

**League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County
Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020
Centreville Library**



Attending: Patricia Jamison, Lorie Andersen-Petrie, Mary Campbell, Kay Dermody, Marion Grier, Jinny Guy, Liz Hammond, Courtney Leigh, Theresa Morgan, Carolyn Moorshead, Barbara Sharkey, Joyce Woodford, Pat Sommers (non-board member), and Niecy Chambers (Liaison LWVMD)

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

LWVMD Update: Niecy Chambers stated that there was nothing specific to report.

Minutes: Jinny Guy moved to approve the February minutes, seconded by Joyce Woodford, and the minutes were approved unanimously. Barbara Sharkey stated that the minutes are now available on the website.

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 \$6,225.93 for a total fund balance of \$13,170.47.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on data bases:** Liz Hammond stated that there is no specific update; however, there are a few missing addresses. Board members who have the missing addresses will e-mail them to Liz.
- **Social Media: Facebook & Webpage:**
 - Facebook:** Courtney Leigh stated that she is continuing to post information and events that are sent to her by the members. Courtney will set up the league logo on Facebook. The 100th Anniversary events are continually being posted, and the forums will also be posted on Facebook. Patricia Jamison stated that she would send Courtney a link to the video to be posted.
 - Webpage:** Barbara Sharkey stated that the website continues to progress. She asked that photos sent for posting include names and information about the event. Barbara will post the information about the Annual Meeting with a form for on-line registration.
- **Census 2020:** Patricia Jamison stated that there will be another census event on Saturday, May 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Sudlersville Middle School, and the census committee has asked the league to participate with a table. Jinny Guy will send an e-mail to members to request volunteers for the event.
- **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. 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 college has established a student organization, "Voters Effectively Trying to Educate and Register

Voters,” which currently has five members, and they will participate with the league in the event. The LWVQAC acts in an advisory position to the group.

- **VOTE 411:** Marion Grier gave an update on the Voter’s Guide. Five hundred copies have been ordered. The copies should be ready by the Friday before the forum on March 22.
- **Update on tent purchase:** Jinny Guy stated that the 10 x10 Pop-up Canopy Tent that was purchased by the league has been delivered.
- **Annual Meeting:** Courtney Leigh gave an update on the Annual Meeting to be held Thursday, May 7, 2020, at the Prospect Bay Country Club, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. The cost will be \$50.80 per person. It was decided that the League will charge \$40.00 per person and the league will cover the rest of the cost. Courtney reviewed the menu options and said that there will be a cash bar. League members will supply bar snacks. There was a discussion about the annual meeting program. It will begin with the 100th Anniversary video, which the league developed and QACTV produced. Mike Francis from QACTV will show the video. This will be followed by an overview by Carolyn Moorshead of the interactive portion of the program, to include the audience, and a power point presentation by Pat Sommers of the timeline of the states’ ratification of the 19th Amendment.
- **100th Anniversary Events:**
 - ◆ **Video:** Patricia Jamison will e-mail a copy of the video to the board members.
 - ◆ **Next Book Discussion:** The next book discussion, *Moment of Lift*, part 2, will be held on March 24, at the Kent Island Library.
 - ◆ **Proclamation:** Patricia Jamison stated that the Proclamation was read by County Commissioners at their meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. It will also be read at the Annual Meeting and posted on the website and Facebook page. It was suggested that the Proclamation could be hung in the Women’s Museum. Patricia Jamison will follow-up on this suggestion. Joyce Woodford will have the Proclamation scanned and framed.
 - ◆ **Bus Trip:** Patricia Jamison stated that there was no further update at this time, but that she will follow-up with the AAUW to get an update.
 - ◆ **Movie Night:** There was a concern voiced about royalty rights if the league shows a movie. Lorie Andersen-Petrie will check with Julie Ranelli at the Kent Island Library for further information about securing permission to show the film. This item will be discussed again at the April meeting.
 - ◆ **Kent Island Day:** Jinny Guy brought the LWV banner to show to board members, and it was decided that the league did not need a new banner. The league will march in the parade, and sponsor a voter registration table at Kent Island Day on Saturday, May 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Annual Meeting:** The Nominating Committee that was approved at last year’s Annual Meeting was discussed. Courtney Leigh is the chair and Jean Moore and Susan Blount are members. Carolyn Moorshead will prepare the Budget for the Annual Meeting Workbook. There was a discussion regarding board members and terms for 2021 and 2022. The league will need to elect a new vice president and treasurer, as Marion Grier and Carolyn Moorshead have declined to renew.
- **Forums:** Mary Campbell discussed the press release and reviewed the forum program. She provided a list of volunteer positions needed for the forum and assignments were made. All candidates (Democrat and Republican) have agreed to participate. A contingency plan was discussed, if the Coronavirus causes the forum on March 22 to cancel audience participation. Niecy Chambers stated that the State League has a wealth of information about holding forums and gave a link to the webpage. Barbara Sharkey shared flyers about the forum that she had printed, which is posted on the

webpage and Facebook. The forum for the general election in October will be discussed at a later date.

- **Requests for LWVQAC Support:** Patricia Jamison discussed the topic of allowing other organizations to use our name. It was stated that this can only be done for non-partisan events.

OTHER

- **Your Voice Your Vote:** The next meeting of Your Voice Your Vote will be a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. at Sumner Hall, Washington College, on March 12, 2020. There will be training about talking to reluctant members of the public during canvassing and at registration tables. Lorie Andersen-Petrie Theresa Morgan will attend and report back.
- **Common Cause:** Theresa Morgan stated that she went to Legislative Day in Annapolis with Common Cause and the League of Women Voters to advocate for changes to gerrymandering (Fair Maps Act). There was a good turnout. Theresa will continue to follow-up on this and other issues.
- **NAACP:** Carolyn Moorshead stated that she received a request from the NAACP to purchase an ad in their program for the Scholarship Banquet to be held on Saturday, April 25. The cost of a quarter page ad is \$95.00. A motion was made to purchase the ad by Courtney Leigh and seconded by Mary Campbell. The motion was approved unanimously. It was decided to use last year's ad again. Carolyn will follow-up with the NAACP and also ask them if the league can have a voter registration table at this event. She will report back at the April meeting.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday, April 13, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., at the Centreville Library.