

**League of Women Voters – Orange, Durham, Chatham
Board Meeting
Saturday, January 12, 2019**

Attendees: Krishna Mondal, Joal Broun, Kathy Wright, Amy Jeroloman, Pat McDaniels, Jennifer Rubin, Eva Rogers and Vicki Boyer.

The meeting was called to order by the President Krishna Mondal at 10:00 am.

Approval of Minutes - The December 2018 board minutes were approved unanimously.

Progress on Previous Goals:

Annual Meeting – The NC Botanical Gardens is being investigated as the location for the meeting. The Board agreed that the meeting will be held on May 8th. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. Kathy will send the information to Katie Murray for posting on the website.

Bylaws: Pat McDaniels suggested the wording in the bylaws regarding the annual meeting date be changed to say it will be held in “May or June” instead of “May” to give us more latitude in scheduling. The board approved this suggestion.

Membership Renewal Follow-up - Amy reported that 104 members have not renewed. Alamance – 2; Chatham – 15; Durham – 28; Orange – 56. USPS mail was sent with a reminder. Krishna would like calls to be made by board members before Jan. 21st. Kathy suggested we add an “Auto Renew” to our PayPal membership renewal form. Krishna will help Eva with membership activities.

Reports

President

Krishna reported that there will be a State LWV retreat on February 8 and 9 in Greensboro. Current and future League leaders as well as League Action Team leaders are invited to attend. The agenda for the retreat includes the following.

- 1) Discussion about the uncertainty about the focus of the League. Discussions will be held about the impact of the National organization narrowing its focus to the Democracy Agenda (voter engagement, election reform, etc.) and whether the State LWV should follow suit or maintain a broader agenda; and
- 2) Clarification of the responsibility of the state organization to local leagues and local leagues’ responsibility to the state.

She also reported that the Membership Survey has been finalized and will be sent to members on January 17th and returned by January 30th. The survey will be distributed to members via Survey Monkey attached to Constant Contact message.

The Women's March will be held on January 26th in Raleigh. LWFNC will have a table. Info should be on website. Kathy will organize a meeting of members who plan to attend to make posters.

The LWFNC Fundraiser is scheduled for Feb. 15 in Chapel Hill. Janet Hoy inquired whether the state organization could invite all (or at least Orange Co) ODC members to the event. Money raised will go toward the LWFNC redistricting efforts. Joel will draft a letter for Krishna responding to the request noting that the state event is in close proximity to the ODC fundraiser and there is concern that that stretches ODC fundraising capabilities and taxes our members unduly. Our fundraiser - Let's Get Quizzical is scheduled for March 3 and has been posted on website.

Treasurer

Cynthia LaMaster submitted her report prior to the meeting. As of December 31, 2018, the Operations account balance is \$18,653.05, for the Grant Fund - \$16.00 and the ending balance for the Education Fund \$6,400.37. The report was accepted.

Membership

Amy Jeroloman submitted her report prior to the meeting. There are 343 paid members with 104 membership renewals outstanding. Krishna will work with Eva to meet with new members. The new members meeting is scheduled for Jan. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Public Library.

Communication/Media Update

Jennifer Rubin reported that the next newsletter will be released on January 15th. The E-blast calendar will begin in February and will cover events for four months. Also, the national organization has provided approved logos for use by local leagues.

Action Team Reports

Voter Services – Krishna reported that Durham has municipal elections scheduled in the fall.

Civil Discourse – Pat McDaniel reported that a meeting is scheduled for January 17 at the Seymour Center in Chapel Hill from 6 – 8 pm.

Youth Outreach – Joel Broun reported that a request for volunteers is included in the newsletter.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Rubin, Board Member