

## **November 12, 2016 League of Women Voters ODC Board Meeting Minutes**

In attendance:

Pam Oxendine, President

Eva Rogers, Vice President

Susan Marston, Treasurer

John Hammond, Board Member

Pat McDaniels, Board Member

Krishna Mondal, Board Member

Jennifer Rubin, Board Member

Sue Anderson, Nominating Committee

Ruth Ann Groh, Education Action Team

Joy Spencer, Communications Media Action Team

Cynthia Mial, Secretary

**Call to Order** by Pam Oxendine at 10:17 am.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Cynthia Mial to approve and seconded by Eva Rogers with all present in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** approved by all present.

### **Reports**

**Treasurer's Report from Susan Marston:** Susan said that in order to meet our income budget of \$11,768, we need \$2763. We have \$3839 available to spend in the Expenses budget. We also need a review of the accounts for the previous fiscal year. Susan is unable to put forward anyone to do this because of conflict of

interest. Jennifer Rubin said she would look into someone to do the review. Pam Oxendine said she would draft a letter requesting contributions to augment funds.

Pam Oxendine moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with Cynthia Mial seconding and all present in favor.

**Membership Report from Eva Rogers:** Eva reported 106 renewals and 6 new members since September. A renewal notice was sent in October and a final notice will be sent in December. The New Members' luncheon was a success with the Action Teams giving presentations on their respective missions and activities. There is no date for the Spring luncheon as yet.

Jennifer Rubin moved to approve the Membership Report with Pat McDaniels seconding and all present in favor.

**Communications Media Report from Jennifer Rubin:** Jennifer said that the Team is thrilled to have Joy Spencer in charge of Social Media. The Team will meet once more before the holidays.

**Voter Services Action Team Report from Krishna Mondal:** Krishna said that the LWVODC is requested to report to National about ODC's voter services activities to include input such as number of volunteers, voters registered and any monies received. A grant from National may be possible if need can be shown. The use of Education Fund money for voter services efforts was discussed. Pam Oxendine reported on the Durham County Meet and Greet event with Durham County candidates. Pat McDaniels, Krishna Mondal and Pam Oxendine worked on putting together the local candidates' stands on issues into the website [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org). Overall, voters benefitted from all these efforts to help them get registered and informed on the issues in deciding how to cast their ballots. The League goal to promote and protect the vote was met.

**Healthcare and Medicaid Expansion Action Team Report from John Hammond:**

John said that at this time it is uncertain as to what action will be taken by the Team with the future of the Affordable Care Act in question.

**Education Action Team Report by Ruth Ann Groh:** Ruth Ann said that Graig Meyer, member of the NC Assembly House of Representatives for District 50 will speak on November 14 at the Chapel Hill Library on the future of public education in the State. Ruth Ann requested that members send notice to their representatives in the state assembly to consider attending the event. She also asked for attendance of reporters. So far she has only her granddaughter filling that role.

**Environmental Action Team Report from Eva Rogers:** Eva said that the presentation on fracking will be rescheduled at some point yet to be determined. The State Advocacy Team meeting on October 15 in Greensboro included Robin Smith, environmental lawyer, speaking on a variety of environmental issues. The commitment to the Advocacy Team would involve at least once a month meeting with legislators. There will be further meetings to discuss next step strategies for this state League advocacy initiative.

**Violence Against Women Action Team Report from Krishna Mondal:** Krishna will meet with two new League members who joined because of this action team's existence. They will consider holding events on college campuses and other venues to attract a wider audience than current League venues do.

**New Business:** Agreement was met on having the Holiday luncheon on December 9.

**Old Business:** Jennifer moved to approve amendment of the bylaws with the changes according to LWV US changes at Convention. Pat McDaniels seconded with all present in favor.

**Open Discussion:**

Eva Rogers suggested a series of round table discussions on civil discourse, keeping in mind the League's nonpartisan stance.

Pam Oxendine spoke about the need to have all dates for Action Team activities in advance. The current calendar of events was reviewed which included consideration of the following:

For the holiday event, Krishna said that offering rides to those with limited mobility would help encourage greater attendance.

Having a Workshop/Conference for women who want to run for public office was discussed. Pat McDaniels, Krishna Mondal and Joy Spencer will work on forming a committee for this effort.

Joy Spencer asked members to provide pictures for social media and to share and invite on Facebook to expand viewership and participation in League events. To protect privacy, pictures should be taken from the back of the audience.

Sue Anderson from the Nominating Committee said she needed members for this group by January 2017 to start the nominating process. She needs one Board member not up for reelection and a representative from each of the three counties.

**Adjournment:** by Pam Oxendine at 11:55am and seconded by Krishna Mondal.

