

January 23, 2017 League of Women Voters ODC Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Pam Oxendine, President

Eva Rogers, Vice President

Susan Marston, Treasurer

Pat McDaniels, Board Member

Krishna Mondal, Board Member

Cynthia Mial, Secretary

Call to order: by Pam Oxendine at 6:04 PM.

Approval of Agenda: approved by all present.

Approval of Minutes: approved by all present.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report from Susan Marston: Pat McDaniels moved to approve the Treasurer's report; Krishna Mondal seconded with all present in favor. Pam Oxendine asked for assistance in getting out letters soliciting contributions from members to build up the League's funds. Susan Marston summarized an issue concerning membership dues: Anyone paying after January 31 has a membership through the next fiscal year; some feel that this extra 12 months is an unfair advantage compared to those who pay just before January 31. In the past, the League had, in lieu of this extra 12 months, half-memberships for those who pay January 1-June 30. While the option of half-memberships (fees received January until June 30) is fairer to members, LWVODC has a loss of income, as the per-member payment to National and State remains the full fee. Those attending agreed that the issue of membership fees needs to be discussed at greater length at the next Board meeting.

Membership Report from Eva Rogers: Susan Marston moved to approve the Membership report with Cynthia Mial seconding and all present in favor. Eva Rogers reported that there were 44 new members since the last report given in November 2016. There are still 37 non-renewals. A new member event will take place at Pam Oxendine's home on April 8, 2 to 5pm instead of a lunch at the Sheraton as previously planned to lower the cost of member gatherings.

With the interest shown in the League's activities at the Women's March in Raleigh on January 21, the need to provide prospective and new members with training and more member interaction was discussed. Eva suggested having three general meetings per year. Pam is having a New Member Training on January 31 at 6pm at the Chapel Hill library. There is also a Women and Government event planned for March 11 to help women interested in running for public office.

Krishna Mondal mentioned the need for closer liaison between action teams and the Communications team to ensure better coverage and visibility for League events. She cited the instance of hearing about a weekend-long seminar on gun violence that she later learned was a League sponsored event.

Voter Services Report from Krishna Mondal: Krishna reported that she will attend the January 27 meeting with the State League to work on determining common areas of interest for State and local League chapters on voter services. She mentioned the Redistricting presentation scheduled for February 2 at 6pm.

There was discussion about members regularly attending City Council, County Commissioners, and Board of Elections meetings to monitor proceedings.

Violence Against Women Action Team Report from Krishna Mondal: Krishna's team has grown to 11 enthusiastic members. The events the team has planned will highlight gaps in services, education and programs. The first event is planned for March 16, 6 to 8pm at the Durham Public Library.

Environmental Issues Action Team from Pat McDaniels: Pat McDaniels, Jennifer Rubin and Eva Rogers have participated in a webinar sponsored by the North

Carolina Conservation Network. The team is developing a Watch List as a guide to important potential advocacy issues in the General Assembly and to organize its activities in 2017. The Watch List will be distributed to the membership.

New Business: Nancy Ratan was suggested as a candidate to fill in for the remainder of John Hammond's term as board member (director). Beginning July 1, 2017, Amy Jeroloman will not continue to manage the membership roster.

Membership dues and an Editor's letter will be addressed at greater length at the next Board meeting.

It was suggested that LWVODC Board minutes be posted on the website. Cynthia Wertz the webmaster will be contacted and given the minutes.

Adjournment: by Pat McDaniels and seconded by Krishna Mondal at 7:38 pm.