

**League of Women Voters – Orange, Durham, Chatham
Board Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2018**

Attendees: Pam Oxendine, Tara Fikes, Amy Jeroloman, Cynthia LaMaster, Pat McDaniels, Leona Whichard, and Kathy Wright.

The meeting was called to order by the President Pam Oxendine at 8:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2017 and December 16, 2017 board meetings were approved unanimously.

Reports

President

Pam Oxendine reported that the topic of the LWV leadership conference call this month was fundraising which she will discuss when we get to that item on our agenda.

Treasurer

Cynthia LaMaster provided the Financial Report as of December 31, 2017 to board members via email prior to the meeting. The Operations Fund has a balance of \$21,779.01, the Grant fund - \$16.00 and the Education Fund - \$4,405.65. She noted that donations totaling \$900.00 have been received and thank-you notes are being mailed to the donors.

Membership

Amy Jeroloman provided the following report.

Durham members	107	31	Ledger
Orange members	159	61	
Chatham members	71	14	
Wake members	1	1	
Alamance members	5	5	
Total members	343	112	Net gain 112-89 = 23
			New Members since 2/1/2017
Durham members	31		
Orange members	39		
Chatham members	19		
Wake members	0		
Alamance members	0		
Outings Renewals	89		

She shared that we will need to remove the non-paying members from our roster by the end of January. We will then wait until February to push renewals again. Meanwhile, we will keep the non-renewals on our Friends list. Pam suggested that we work on increasing membership in April with Pat suggesting that we use the information that we have about interests and needs before starting a Membership Drive.

Nominating Committee

Leona Whichard reported that the Committee met in early January when they reviewed the Bylaws and the slate of officers. The Bylaws provide for a member of the committee who represents the Board, thus she recommended that Eva Rogers serve in that role. The recommendation was approved unanimously. Other members of the Committee are Marna Doucette, Ida Ballard and Lynn Knauff.

She also noted that all officers serve one-year terms but serve more than one term. Board member terms are two years with Zena Alman and Krishna Modal's terms expiring this year. The Bylaws provides the opportunity for the membership to suggest nominations and Leona shared a prepared statement to be sent to the membership. The Board agreed with the statement.

They will present a full Board slate in March. Their next meeting is February 1.

Discussion Items

Lunch with the League

The first of four programs on immigration is scheduled for January 30th. A lunch is being planned for March at Parizade.

Fundraising Event

Pat McDaniel, Kathy Wright and Karen Eldridge are planning a March fundraising event to raise funds for the LWV-ODC Education Fund to be shared among ODC Action Teams for educational events in 2018-2019. The date is Sunday, March 11th and they are still exploring possible venues including Judea Reform on Cornwallis Road which is available on that day. They will need to connect with Cynthia Wertz for assistance with communication regarding the event.

Pam reported that the LWV-NC fundraiser is planned for Friday, February 16th in Chapel Hill. Rick Glazier and Allison Riggs are the featured speakers. The cost is \$50 and board members were encouraged to attend. She stated that Janet Hoy wanted the League to advertise the state event on our website, however, members preferred that we do so in our newsletter instead since this event is so close to our event scheduled for March.

Civil Discourse Initiative

Pat McDaniel will write an article about this Initiative for the next newsletter. Eva Rogers has suggested another resource – Better Angels – that can provide material for this endeavor. It was noted that a committee will need to be formed to work on this.

Other Discussion

There was some discussion of the date for the Annual Meeting - May 5, 2018 - which is a Saturday. More consideration will be forthcoming given that there may be many conflicts on a Saturday.

The next board meeting is **Saturday, February 17, 2018** at a location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:
Tara L. Fikes, Secretary