Jennifer Rubin seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of this motion.

## **Reports:**

A. **Treasurer's Report:** Susan Marston mentioned the need to comply with the Bylaws requirement for an annual financial review of the League's books. The person doing the review does not need to be a CPA and can be a League member. A notice can be sent out to membership to ask for anyone to do the review. The League's financial state is good with few expenses and good income. As such, an expenditure such as that proposed for T shirts with the League logo is one the League can afford. A motion to approve purchase of League T shirts was made by Cynthia Mial and seconded by Cynthia Wertz with all in favor. Cynthia Wertz asked if the League accounts could be changed to savings accounts to earn some extra income. Susan said that a money market account is a possibility, but that at this point, with interest rates so low, there is little to be gained by opening a savings account.

Susan Marston spoke of the need to elect the Board of Directors for the LWVODC Education Fund. The Fund is an organization separate from the LWVODC with 501c3 status (contributions being tax deductible unlike the LWVODC with 501c4 status) with the LWVODC as its sole member. A slate of candidates for the Board of the Education Fund was made to include Pam Oxendine as President, John Hammond as Vice Presidents, Susan Marston as Treasurer, Jennifer Rubin as Director and Cynthia Mial as Secretary. Pam Oxendine moved to nominate the slate of candidates for the Board of the LWVODC Education Fund; Pat McDaniels seconded the motion with all present voting in favor. After adjournment of the Board meeting, the Education Fund meeting would be called to order and a move to amend the Fund's by-laws would be made.

John Hammond moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Jennifer Rubin seconded with all voting in favor.

**Membership Report:** Eva Rogers mentioned the change of the New Members' lunch from October 14 to October 28. Membership stands at 195 now pending the renewal process. Jennifer Rubin moved to accept the Membership Report. Susan Marston seconded the motion with all present voting in favor.

- B. **Communication Media Team Report:** Jennifer Rubin presented the Media Team's Report. She announced that Kayla Vix, one of the five members of the Team is leaving North Carolina so someone is needed to handle the social media platform.

Jennifer requested information on the three county Units to ensure good communication and assistance in publicizing issues and events of these Units. There was discussion on voter registration challenges faced by the three different counties included in LWVODC's jurisdiction and the importance of timely media support.

Media outreach to students to encourage their membership and participation was also discussed.

Data Base: Amy Jeroloman spoke about Data Base issues and the need to ensure that the Data Base is complete with participation of Membership, the Treasurer and Media Team leaders.

C. **Action Team Reports:**

**Voter Services:** Krishna Mondal who was unable to attend had submitted her Voter Services Report.

**Environmental Action Team:** Eva Rogers reported that the State League wants a League advocacy team starting in 2017 at the Legislature. Its role would involve some advocacy activity at least once a month at the Legislature. Anyone interested in training for environmental advocacy can attend a training event with the Southern Environmental Law Center scheduled for October 15. Eva will be providing the venue information. There will be an Environmental Issues program on Fracking on October 22 at the Chapel Hill library at 10:00.

No other Action Team Reports were presented.

### **New Business:**

#### **Amending the Bylaws to Changes According to LWV US Changes at Convention:**

Cynthia Wertz went over the Bylaw changes in voting membership. Discussion centered around the changes in membership requirements that eliminate citizenship as a criterion and lower membership age from 18 to 16. Cynthia proposed lowering the membership fee from \$30 to \$10 for high school students. The question of whom to designate as an Associate member, if anyone, was also considered. The concern was to have students as full members with voting rights in the League and to not relegate non-citizens to a secondary status. With uncertainty as how to address the Associate membership status in the membership application form, the following was decided: John Hammond moved that the changes to Article III, Section 2 be approved as given at the National convention. Cynthia Wertz seconded the motion with all voting in favor. Pam Oxendine moved to table voting on the issue of membership fee structure and Associate membership in the Membership application until more information is obtained from State. John Hammond seconded the motion with all present voting in favor.

Cynthia Wertz also provided an update on the status of the League Easy Web (LEW) software. The National League will no longer be funding this software and the fee schedule will change. LWVODC's budget had already reflected \$500 for the License fee and this is well above what actual costs will be in the near future.

Cynthia Wertz proposed web content for the Education Fund webpage, with links for opportunities to donate and contact the Fund as well as provide examples of education projects. Pam Oxendine moved to accept the Education Fund webpage. Cynthia Mial seconded with all present voting in favor.

**Adjournment of the meeting:** by Pam Oxendine at 12:01 PM.

