

**League of Women Voters – Orange, Durham, Chatham  
Board Meeting  
Saturday, September 22, 2018**

**Attendees:** Krishna Mondal, Joal Broun, Tara Fikes, Arianna Hartsell-Gundy, Amy Jeroloman, Pat McDaniels and Kathy Wright.

The meeting was called to order by the President Krishna Mondal at 10:03 am.

**Approval of Agenda** - The agenda was approved unanimously after a motion by Kathy Wright seconded by Pat McDaniels.

**Approval of Minutes** - The August 2018 minutes (with the correction of the spelling of Krishna Mondal's name and the date from May 19, 2018 to August 18, 2018) were approved unanimously on a motion by Kathy Wright seconded by Amy Jeroloman.

**Progress on Previous Goals:**

**Insurance:** This is still being investigated, however, insurance will be needed in to use the Durham Public Schools facility for the Durham Forum in October. Kathy will contact Cynthia to follow-up.

**Osher Learning Institute:** The information for the Election 2018 Voter Education Series will be posted on the League's website.

**LWV/NC Convention:** The convention will be held May 17-19, 2019 in Chapel Hill. Pat McDaniels will lead the Hospitality group and will need five members to work with her.

**August Happy Hour:** The event was a success with many elected officials in attendance. For future events, the League President should extend an invitation to the leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties. The September Happy Hour topic will be focused on Voter Services activities with the October topic to be determined. Kathy will try to encourage two members to always attend the Happy Hour events to help with organization.

**Reports**

**President**

The September leadership call was cancelled this month. Krishna recapped the recent Charlotte Forum experience that involved Republicans refusing to participate in LWV candidate forums.

**Treasurer**

Cynthia LaMaster submitted her report prior to the meeting. As of August 31, 2018, the Operations account balance is \$19,398.65, for the Grant Fund - \$25.00 and the ending balance for the Education Fund \$5,897.87. The report was accepted unanimously on a motion by Amy Jeroloman seconded by Pat McDaniels.

It was also noted that Cynthia had been in touch with Susan Marston regarding audit of the chapter's financial records and previous inquiries revealed that this would be very costly. It was suggested that we solicit bids for the service as well as check with the national office for guidance.

**Membership**

Amy Jeroloman reported that there are currently approximately 322 members with some joining after the Women's Equality Day. She also reported that less than half of the membership have renewed and there are

plans to email those that have not renewed to encourage them to do so. The next New Member Orientation will be October 4th.

### **Communication**

Krishna reported that Katie is now working on Instagram, Twitter and website. The team is looking for someone to work on the website. Recommendations should be sent to Jennifer and Katie.

### **ACTION TEAM REPORTS**

**Voter Services:** The written and verbal report given by Krishna Mondal. She reported that there have been many requests for voter registration events. Additionally, Vote411 plans to go live on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Candidate Forums/Meet and Greets are planned for Chatham and Durham Counties. Pat McDaniels also reported that she has been receiving Chatham County Board of Elections meetings to monitor their activity.

**Public Education:** Due to Hurricane Florence, the showing of “Backpack Full of Cash” has been rescheduled for Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. There was much discussion regarding the rescheduled date because there were already quite a few LWV-ODC events scheduled for the month of October. The board decided to proceed with the scheduled date, however, it was recognized that there is need for future discussion regarding cancellation procedures.

**Environment:** No report.

**Violence against Women:** Arianne Hartsell-Gundy reported that this team is struggling to get interested members to attend meetings. They are planning a future meeting on a weekday evening to get more participation.

**Civil Discourse:** Pat McDaniel provided the following report. She and three committee members met on September 5, 2018. Low levels of participation are a challenge for this group as well. Another meeting will be scheduled after the election.

**Youth Outreach:** Joal Broun reported that plans are underway for a program for high school students with the theme – “Why the Vote for Women is Important” – in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. Her initial plan was to hold one event for all three counties, however, because of logistics, board members suggested one event in each county. Additionally, it was noted that the events should include charter schools in addition to traditional public schools.

There was no new business. Other items of note included agreement that the Annual Meeting would be during the week of May 5<sup>th</sup> next year and Vicki Shea will come to the November board meeting to discuss plans for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the League of Women Voters.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Amy Jeroloman seconded by Joal Broun.

Respectfully Submitted: Tara L. Fikes, Secretary