

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

Attendees: Pam Oxendine, Amy Jeroloman, Cynthia LaMaster, Pat McDaniels, Zena Allman, Leona Whichard, Krishna Mondal and Valeria Gist.

The meeting was called to order by President Pam Oxendine at 10:07 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with two additions.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 17, 2018 board meeting were approved with notes to add the word Minutes to the header of the Board Member Minutes Report and to correct Cynthia LaMaster's name on page 3.

Reports

President

Pam Oxendine reported there was no leadership conference call this month.

Treasurer

Cynthia LaMaster provided the Financial Report as of February 28, 2018 to board members via email prior to the meeting. The Operations Fund has a balance of \$23,849.68, the Grant Fund a balance of \$16.00, and the Education Fund a balance of \$5,155.65.

Membership

Amy Jeroloman reported that there are 277 active members. She announced that Renee Twersky has agreed to assist with the membership roster. See attached report.

Nominating Committee

Leona Whichard reported the slate of officers (see below) for 2018-19 is filled and ready to be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

League of Women Voters, Orange Durham Chatham (LWV ODC)
2018 Slate of Officers
Submitted for election at the May 17, 2018 Annual Meeting of LWV ODC

President: **Krishna Mondal**, Orange County
Vice President: **Patricia McDaniels**, Chatham County
Secretary: **Tara Fikes**, Durham County
Treasurer: **Cynthia LaMaster**, Durham County
Nominating Committee Chair: **Pamela Oxendine**, Durham County

Elected Board Members to serve 2018-2020
Joal Broun, Orange County
Kathleen Wright, Durham County

Note: Elected Board Members serving the second year of 2017-2019:

Amy Jeroloman, Orange County
Jennifer Rubin, Durham County

2018 Nominating Committee Chair: Leona Whichard
2018 Nominating Committee Members: Ida Ballard
Marna Doucette
Lynn Knauff
Eva Rogers

Action Team Reports

Voter Services

Krishna Mondal reported that we need someone to monitor board meetings. De Lois Cue has agreed to join the county unit for Durham. We need to brand all public relations/education materials in keeping with our national organization. Materials related to LWV branding can be found on the LWV-NC website. Valeria Gist stated there has been a low level of response from candidates when requested to provide their materials for Vote411. See attached report.

Fair Elections – see attached email from Bev Kawalec

Public Education

Zena Allman announced that due to the numerous showings in the area this spring, the film, *Backpack Full of Cash*, will be shown during the fall of 2018 at Durham Technical Community College

Gun Violence

Marsha Harris announced via email that while there is no active action group for this in the LWV-ODC at this time, she keeps the league informed about related activities in the area. She has participated in forums to discuss gun violence, announced free gun locks, visited stores to get them to agree to be gun free and visited legislators to gain support for new gun laws. The groups she works with include North Carolinians Against Gun Violence, Moms Demand Action, Change.org, Giffords Law Center to Fight Gun Violence, #Enough (March 14 student walkout), Moms Rising.org and Parents of Murdered Children.

Environmental Issues

Creek Week – LWV-ODC assisted Lowes Grove students in cleaning out a portion of the creek fed by the Haw River. There is a meeting Monday, March 19, 2018 at Lowe's Grove Middle School of Technology in Durham about protecting safe drinking water in the Triangle area. There is a water quality report coming soon.

Immigration – see attached report from Ashley Nissler regarding current legislation impacting “DREAMERS.”

Transportation

Pam Oxendine announced Go Triangle is looking for two individuals to serve on their advisory board.

Other Discussion

Member Privacy

Pat McDaniels and Krishna Mondal announced that the Voter Activated Network (VAN) allows organizations with subscriptions access to individual data which allows targeted search for donors. The Board of Elections has the data, too. Discussion ensued about LWV-ODC protecting our members' data. Amy Jeroloman asked for a vote stating we would not share our members' data with other members without Board approval. The board voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Incorporation

Pat McDaniels is researching incorporation for the LWV-ODC. She states further research is needed and will work with Cynthia LaMaster to gather the needed information. Incorporation is recommended by LWV-USA to protect individual members from liability claims. We need a physical location in order to obtain insurance coverage that is not connected to anyone's home, thereby avoiding future subrogation issues. Krishna Mondal agreed to research sites in Chapel Hill and Pam Oxendine agreed to contact Jennifer Bremer to see if any Durham space was available.

The next board meeting is **Saturday, April 21, 2018** from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon at Home2Suites located at 3305 Watkins Drive, Durham, NC 27707.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia LaMaster, Treasurer