

**League of Women Voters – Orange, Durham, Chatham
Board Meeting
Saturday, October 13, 2018**

Attendees: Krishna Mondal, Tara Fikes, Arianna Hartsell-Gundy, Cynthia LaMaster, Pat McDaniels, Katie Murray, Jennifer Rubin, Cynthia Wertz, and Kathy Wright.

The meeting was called to order by the President Krishna Mondal at 10:08 am.

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was approved unanimously after a motion by Cynthia LaMaster seconded by Krishna Mondal.

Approval of Minutes - The September 2018 minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Kathy Wright seconded by Krishna Mondal.

Progress on Previous Goals:

Insurance: Cynthia LaMaster reported that the cost for liability insurance would be \$548/year for \$1 million in coverage. Event insurance was secured for the Durham Candidate Forum.

Annual Meeting: Kathy will identify a venue by the next meeting.

Reports

President

Krishna recapped the recent Charlotte Forum experience that involved Republicans refusing to participate in LWV candidate forums as well as our Chatham County Forum experience.

Treasurer

Cynthia LaMaster submitted her report prior to the meeting. As of September 30, 2018, the Operations account balance is \$19,829.74, for the Grant Fund - \$16.00 and the ending balance for the Education Fund \$5,897.87. She noted that the credit card link for PayPal needs to be changed and that the 990 filing had been done for 2016 and Cynthia is working on the 2017 filing.

Membership

Amy Jeroloman submitted her report prior to the meeting. There are currently 329 including 66 new members.

Communication/Media Update

Jennifer Rubin and Katie Murray provided the following information.

- Terry Landers is responsible for media relations, press releases, etc. It was noted that in addition to the traditional media outlets attention should be given to small radio stations.
- Nancy Rattan does the newsletter and there is an October 21st deadline for the November newsletter.

- Katie Murray posts on Instagram and Twitter and maintains the website. She would like to have a backup for Constant Contact. It is noted that there are mostly additions to the website but no mechanism for cancelling or removing past events.
- Jennifer Rubin is maintaining the Facebook page.
- It was noted that the League should recruit a digital media team for communications.

Board Members also expressed sincere thanks to Cynthia Wertz for her work with League communications over the years. An orchard and gift card were presented to her.

ACTION TEAM REPORTS

Voter Services: The written and verbal report given by Krishna Mondal. She reported that the Chatham and Durham Forums had gone well. She also noted that Vote 411 did not have 100% participation from candidates this election season. She noted that the state will pay the cost for everyone for Vote 411 next year.

Public Education: The screening of “Backpack Full of Cash” occurred on Monday, October 8th. Attendance was not as great as expected, perhaps due to the need to reschedule due to Hurricane Florence. There was a good article regarding the film screening in the Durham Herald Sun.

Environment: This team met last week and heard from a speaker from NC State regarding water quality. There was good attendance at the meeting.

Violence against Women: Arianne Hartsell-Gundy reported that although eight to ten members signed up for this team, only two show up for meetings. They are still working to get more participation on this team.

Civil Discourse: This group is on hiatus until after the election.

Youth Outreach: No Report.

In other business, Krishna reported that Vicky Boyer will be invited to the November board meeting to discuss plans for the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters.

Pat McDaniel reported that she and state co-presidents Karen Bean and Janey Hoy visited the UNC School of Government in preparation for the State Convention to be held in Chapel Hill in May 2019. It was decided that they should be invited to the November meeting to discuss our participation in this convention.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Tara L. Fikes, Secretary