

**League of Women Voters Queen Anne's County  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2020  
Centreville Library**



**Attending:** Patricia Jamison, Lorie Andersen-Petrie, Mary Campbell, Kay Dermody, Jinny Guy, Liz Hammond, Courtney Leigh, Carolyn Moorshead, Barbara Sharkey, Pat Sommers (non-board member), Niecy Chambers (Liaison LWVMD), and guests Gina Crook, Kitty Maynard, Jean Halperin, and Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President, Patricia Jamison, at 6:30 p.m.

**Introduction of Guests:** Patricia Jamison introduced guests Gina Crook, teacher at Mattapeake Elementary School; and Kitty Maynard, representative from Your Vote Your Voice and Jean Halperin, Mid-Shore LWV. Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin arrived near the end of the meeting.

Kitty Maynard gave an overview of Your Voice Your Vote and passed around an information sheet describing this organization - who they are and what they do. Their next meeting will be a “pot luck” on Thursday, March 12, if anyone is interested in participating. Contact [yourvoteyourvoicemd@gmail.com](mailto:yourvoteyourvoicemd@gmail.com) or by phone 443-485-1342.

Gina Crook discussed various ways to celebrate the centennial celebration. Gina gave an overview of classroom curriculum with regard to civic education. There was a discussion of a book study at the Kent Island Library. There was a discussion about the programs at the Easton Library, specifically a re-enactment program, and Carolyn Moorshead will contact the Easton Library to see if they will share their materials. Patricia Jamison and Gina will continue to stay in touch regarding the centennial celebration.

Jean Halperin informed the members that the LWV Mid-Shore is planning an event about Harriet Tubman.

Niecy Chambers gave an update on the LWVMD. The Winter Workshop will be held on January 25, 2020, and among the topics presented will be the dangers of a constitutional convention and redistricting.

**Minutes:** Barbara Sharkey moved to approve the December minutes, seconded by Courtney Leigh, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carolyn Moorshead presented the Treasurer's Report. The Education Fund has a balance of \$6,944.54, and the Operating Fund has a balance of \$6,789.55 for a total fund balance of \$13,734.09.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Update on data bases:** Liz Hammond stated that she is working with Barbara Sharkey and Carolyn Moorshead to keep the data base updated.

- **Social Media: Facebook & Webpage:**

Facebook: Courtney Leigh stated that she is continuing to receive information to post to the Facebook page.

Webpage: Barbara Sharkey stated that the webpage is still under construction but moving along nicely with pictures being added. Barbara stated that she is still working on the section of the webpage for membership renewals and/or donations. Barbara made the following recommendations to the board:

For membership dues made by credit card, processing fees will be added to regular fees. Fees currently are 2.9% plus \$.30 per charge and may be rounded up when determining amounts to be charged.

Donated amounts to the ED Fund would go into the LWVMD ED Fund with a designation the funds are for the QAC League.

Fees for other events with admission charges, such as the Annual Members Dinner will reflect the processing company fees so they will be slightly more than paying by check or cash.

All instances of paying by credit card will include the opportunity to print a form and mail in a check that would not include the processing fee.

The credit card acceptance process will be available on the LWVQAC.org website. Barbara Sharkey made a motion to approve the recommendations, and Ginny Guy seconded; the recommendations were passed.

- **Elected Official's Guide:** The Guide will have to be re-printed because of the vacant Circuit Court position, which will soon be filled. There was a discussion as to how often this guide should be re-printed. It was suggested that corrections and updates could be included on the website. Marion Grier who is responsible for the document will be consulted as to how often the guide should be printed. There will be follow-up discussion at the February meeting.
- **Census 2020:** Patricia Jamison gave an update on the 2020 Complete Count Census. There is an upcoming census event planned for Grasonville with the date TBA. This information will be passed on to Courtney Leigh to post on the website when it becomes available. The league will have a registration table at the event.
- **Chesapeake College Student League:** Patricia Jamison contacted Mark A. Berry, Director of Student Engagement & Development at Chesapeake College to discuss possible plans for a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the college. The league will collaborate with the college in planning a "birthday bash" to celebrate this event. Other events were also discussed such as a march for Women's History Month. Patricia stated that the student group will work with Mr. Berry on these events.
- **Plastic Free QAC:** Courtney Leigh gave an update on this forum which will be held on Wednesday, January 15, at the Kent Island Library, from 5:45-7:30 p.m. Courtney discussed how the forum will be conducted, the speakers, and topics. The forum has been advertised widely.
- **Annual Appeal:** Carolyn Moorshead stated that she is still receiving donations.
- **Update on tent purchase:** Ginny Guy recommended the purchase of an Ohuhu 10 x 10 Pop-up Canopy tent. There were some questions regarding how much the tent weighs and if the tent case has wheels to make it easy to move around. Ginny will do some more research and report on this at the February meeting.
- **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video:** Patricia Jamison gave an update on this to the board members. Patricia was in contact with Mike Francis of QACTV, and hopefully, the video will be completed by the end of January.
- **Annual Meeting:** Courtney Leigh reported that she has sent an e-mail to Elaine Weiss, author of *The Woman's Hour*, to inquire if she would be able to be our speaker at the annual dinner. Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin stated that she might be able to offer some suggestions for a speaker if Elaine Weiss

is not able to be our speaker. Ginny Guy suggested that perhaps we could show a video if we were not able to get a speaker. Niecy Chambers mentioned a video link that she will send that might be shown at the meeting. There were some suggestions made as to the venue for the annual dinner such as Prospect Bay. There will be further discussion at the February meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **VOTE 411 Training:** Marion Grier was not able to be present at the board meeting, but Jean Halperin gave the board an update on the training that she and Marion recently attended. The training was very beneficial. Jean gave an overview of each league's responsibilities. Each league will be responsible for their questions. LWVQAC will be responsible for the technical aspects of the voters' guide and LWVMid-Shore will be responsible for the printing of the guide.
- **Meeting – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events:** A Calendar of Events (attached), which was developed by the league planning committee, was reviewed by the board members. The first event, the Proclamation will be read at the County Commissioners' Meeting on February 11. There was a discussion regarding each of the events and how the league would participate in each event. Attached also, for your information, is a list of commemorative events planned by the AAUW of Easton that may be of interest.
- **Meeting with Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin:** Patricia Jamison introduced Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin, County Historian and member of the Board of Directors for the Mary Edwardine Bourke Emory Foundation, Inc. Mary Margaret presented the board with a history of Bloomfield Manor and gave an update on the progress of restoring the house which will house the new State Women's Museum. There will be a gala on August 22, 2020, to open the exhibit.

#### **OTHER:**

Mary Campbell stated that we will hold a forum for the U.S. House of Representatives and possibly the Board of Education. Early voting for the primary starts April 16, so we need to set a date for the forum as soon as possible. Sunday, March 22, or Sunday, March 29 were suggested dates. Patricia Jamison stated that she would contact Chesapeake College for the possibility of holding the forum at their site. Barbara Sharkey offered to assist Mary.

**Adjournment:** Courtney Leigh made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mary Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., at the Centreville Library.