

**League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County
Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2020
Video/Phone Conference**



Attending: Patricia Jamison, Lorie Andersen-Petrie, Mary Campbell, Marion Grier, Jinny Guy, Liz Hammond, Courtney Leigh, Theresa Morgan, Carolyn Moorshead, Barbara Sharkey, and Niecy Chambers (Liaison LWVMD)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Patricia Jamison, at 6:40 p.m.

LWVMD Update: Niecy Chambers stated that the State Board Letter for March was published today. Included in this Letter is a section regarding on-line meetings. These meetings are supported by the State Board and are referenced in their by-laws.

Minutes: The following are sections from the minutes of the March 9 meeting which include corrections:

Chesapeake College “Birthday Bash”: This event will be held on Tuesday, March 24, at Chesapeake College, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Patricia Jamison, Barbara Sharkey and Lorie Andersen-Petrie attended a planning meeting on March 3, along with Mark Berry, Coordinator of Student Activities, Chesapeake College and Corinna Crenshaw, student organization President of VOTERS (Voters Objectively Trying to Educate and Register Students). It was decided that there will be a birthday cake and balloons, and the league will have a table with information about the 19th Amendment and the LWVQAC. The student organization VOTERS currently has five members, and will participate with the league in the event. The LWVQAC acts in an advisory position to VOTERS.

VOTE 411: Marion Grier gave an update on the Voter’s Guide. Five hundred extra copies have been ordered in addition to those distributed as inserts in QAC local newspapers. The copies should be ready by the Friday before the forum on March 22

After the corrections were noted, Mary Campbell moved to approve the March minutes, seconded by Marion Grier, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Carolyn Moorshead presented the Treasurer’s Report. The Education Fund has a balance of \$9,109.54, and the Operating Fund has a balance of \$5,783.31 for a total fund balance of \$14,892.85. Jinny Guy made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for audit, seconded by Courtney Leigh, and the Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Facebook:** Courtney Leigh gave an update regarding the LWVQAC Facebook page. There have been some issues with downloading the logos, but Courtney is working with CANVA, a graphic design platform to resolve these issues. Courtney stated that she has also added information to the Facebook page regarding absentee ballots. Niecy Chambers stated that the State League will be holding their council meeting on June 6, 2020. This will be a virtual meeting, and the public is invited. This could also be posted on the QAC League’s Facebook page.
- **Webpage:** Barbara Sharkey stated that the website was not previously secure, but that issue has been resolved and the website is now secure.

- **Postponed Annual Meeting:** Courtney Leigh stated that she has been in contact with Prospect Bay Country Club to let them know that the Annual Meeting was postponed. Courtney will contact them again as soon as the league can establish a new date for the dinner.

There was discussion regarding the best way to allow league members to vote on items generally done at the annual meeting. The COVID-19 restrictions have caused the postponement of the Annual Dinner/Meeting, which was scheduled at Prospect Bay Country Club. In the past, members have voted on the proposed slate, the proposed budget and approved the minutes of the previous annual meeting. Several alternatives were discussed:

- ✓ Send via e-mail and attach the proposed slate, proposed budget and minutes of the last annual meeting; members would then be requested to respond and vote on the e-mail attachments.
- ✓ Conduct a “Google survey” requesting that the members vote on each of the three items.
- ✓ Send out a paper copies by US mail to be returned to the local league.

The board agreed that the process should be as easy as possible for the 53 paid members to respond. Twenty percent of the voting members are needed for a quorum, and the results need to be posted by June 30, which is the end of the league’s fiscal year.

It was decided to mail the proposed slate of nominations, the proposed budget, the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting and a paper ballot for voting to the members. A self-addressed envelope would be included for the members to return their ballots to the league. The mailing would need to be sent to the members by May 12, 2020, and the return ballot would have to be postmarked no later than June 12, 2020.

- **Nominating Committee:** Courtney Leigh discussed the proposed terms for the members and Board of Directors. It was stated that the league needs to fill two officer positions – Vice President and Treasurer. Currently the board consists of four officers and eight members for a total of twelve members. The current Vice President and one board member are retiring from the board. The league board currently has seven members whose terms expire in 2021 and five members whose terms expire in 2020. After a discussion of the duties of each position, the following is the proposed slate for 20-21:

President – Patricia Jamison (2021)
 Vice President – Liz Hammond (2022)
 Secretary – Lorie Andersen-Petrie (2021)
 Treasurer – Barbara Sharkey (2022)

Directors:

Mary Campbell (2022)
 Carolyn Moorshead (2022)
 Theresa Morgan (2021)
 Joyce Woodford (2021)
 Courtney Leigh (2022)
 Jinny Guy (2021)

Courtney agreed to continue with Facebook and to manage the league webpage. Jinny agreed to take over the expanded league database and the calendar. Courtney will continue to work on filling the two director positions open on the board. It was requested that board members continue to recruit new members, and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

- **Proclamation:** Patricia Jamison stated that Joyce Woodford is having the Proclamation framed and Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin is very enthusiastic about displaying the Proclamation in the State Women's History Museum.
- **AAUW Bus Trip:** Patricia Jamison stated that the bus trip is still on hold, but she will continue to follow-up on this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **June 2 Election:** It was stated that there will be no early voting this year. Governor Hogan has stated that the June 2 primary will be conducted largely by mail with limited in-person voting. The Governor has ordered the State Board of Elections to implement this plan. Patricia Jamison stated that she has been in contact with Cathy Quesenberry with the Queen Anne's County Board of Elections to determine a polling place for those voters who are not able to vote by mail. Both Niecy Chambers (LWVMD) and Cathy Quesenberry will keep us posted as more details become available.
- **Forums:** There was a discussion regarding the forums. Patricia Jamison has been in contact with Nancy Smith and Mary Campbell. The initial consensus is that the league is not in a position to conduct on-line forums at this time. There were several concerns regarding producing and broadcasting an on-line forum, what mediums could be used, what kind of audience could actually be reached, and how to get participation by the candidates. It was decided that the league should continue to pursue how to produce on-line forums in the future. Niecy Chambers stated that she will also look into this and get back to us at a later meeting. Courtney Leigh informed the board members that Shore Rivers will be holding a virtual "State of the Rivers Virtual Watch Party" on May 1. Courtney will inform the board members when more information is available, as this virtual event may provide information to assist with planning on-line forums.
- **General Election Forum:** This item will be discussed at a future board meeting.

OTHER:

Barbara Sharkey stated that she submitted documentation for the LWVQAC to be registered with the State of Maryland as a Tax- Exempt Nonstock Corporation. The cost was \$269.86. The league will now have to file an annual Personal Property Tax Report.

Adjournment: Mary Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Carolyn Moorshead seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be a virtual online conference meeting on Monday, May 11, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.