

**League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County
Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020
Video/Phone Conference**



Attending: Patricia Jamison, Lorie Andersen-Petrie, Mary Campbell, Marion Grier, Liz Hammond, Courtney Leigh, Carolyn Moorshead, Barbara Sharkey, Joyce Woodford, Niecy Chambers (Liaison LWVMD), Pat Sommers (non-board member) and Gina Crook (non –board member)

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

LWVMD Update: The LWVMD Council will be held on June 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the LWVUS Convention will be held June 25- 27. The LWVQAC has two voting delegates to the council and two voting delegates to the convention. Both of these will be virtual events, and members are encouraged to sign-up for the Council, but only delegates can register for the Convention. Niecy stated that there will be a “vote by mail” study for consideration at the Council. Niecy also stated that there will be a Proposal for Concurrence by LWVUS with LWVNM’s Position on Transfer of Federal Public Lands.

Minutes: Barbara Sharkey moved to approve the April minutes, seconded by Mary Campbell, 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 \$5,200.35, for a total fund balance of \$14,309.89. Courtney Leigh made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for audit, seconded by Barbara Sharkey, and the Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved. Mary Campbell inquired as to whether we need to have an audit as there will be a new Treasurer. Carolyn Moorshead stated that we do an audit every year. Joyce Woodford stated that she would assist with the audit this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Facebook:** Courtney Leigh gave an update regarding the LWVQAC Facebook page and asked everyone to look at the page and provide feedback. There will be a link to the revised Voters’ Guide posted on the Facebook page.
- **Webpage:** Barbara Sharkey stated that the revised Voters’ Guide will be posted on the website.
- **Nominating Committee:** Courtney Leigh reviewed the nominating slate, and the board members welcomed Pat Sommers and Gina Crook as new board members 2020-2022. Peg Donovan, a new member of the Nominating Committee to 2021, will be attending future board meetings when possible.
- **Voting by Mail on Annual Meeting Items:** Mary Campbell stated that information was sent to all LWVQAC members, which included the Slate for 2020 – 2022, the proposed 2020 budget, a copy of the minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting, the proposed budget, a ballot and a self-addressed envelope. There were 26 envelopes mailed and seven had two ballots, so that husbands, including the four husbands of board members could vote. Carolyn Moorshead will be in charge of getting the ballots from the post office box and counting them. Barbara Sharkey will send Carolyn a list of the members. A reminder will be sent to those members who have not responded by two weeks prior to June 15. Courtney Leigh will post a reminder on Facebook, and Liz Hammond will send an e-mail reminding those who have not responded to please submit their ballot postmarked by June 15.

Carolyn Moorshead will contact Patricia Jamison and Liz Hammond with the names of those members who need a reminder. Patricia Jamison has emailed copies of the same information to board members who are asked to return the marked and signed ballot to her.

- **Updated Voters' Guide:** Marion Grier gave an update on the revisions to the Voters' Guide (especially the revisions on page 2). It was stated that the guide last revised on May 7 will be posted on Facebook and the website. Barbara Sharkey inquired as to what the league would do with the 500 copies of the original printed guide. Marion Grier stated that she had spoken with Cathy Quesenberry of the Queen Anne's County Board of Elections, and the Board of Elections would like some at the Vincit Street location. Marion stated that she would contact Cathy for information as to where and when to deliver them.

Niecy Chambers suggested that some of the Voters' Guides and Vote411 cards could be placed at the food distribution sites in the county. It was stated that there is a food bank at Haven Ministries and one in Sudlersville. Courtney Leigh stated that she has a Food Distribution Schedule for Queen Anne County Public Schools and will e-mail it to the board members.

- **Cost of Voters' Guides:** There was a discussion regarding sending a donation to the Mid-Shore League to offset their cost of the Voters' Guide. It was stated that Mid-Shore has a larger burden of the cost. It was also stated that in the future it would be helpful to get a better breakdown of the costs of the Voters' Guide. Carolyn Moorshead made a motion to send a check to Mid-Shore for \$250.00, seconded by Barbara Sharkey, and unanimously approved by the members.
- **Shore Rivers "State of the Rivers Virtual Watch Party":** Courtney Leigh gave an overview of the "Watch Party" and the Facebook platform that was used to conduct this presentation. Courtney described how the platform worked in order to get the most viewers and responses. The board members that viewed the presentation said that it was extremely well-done and informative. There was a discussion about whether the LWVQAC conducting a live topic or political forum in the future. It was decided that even though the "State of the Rivers" worked extremely well there were still too many unknowns in order for the league to develop and conduct a political forum "watch party" this year.
- **General Election Forum:** There was a discussion regarding voting by "mail-in ballots," for the general election and when the ballots would be mailed. If the league was able to hold a forum, it would have to be held before the ballots were mailed. Niecy stated that ballots would probably be mailed out three weeks before the election. Consequently, it was stated that the league would have to hold a forum (either live or virtual) six weeks before the election. Pat Sommers suggested conducting an interview with the candidates. It was also stated that due to the effects of the coronavirus on public gatherings, the candidates would be looking for other ways to present their programs and policies to the voters. Patricia Jamison suggested that the board continue to discuss this at the upcoming retreat.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Virtual Youth Lesson:** Patricia Jamison presented to the board a tutorial, "Time to Vote: Virtual Youth Registration Lesson." Patricia will forward this to Gina Crook, and Gina will send it to her high school social studies contact for possible use with students.
- **Retreat:** It was decided to hold the Retreat on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. A committee has been established consisting of Patricia Jamison, Lorie Andersen-Petrie, Liz Hammond, and Barbara Sharkey to work-out topics to be introduced and discussed at the Retreat.

OTHER:

- Marion Grier stated that the topic coming before the convention regarding the New Mexico proposal for concurrence about the transferring of federal public lands is extremely important and that the board members should seriously consider concurrence with their position. Patricia Jamison will send information about the proposal to board members.

- Patricia Jamison encouraged all the board members to register for the virtual LWVMD Council which will be held on June 6. Patricia and Marion Grier will register for the convention on June 25-27 and are the two voting delegates to the Council and Convention.

Adjournment: Barbara Sharkey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Carolyn Moorshead seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be the board's virtual online retreat on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.