

**League of Women Voters – Orange, Durham, Chatham
Board Meeting
Saturday, July 15, 2017**

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

The meeting was called to order by the President Pam Oxendine. The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

There were no board meeting minutes available, however, the June Planning Session minutes were available.

Reports

Treasurer

Cynthia LaMaster reported that all bank signatures have been updated and she is still investigating electronic checking. In the meantime, paper checks are being written including checks for web hosting and Vote411.

Membership

Amy Jeroloman and Eva Rogers are co-chairs of the Membership Committee. Eva reported that New Member Meet and Greets are being scheduled to welcome new members. It was noted that one way of engaging new members is to determine their interest and then have the Action Team lead contact them. It would also be good to send them a welcome letter from the respective Unit Lead.

Amy reported that there are over 300 members in the Unit now. She clarified which members needed to renew their membership in June/July. Specifically, those who paid dues after January 31 do not need to renew now, while those that paid before January 31 need to pay/renew now. She also reported that the membership form has been updated as recommended at the planning meeting. Other activities of the committee included:

- ensuring that Nancy has the current spreadsheet;
- obtaining Constant Contact training; and
- determining how to get surveys from people who pay by PayPal.

Communication/Media Team Update

Amy Jeroloman reported that the Communication Committee has met and talked about how best to display the Unit Calendar of Events. Updates to the calendar will be done within 24 hours. It was also noted that all correspondence sent from the unit should contain a link to the calendar. (It could be part of the email signature.) Also, a note could be sent to members each month to check the calendar. A question was raised regarding whether the Twitter account name had changed. This will be investigated.

Action Team Reports

Voter Services

Krishna Modal reported that this Team met on July 1st with 12 members in attendance. The deadline for filing for local elections is July 21st. All counties have contested races. Each unit has a list of deliverables needed from each county. Voter registration sign-ups can now be set-up and voter registration training will be announced.

Also, there is a lunch meeting planned for Wednesday, September 6th at the Chapel Hill Library with the Directors for the Board of Elections in Orange, Durham and Chatham counties as the speakers.

Pam has met with Becky Winders to discuss our presence at Center Fest in Durham Sept. 16-17. It was decided that because of the number of organizations doing voter registration, our focus will be on awareness of the organization and education. Volunteers are needed.

Other Reports

The Fair Elections/Redistricting and Health Care teams have met. We still need dates for meetings of the Public Education, Gun Violence Prevention and Violence Against Women Teams. Also, it was reported that Caitlin, the lead for the Environment Team is leaving the area, therefore, another lead person must be identified. Help will be sought among current team members, by email and from interest surveys.

It was noted that Natalie Murdock will lead the Transportation Study group and Ashley Nisser is planning a meeting of the Immigration Study group. It was also noted that information about the action teams and study groups should be on the website.

New Business

Follow-up from Planning Meeting - 2017-2018 Calendar

Kathy Wright reported that "Lunch with the League" is planned for the following third Wednesdays. September 20; November 15; January 17 and March 21. Marna and Karen are working with her to plan these luncheons.

Pam asked that all event dates and agendas for the calendar be sent to her.

Open Discussion

Website - We all need to look at the website for updates. Every Action Teams and Unit Leads should take care of their pages. Board members agreed to look at other pages of the website by July 29th.

Women's Equality Day is August 26th. It was decided that we would invite female political members of the League to an informal social on that day to be held from 4 – 6 pm. A location will need to be identified.

Unit Team Leads are Pat for Chatham County; Amy, Vicki, Ruth Ann and Krishna for Orange County; Becky and Marilyn for Durham.

Members asked about ordering **signs and name tags**. Plans are to check with Cheap Signs and International Minute Press to obtain pricing.

Fundraising was discussed briefly. It was suggested that a donation box be available at unit events. Also, we should investigate selling bumper stickers and lapel pins. Pat will review material from national and share that at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:
Tara L. Fikes, Secretary