

**League of Women Voters – Orange, Durham, Chatham
Board Meeting
Saturday, December 16, 2017**

Attendees: Pam Oxendine, Tara Fikes, Amy Jeroloman, Pat McDaniels, Krishna Mondal, Zena Alman, Eva Rogers, Karen Eldridge, Jennifer Rubin, Leona Whichard, and Jennifer Bremer.

The meeting was called to order by the President Pam Oxendine at 10:02 am.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2017 board meeting were approved unanimously.

Reports

President

Pam Oxendine reported that there has not been a LWV leadership conference call since the last meeting. Thanks were extended to Jennifer Bremer on a good program on judgeships in North Carolina.

Treasurer

Cynthia LaMaster provided the Financial Report as of November 30, 2017 to board members via email prior to the meeting. The Operations Fund has a balance of \$22,200.33, the Grant fund - \$19.00 and the Education Fund - \$4,183.65. It was noted that the fee for the website will be due soon. The report was accepted as presented on a motion by Pat McDaniel seconded by Krishna Modal.

Membership

Amy Jeroloman provided the following report.

Durham members	99	25	Ledger
Orange members	153	54	
Chatham members	75	14	
Wake members	3	1	
Alamance members	3	3	
Total members	333	97	New Members since 2/1/2017

Durham members	35
Orange members	45
Chatham members	26
Wake members	2
Alamance members	0
Outings Renewals	108

She shared that there is a continuing need to reach out to 108 members who need to renew their membership. We will need to remove the non-paying members from our roster by the end of January or we pay for them. It

was agreed that Amy and Krishna would follow-up with Orange members; Jennifer, Pam, Eva and Tara will follow-up with Durham members; and Pat will follow-up with Chatham members that need to renew. Eva and Amy will provide a script and members will be asked to renew by January 15. Calls should be made by December 29th. It was noted that we could send a membership survey at the end of the year to get new member input on their membership experience. Wake County does something similar and Krishna will contact them for more information.

Nominating Committee

Leona Whichard stated that the committee was being formed with Marna Doucette and Eva Rogers as identified members. They are looking for someone from Chatham County and Vicki Boyer was suggested as an Orange County member. They will meet in January and report to the Board in March.

Action Team Reports

Voter Services

Krishna Modal reported that for 2018 LWV-NC is paying for Vote411 for all the NC chapters. The State League would like us to contribute our share to LWV-NC directly. Our share would be \$368.00 (rather than \$600 to LWV-US). The money will be used to pay for marketing and promotion. The state league will be holding a fundraising event on February 16th to raise \$10K for promotion.

The team will hold a ODC-wide meeting on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 1-3 pm to discuss events of last election season and plan for 2018. She has also attended meetings with other groups engaged in voter engagement/education. We will focus on voter education.

Lunch with the League

Karen Eldridge reported that a Lunch with the League is planned for January 17, 2018 with Ann Marie Dooley, an immigration specialist. There may also be one or two DACA participants there as well. The lunch will take place at 12 noon at Parizade and the cost is \$17 per person.

This committee is looking for other appropriate venues for future Lunches. Climate change may be a future topic with the Pittsboro mayor as a potential speaker.

New Business

Fundraising Event

Pat McDaniel, Kathy Wright and Karen Eldridge presented a proposal for a March fundraising event to raise funds for the LWV-ODC Education Fund to be shared among ODC Action Teams for educational events in 2018-2019. The Board discussed the questions posed regarding target audience and numbers, location, and alcohol or no alcohol. It was confirmed that League related "items" could be sold at this event to also raise money. They will provide a Save the Date and perhaps consider some "hook" for new members. Zena Alman made a motion to proceed with this event and Amy Jeroloman seconded the motion that was approved unanimously.

Civil Discourse

Eva Rogers proposed that LWV-ODC adopt a Civil Discourse Initiative for 2018-2019 that would provide educational opportunities to members and the public on this important topic. She says that initially, we can use the National Institute for Civil Discourse (NICD) materials and as the Initiative progresses, we can expand our knowledge base to other civil discourse resources. The board agreed to proceed with this Initiative on a motion by Amy Jeroloman seconded by Krishna Modal.

Unfinished Business

Insurance – Pat McDaniel spoke with the national office and learned that there is no insurance policy that covers all local leagues. They encourage local Leagues to incorporate and Pat recommends incorporation to protect the Board and league members. Pat was asked to gather more information regarding incorporation.

The next board meeting is **Saturday, January 20, 2018** at a location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:
Tara L. Fikes, Secretary