

**League of Women Voters – Orange, Durham, Chatham
Board Meeting
Saturday, May 19, 2018**

Attendees: Pam Oxendine, Tara Fikes, Amy Jeroloman, Cynthia LaMaster, Pat McDaniels, Krishna Mondal, Jennifer Rubin, and Kathy Wright.

The meeting was called to order by the President Pam Oxendine at 10:00 am.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Reports

President

Pam Oxendine reported on the LWV leadership conference call this month. The following items were discussed.

1. The League needs a “refresh” to engage the millennial population.
2. A Public Relations firm has been hired to help with messaging. The questions include: How do we quantify what we do? How do we become more visible in the community?

Treasurer

Cynthia LaMaster provided the Financial Report as of April 30, 2018 to board members via email prior to the meeting. The Operations Fund has a balance of \$23,611.35, the Grant fund - \$16.00 and the Education Fund - \$5,215.27. Additionally, she provided an Amended Financial Statement to correct the one distributed at the Annual Meeting to change the date for the Carry Forward to 07/01/2017.

She also reported that debit cards are available with our business checking account. This is not a credit card. It could be used for printing, marketing and travel expenses to avoid the need for reimbursement to board members. After much discussion, all agreed that we should use a debit card at this time. Instead, a motion was made by Jennifer Rubin seconded by Pat McDaniel to allow a cash advance of up to \$500 for approved league expenses. Advances above \$500 will require the President’s approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership

Amy Jeroloman reported that there have been 10 renewals and two (2) new members since the last board meeting. There are 287 active members. She also noted there will be a need to coordinate the June 30 renewals with Eva. Eva will also need an assistant to help with membership. (Renee is working with her now.)

Incorporation

The League needs a physical street address to complete the incorporation process. Krishna Mondal presented information from two companies that provide virtual addresses – one in Durham and one in Chapel Hill – and information from EmPowerment, Inc. a non-profit in Chapel Hill that offers co-location options. It was noted that none of these options provide storage space. The Board authorized Krishna and Pat to check out the Durham address and move forward with this option if they consider it an appropriate site. Amy Jeroloman offered storage space for League materials in her home garage.

Communication

Jennifer Rubin reported that a call has been issued for help with communications. Katie Murray has volunteered to work with the website. Who will handle the newsletter is still uncertain – Nancy Ratan is meeting with someone today to discuss this assignment. Krishna would like the newsletter to be an update that is distributed on the first day of each month. A request for assistance with Facebook was sent to Action Team

leads. There was not an overwhelming response - two or three have agreed to find someone. There is also a need for someone to handle the Twitter account.

New Board Retreat

Krishna announced that she will be sending a Doodle calendar to confirm the date for the retreat which will be either June 9, 16 or 23 from 8 am – 5 pm with breakfast and lunch provided. Action Team leaders will also be invited to discuss their planned activities.

National Convention

Krishna Mondal, Amy Jeroloman, Pat McDaniel, Jennifer Bremer and Pam Oxendine will be attending the National Convention in June in Chicago. The chapter is eligible for five delegates. Those attending will coordinate to cover the convention agenda.

Other Discussion/Announcements

The Centennial Celebration for the League of Women Voters will need to be planned for 2020.

The Fair Election Action Team will hold a Happy Hour on June 26th from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Tobacco Road Sports Bar on Hwy 54.

The initial meeting of the Civil Discourse Initiative will be on June 6th at 6:30 pm at the Seymour Senior Center in Chapel Hill.

Women's Equality Day is August 24th.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:
Tara L. Fikes, Secretary

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Education Fund Meeting
Saturday, May 19, 2018

Attendees: Pam Oxendine, Cynthia LaMaster, Pat McDaniels, Krishna Mondal, and Tara Fikes.

Cynthia LaMaster provided the Financial Report for the Education Fund that has a balance of \$5,215.27. Since July 1, 2017 donations totaling \$2,608.15 have been received and the expenses during this period total \$1,984.93. Expenses were made for Vote 411, Quizzical and Pittsboro – 1st Sundays. The report was received as information.

It was also noted that all Education Fund material will be organized in a notebook.

There will be another meeting scheduled in August. Membership for the Education Fund includes the officers and one director.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:
Tara L. Fikes, Secretary