

**League of Women Voters – Orange, Durham, Chatham  
Board Meeting  
Saturday, August 19, 2017**

**Attendees:** Pam Oxendine, Zena Alman, Tara Fikes, Bev Kawalec, Cynthia LaMaster, Pat McDaniels, Krishna Mondal, and Kathy Wright.

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

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the addition of the President's Report, the Fundraising Proposal and Women's Equality Day under New Business.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July 15, 2017 board meeting were accepted as presented.

**Reports**

**Treasurer**

Cynthia LaMaster provided the Financial Report as of July 31, 2017 to board members. The Operations Fund has a balance of \$28,773.56, the Grant fund - \$25.00 and the Education Fund - \$4,641.05. The report was accepted as presented.

**Membership**

The Unit currently has 314 members. A New Member event is being scheduled for October.

**Communication/Media Team Update**

It was announced that Joy Spencer will reschedule the Social Media training for another date since August 26<sup>th</sup> is Women's Equality Day. The President stressed the importance of preparing a newsletter, particularly for new members. She is trying to get one done by the end of August and members were asked to send her newsletter information by August 26<sup>th</sup>.

It was suggested that the Communication Team be invited to the September board meeting to discuss their role. The team members are:

- Jennifer Rubin – Chair
- Nancy Ratan - Newsletter
- Cynthia Wertz – Website
- Terry Landers – Press Releases, Signups

**Action Team Reports**

**Voter Services**

Krishna Modal reported that this team has been busy with the following activities.

- Two (2) Voter Registration Trainings have been conducted by Krishna and Vickie Shea will organize more in August.
- All counties participated in Vote411 and invitations to candidates have been sent.
- The following Candidate Forums are planned;
  - o October 2: Carrboro Mayor and Alderman
  - o October 3: Chatham County Unit
  - o October 9: Chapel Hill Mayor and Town Council (NAACP partnering)

- October 15: Durham Mayor and City Council
- October 16; CHCC School Board (NAACP and PTA Council partnering.)
- October 17; Chatham County Unit
- Voter Registration/Education events started on August 18th at UNC Hospitals and will continue every Friday for the next five weeks.
- We need to advertise our Forums on Vote411 and we need a marketing tool like a small card available at our events.

Also, there is a lunch meeting planned for Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 12 -2 at the Chapel Hill Library with the Directors for the Board of Elections in Orange, Durham and Chatham counties as the speakers. Krishna will provide lunch for the speakers and others may bring their lunch and beverages will be provided.

Krishna will send a copy of an Excel spreadsheet that may be used for recordkeeping purposes at LWV sponsored events. It can be helpful when keeping up with expenses.

### **Fair Elections/Redistricting**

Bev Kawalec reported that this team will focus their efforts for 2017-18 on two projects, the Follow-the-Money Research Project and a Speakers Bureau. They will also sponsor a league-wide meeting on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 5 pm at the Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Garrett Road in Durham. The purpose of this meeting is to bring members up to date on what has happened this summer in the legislature and to recruit participation in their projects. League members and the public are invited to attend.

### **Public Education**

This team held a lunch meeting recently with someone from each school board/system in our area as invited guests. When asked how we could help, they all indicated that they want people to know about the successes in the school systems. The team plans to hold an event working with that theme. (Results of this effort would be good to include in the newsletter).

It was decided that we should invite a few teams to each board meeting for updates. Next month, the Health Care, Immigration and Communication teams will be invited to the meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Unit Updates**

1. The Chatham Unit Meeting is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>. Current activities include voter registration events at upcoming festivals.
2. The Durham Unit is organizing a Candidate Forum for October and planning to have a table at CenterFest in September. Volunteers are needed to set up for the CenterFest Arts Festival and to staff our table throughout the Festival.
3. The Orange Unit meets regularly with a Happy Hour format. Jennifer Bremer was a recent speaker on redistricting.

#### **Chamber of Commerce Membership**

Pam asked board members if there was interest in the League becoming a member of the local Chambers of Commerce. The board responded that we needed to understand what membership means for us. Cynthia LaMaster agreed to investigate this idea further to include the related cost of membership.

#### **Fundraising Proposal**

Pat McDaniel discussed the Fundraising Proposal she developed and sent to board members. Discussion regarding this proposal included our need to answer the questions – what activities are we fundraising for and

how will money raised be used? To help answer these questions each action team should develop a budget for their activities. Further discussion of the proposal is planned for future meetings.

### **Open Discussion**

**Women's Equality Day** is August 26<sup>th</sup>. An informal social with female political members of the League is scheduled for 4 – 6 pm on that day at the Sheraton Chapel Hill.

Follow-up is still needed for **signs and name tags**.

**The September Board Meeting** is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> – the same day as CenterFest. Because Pam and others will be setting up and manning our booth that day, the September board meeting was moved to September 9, 2017 at a location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Tara L. Fikes, Secretary