

League of Women Voters – Orange, Durham, Chatham Board Meeting

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Attendees: Pat McDaniels, Zena Alman, Val Gist, Marsha Harris, Amy Jeroloman, Cynthia LaMaster, Krishna Mondal, Jennifer Rubin, Kathy Wright

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Pat McDaniels at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March board meeting were approved.

Reports

Pat McDaniels led a discussion about convention and attendance from ODC. We are able to send five delegates and currently Pat, Krishna Mondal, and Pam Oxendine are scheduled to attend. It was suggested that we take \$2370 from our travel budget and add \$1000 to defray the registration and travel expenses for four people to attend convention at approximately \$800 per person. (Pat is attending at her own expense.) The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia LaMaster reported that we have a balance of \$24,429 in our operating budget and \$5215 in the education fund. We made \$1450 from the Let's Get Quizzical event in March, with expenses of \$579.50.

Membership

Amy Jeroloman reported that we have 279 members with 16 new members. Renee Twersky, a new member, is being trained by Amy to manage the membership database.

Voter Services

Krishna Mondal reported that early voting is available and sign-up for participation in Vote411 by candidates is going well. Of candidates in Orange, Durham and Chatham counties, 89% are participating in Vote411. She reported that some candidates who are not participating made that decision based on a perception that LWVODC was a liberal organization. We continue to emphasize that we are a non-partisan organization educating voters in a non-partisan manner and we encourage all candidates to participate in Vote411.

Val Gist provided each person with Vote411 t-shirts she designed and had made at her expense. She also distributed Vote411 book marks. The group expressed appreciation to Val.

Voter registration will take place at an upcoming Naturalization ceremony in Orange County and at the Orange County Community dinner scheduled for April 29 at McDougal School in Carrboro.

Education

Backpack Full of Cash will be viewed on September 13 at Durham Technical Institute.

Gun Violence Prevention

Marsha Harris is proposing that ODC spearhead an event in addition to ongoing efforts to help communicate other groups' activities. One possibility is a program provided by a local pediatrician who is willing to speak about what he sees in emergency rooms after gun violence. Krishna suggested that Marsha make a request for action team members at the annual meeting in May.

Environment

Val reported that the group's goal is to present an outline of the Jordan Lake report at the annual meeting in May.

Annual Meeting

A draft agenda was reviewed and suggestions for arrangement of topics were made. Pat will revise the draft and recirculate. Pat will discuss parliamentary procedure with Pam and determine which agenda items need actions.

Office Space

Franklin Street Yoga may have space for \$50/month. We need a street address for incorporation paperwork. Krishna continues to investigate.

Civil Discourse

Pat has contacted "Better Angels" which is a good resource for information. She will be organizing a meeting for May or June to flesh out next steps in the Civil Discourse project.

May and June meetings will be held at Home Place in Durham.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Rubin in Tara Fikes' absence.