

**League of Women Voters – Orange, Durham, Chatham
Board Meeting
Saturday, February 17, 2018**

Attendees: Pam Oxendine, Tara Fikes, Amy Jeroloman, Cynthia LaMaster, Pat McDaniels, Zena Alman, Jennifer Bremer, Jennifer Rubin, Leona Whichard and Kathy Wright.

The meeting was called to order by the President Pam Oxendine at 10:05 am.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with two additions.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 22, 2018 board meeting were approved with the notation that the change in meeting time was due to the weather.

Reports

President

Pam Oxendine reported on the LWV leadership conference call this month. The following items were discussed by Diana Wynn: Social Media and the Blueprint Voter Activation Network (VAN). She will share the PowerPoint presentation with board members. Additionally, Pam reported that a Satellite Council meeting will be held in Durham on March 10th and ODC should have representation.

1. Blueprint Voter Activation Network (VAN)
2. Delores Cue will prepare Vote411 for Durham County.

Pam agreed to send all presentations shared during the call to board members.

Additionally, there will be a screening of Backpack Full of Cash at Duke on March 22nd. A Bureau of Environmental Management meeting is planned for February 26th on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. More information will be shared with board members.

Treasurer

Cynthia LaMaster provided the Financial Report as of January 31, 2018 to board members via email prior to the meeting. The Operations Fund has a balance of \$23,646.77, the Grant fund - \$16.00 and the Education Fund - \$5,155.65. She noted that expenses are on target with budget.

Membership

Amy Jeroloman reported that there are 257 active members.

Nominating Committee

Leona Whichard reported that one position on the slate of officers for 2018-2019 is not yet filled. This is the position vacated by Zena Alman who has chosen not to serve a second two-year term. A candidate is considering accepting this position within the coming week. If yes, the committee will be ready to give the Board their final report. If no, the committee will pursue other candidates on our list of members qualified for this position in terms of diversity, ethnicity, skill set, teamwork and residence (to have a balance between the three counties).

Action Team Reports

Fair Elections/Redistricting

Jennifer Bremer reported that the Team is working on developing a Speakers Bureau that will provide speakers on the topics of judicial gerrymandering and legislative redistricting to other community groups outside of the League. They have speakers, a PowerPoint presentation and a flier announcing their availability. They also have a list of potential organizations that might host a presentation.

Public Education

Zena Alman reported that the Team is looking for a group to co-sponsor the screening of “Backpack Full of Cash” as well as a location.

Environment Issues

Jennifer Rubin reported that she, Eva Rogers and Becky Winders attend a Durham Reclamation Event recently. The team is awaiting a report to be released soon by the Jordan Lake Collaborative on water quality. And, the February 26th hearing on off-shore drilling will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton.

Voter Services

Krishna Mondal sent the following report.

Voter Services held a meeting on Jan. 13, 2018 for all three counties to get organized for the May Primaries. ODC has decided to participate with Vote411 this year. In fact, LWV-NC will cover all the races and candidates running for 2018 elections (Primary and General) on Vote411 this year. Val Gist is the ODC liaison with LWVNC-Vote411 team.

Primary Election Schedule:

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| Primary Election: May 8 | <i>NC-Vote411 goes LIVE: April 8</i> |
| • Candidate Filing: Feb. 12-28 <i>US House, NC Senate, NC House, DA, Most County Offices</i> | • <i>Jan 22-Feb 28:</i> Prep work: learn Vote411, organize teams, questions, input GIS info, etc. |
| • Voting by Absentee Ballot: March 19-May 8 (5pm) | • <i>Feb. 12-28:</i> candidate filing |
| • Voter Registration Closes: April 13 | • <i>March 1-7:</i> Finish setting up Vote411 system, race data, office data, etc. |
| • Early Voting: April 19-May 5 | • <i>March 7:</i> Voter guides emailed to candidates |
| • Primary Election Day: May 8 | • <i>March 7-21:</i> Candidates work on voter guide |
| | • <i>March 22-April 7:</i> Final nudges/finishing touches |

The Orange Counties Voter services team is meeting at the Chapel Hill Public Library on Feb. 22nd from 2-4 pm.

Communication/Media Team Update

Jennifer Rubin requested that each action team provide input to the Communication Team. They are still looking for someone to handle social media for the League, so she is trying to keep up with our social media for now.

Discussion Items

Event Insurance

Cynthia McMasters shared the written policy for event insurance for the League which costs \$325 per year for \$1 million in coverage. President Pam Oxendine's address will be used for the League for the time being since we do not have a physical address. The Board unanimously approved purchasing the insurance on a motion by Jennifer Rubin seconded by Amy Jeroloman.

LWV State & National Conventions

Board members were encouraged to attend these events. The National Convention is in late June in Chicago. Pam, Jennifer, Pat, Krishna and possibly Amy plan to attend the National Convention.

Fundraising Event

Kathy Wright reported that the Fundraiser – Let's Get Quizzical – is planned for Sunday, March 11th from 3 pm – 5 pm at Judea Reform Congregation on Cornwallis Road in Durham. Questions are being developed and invitations have been sent to the membership and the Friends list. They are planning to have 18 teams of four, though, they are only at 20% as of the meeting date. Board members were encouraged to recruit teams to participate and help with securing door prizes. They also need card tables. The emcees will be from Spectrum News.

Civil Discourse Initiative

Pat McDaniel is preparing for a meeting to advance this initiative. It is thought that there needs to be one training session to gauge interest in the topic.

Incorporation

Pat McDaniel recommended incorporation for the League. Doing so protects board members from personal liability. The National League recommends that affiliates incorporate and no "downside" to incorporation was identified in her research on the matter. The Board unanimously agreed to move forward on a motion by Zena Alman seconded by Jennifer Rubin.

Other Discussion

Amy Jeroloman stated that Sherry McQueen has asked her to be a part of the State's ERA Action Team. Many local governments have passed ERA resolutions.

There was not time to discuss the date for the Annual Meeting - May 5, 2018 - which is a Saturday. It will be a part of the next meeting's agenda.

The next board meeting is **Saturday, March 17, 2018** 10 am – 12 noon at the Chapel Hill Library.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:
Tara L. Fikes, Secretary