

## September 17, 2016 League of Women Voters Board Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Pam Oxendine, President

Eva Rogers, Vice President

Susan Marston, Treasurer

Pat McDaniels, Board Member

Krishna Mondal, Board Member

Jennifer Rubin, Board Member

Cynthia Mial, Secretary

**Call to Order** by Pam Oxendine at 10:08 am.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Susan Marston to approve the Agenda and seconded by Jennifer Rubin; all present were in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Susan Marston to approve the minutes for the August meeting and seconded by Krishna Mondal; all present were in favor.

### Reports

**Treasurer's Report from Susan Marston:** Susan said that in order to meet our income budget, we need to receive another \$3713 (\$1950 in dues and \$1763 in donations). The amount available to spend is reduced from last month because we have paid PMP (per-member-payment) dues to National (\$4704) and State (\$1617). For every \$60 in membership dues we receive, \$32 goes to National and \$11 to State, netting us \$17. We still need to have a financial review of the books for the previous fiscal year as discussed last month. Susan thanked Cynthia Wertz for creating the new, clear and informative webpage for the Education Fund.

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

**Membership Report from Eva Rogers:** Eva reported that LWVODC has 13 additional members since the last month's report bringing us to over 200 members. The New Members Lunch will be held on October 28 at the Sheraton in Chapel Hill. The cost will be \$15 with new members in for free.

Cynthia Mial moved that the Membership Report be approved with Krishna Mondal seconding and all present in favor.

**Communications Media Team Report from Jennifer Rubin:** Jennifer said that a new member, Joy Spencer, is a possible replacement for Kayla Vix who will no longer be with the team. Josh Mayo, Krishna Mondal, Jennifer Rubin and Joy Spencer will be meeting to discuss Vote411, Twitter and Website issues. The Issues Team and Communications Team leaders met since the last board meeting to discuss ways to support and publicize League events and issues. Jennifer also mentioned an interview of Pam Oxendine with Frank Stasio. The Sadie McGrady book event on October 2 was mentioned as worth LWVODC support. The book encourages young girls to consider running for public office and, as such, is nonpartisan and civic-minded.

Pam Oxendine moved to approve the Communications Media Team report with Eva Rogers seconding and all present in favor.

**Voter Services Report from Krishna Mondal:** Krishna had met with Becky Winders on Vote411 and decided to enroll the League in this service. Susan Marston mentioned that there was no indication that the League payment she had sent out had been received. Krishna said that she would be getting the link to do so soon. Only contested elections are covered in the Voter Guides in Vote411. There are still some responses outstanding to the questionnaires sent to the candidates running. The launch date for the Voter Guide is October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Latino Credit Union Voter Registration effort met with few tangible results. For all of the time and scope of coverage, only 25 citizens got registered. Krishna had bilingual cards printed out with post-registration procedures and identification of important documents from boards of elections for newly registered voters unfamiliar with the process. Overall, voter registration has brought positive interest in the League and in membership opportunities.

Susan Marston read a letter from Ruth Ann Groh praising Krishna for her outstanding work on Voter Registration including the Vote411 work.

Cynthia Mial moved that the Voter Services report be approved with Susan Marston seconding and all present in favor.

**Public Education Action Team Report (email from Ruth Ann Groh):** Notification of the following meeting given: Public Education and the Legislature: What's on the Horizon? With Representative Graig Meyer on Monday, November 14 at 10:30 am in Meeting Room B at Chapel Hill Public Library.

**Environmental Issues Action Team Report from Eva Rogers:** There will be a meeting on Saturday, October 22 on Fracking at the Chapel Hill Library from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

Pam Oxendine moved to approve both the Public Education and Environmental Issues reports with Cynthia Mial seconding and all present in favor.

### **No Reports from the Health and Medicaid Expansion, Gun Violence Prevention and Violence Against Women Action Teams**

**New Business:** An email had been sent to Pam Oxendine from Vicki Boyer, a League member, asking the League to consider what stand it might take on a State Bond issue that involves funding for education.

Pam said that LWVODC would table discussion of this issue pending more details on the State League's stand and which groups/entities would actually benefit from the bond.

Kate Torrey had requested \$200 in funding for a Gun Violence Prevention Event in January 2017. Cynthia Mial moved to approve the funding with Jennifer Rubin seconding and all present in favor.

With some time remaining, there was general discussion of which issues to bring to an interview of Pam Oxendine with Frank Stasio. Promoting the Vote was considered a good theme with so many important elections taking place in North Carolina this year.

**Adjournment:** Jennifer Rubin moved that the meeting be adjourned with Eva Rogers seconding and all present in favor at 11:31 am.