

**League of Women Voters – Orange, Durham, Chatham
Board Meeting
Saturday, August 18, 2018**

Attendees: Krishna Mondal, Amy Jeroloman, Cynthia LaMaster, Pat McDaniels and Kathy Wright.

The meeting was called to order by the President Krishna Mondal at 10:04 am.

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Krishna Modal seconded by Amy Jeroloman.

Progress on Previous Goals:

Regus Virtual Office. Rent of \$49/month is to be paid by gift card in order to use the street address which is necessary for insurance purposes. There are additional a la carte fees for use of cubicles and meeting rooms. Also, they will receive and forward mail for us, necessary for insurance. After some discussion regarding whether we should keep the PO Box mailing address for the sake of continuity, it was decided to keep the PO box for now and revisit the question periodically in the future.

Insurance: Cynthia's daughter has just changed agencies, and as soon as she is settled, Cynthia will have her setup the policy, now that we have a physical address.

Changing Banks: First Citizens is behind the times in terms of online banking. Cynthia will continue to search for one that offers same low fees but better access online to financial records.

Happy Hour for Women's Equality Day: Remarks will include a Welcome, a pitch Vote411 and a request that candidates promote Vote411 among their constituents.

Reports

Treasurer

Cynthia LaMaster reported that as of June 30th the account balance is \$26,633 and the ending balance for July,31, 2018 was \$25,979.

Membership

Amy Jeroloman reported that there are currently approximately 318 members. Database corrections/updates are pending. She also reported that less than half of the membership have renewed with the percentage possibly higher than at this same point last year. Krishna reported that Eva held a New Member Orientation in June. There was discussion of the process for collecting and utilizing the member interest surveys. Krishna will call a meeting with Eva, Karen, Amy, Renee and Arianne to discuss roles and responsibilities. Pat will also participate. Additionally, Krishna asked Amy to work on data analysis of membership trends.

Communication

Jennifer Rubin submitted a written report prior to the meeting. Krishna reported that Katie is now working on Instagram, Twitter and website. She will invite Katie to the October board meeting, so we can meet her, and we will also recognize Cynthia Wertz for her service on that day. Nancy has someone who is going to work with her as editor for the newsletter content once materials are collected.

ACTION TEAM REPORTS

Voter Services: The written and verbal report given by Krishna Mondal. Vicki Shea is doing volunteer training for voter registration. A request for a voter registration event has been received from Carrboro High student

government. Vote411 activities in the chapter are being led by Val Gist (Chatham) and Judy Leshner (Orange) DeLois Cue (Durham). Vote411 site launch was postponed from September 5 until September 25 because they learned of new municipal elections around the state and thus more time is needed to compile content. Targeted Persuasion, the PR firm hired by the state LWV to promote Vote411 was released from their contract because they were not pleased with their results. The State committee met this week with grassroots strategy. Candidates Forums: None are planned for Orange County; Durham County is working on a legislative forum for October 7. The Chatham County Forum will be held on October 10 at the County Agricultural Conference Center. Four Constitutional amendments on the ballot are under litigation. Two amendments are not being contested: fishing and hunting; victims' rights. League position is still being developed, hard to do without the final language of the amendments.

Public Education: A written report was submitted by RuthAnn Groh. The Board discussed that the League does not have a position on charter schools, thus we need to make sure that balanced information is being presented. The Chapter President is the only person who can attend a public meeting and represent the chapter's position on an issue, without prior approval. (Note the January 2017 position paper on the state education site.) Pat and Krishna will meet with the Education Action Team leaders to be sure all agree on the best way to present the issue and how to represent the position of the League.

Environment: No report.

Violence against Women: A written report was submitted by Arianne Hartsell-Gundy. They have been approached asking LWV for support for a bill in the state legislature. There is no state level action team, so they passed it on to us.

Civil Discourse: Pat McDaniel provided the following report. Four committee members met on August 16, 2018. They discussed: taking the long view - preparing for the 2020 election; watching the three County Commissioners meeting videos to assess the tenor of the public comment section of the meetings; and then determining the needs for civil discourse work within the chapter. They will work on a resolution about civil discourse to be approved by the board and then presented to the chapter. Civil discourse begins on the individual personal level. The next meeting is September 5.

Youth Outreach: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

ODC Education Fund: The last meeting was August 2016. The board of the fund includes the Executive Committee of the Board and one other from the chapter (Amy Jeroloman). The board of the Fund reviews finances both expenditures and revenue.

LWV NC Convention in Chapel Hill: We are being asked to run registration with a welcome committee. Once the state decides on the convention date, we will confirm an annual meeting date for our chapter. Pat and/or Krishna will ask the state if ODC volunteers who work registration table might have free day pass for convention.

OLLI Proposal: The OLLI Program at Duke is seeking co-sponsorship by LWV ODC for a pre-election lecture series. This proposal was submitted by Bev Kawalec. With input from board, Krishna drafted a positive response with the inclusion of some parameters to ensure a balanced and open discussion of political topics without compromising the League's position as non-partisan.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Kathy Wright, Board Member

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Education Fund Meeting
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Attendees: Amy Jeroloman, Cynthia LaMaster, Pat McDaniels, Krishna Mondal, and Kathy Wright.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15PM.

The Annual Report of Education Fund income and expenses was distributed by Cynthia LaMaster.

Starting balance, July 1, 2017: \$4601.05

Revenues: shown as individual line items, with fundraiser income noted with “Q”. Total: \$2866.75

Expenses: also individually reported, including \$600 + \$368 to support Vote411. Total: \$2143.93

Ending balance, June 30, 2018: \$5323.87

Krishna asked, should we consider submitting grant applications to supplement the Education Fund? The response was yes, if grantor’s mission supports our education related activities.

According to the Bylaws, we can split the cost of the PMP between Education Fund and Operating Budget, but we agreed not to do that. The PMP will be paid from the Operating Budget.

Should the revenue generated from the fundraiser be earmarked for action team projects? Since only two teams submitted budgets prior to the fundraiser, it was determined to be unnecessary to account for the income in this level of detail. It was also noted that Education Fund monies dispersed to action teams cannot be used for advocating a particular position.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 pm on a motion by Pat McDaniel seconded by Cynthia LaMaster.

Respectfully Submitted:
Kathy Wright, Board Member