

LWVODC Chatham Unit Meeting March 5, 2018 Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Organize a schedule of regular bimonthly meetings for 2018
3. Discussion of the Unit's priorities for 2018:
 - Vote 411 for primary and general elections (mandated by LWVNC)
 - Observer Corps—do we want to continue to develop it?
 - Voter registration—Durham Unit has scaled back on voter registration because so many other organizations are doing it. Does Chatham Unit want to continue at previous level?
 - Candidate forums—Orange Unit may not have them this year. Does Chatham Unit want to do them for the general election?
4. What does it mean to volunteer for LWVODC?

Chatham Unit: We need to identify specific tasks for each area that the Unit decides is a priority for 2018. Tasks should be capable of being accomplished in a reasonably short time, and amenable to being divided among members who express interest in the priority area, giving everyone an opportunity to participate.

- Vote411 for primary and general elections: Tasks: draft questions for the general election (primary questions will be done before the March 5 meeting); contact candidates by phone to enlist them; making sure that candidates respond in a timely manner; learn how to enter data into Vote411; using materials developed by LWVUS and LWVNC, publicize Vote411 in Chatham County
- Observer Corps teams: attend Board of Elections and Board of Commissioners meetings and prepare short write-ups; collate write-ups for distribution to Chatham Unit membership; distribute Observer Corps reports to members
- Voter registration: training, act as primary manager for VR tables at events; identify events/sites where other organizations are not registering voters; help the Orange Unit register voters at UNC Hospitals
- Candidate forums for general election: contact Republican and Democrat (and other) parties and candidates to set dates for forums; identify sites for forums; draft questions; staffing—moderators, time keepers, set-up, refreshments, cleanup; organize publicity for forums

Action Teams: special interest issues, at ODC and state levels. What is the distinction between Action Team activities and Chatham Unit activities? (Members can do both if they want).

- Feedback on Action Team activities by participating Chatham Unit members
5. Communication strategy for publicizing Chatham Unit events, Vote411, and for communicating Observer Corps scheduling, etc within Chatham Unit membership.
 - What was done last year?

- What can we do this year?

6. Report from LWVODC Board (Pat McDaniels)

- Summary of Board meeting of February 17
- Let's Get Quizzical fundraiser on March 11
- Civil Discourse Initiative

6. Adjourn