

**League of Women Voters – Dare  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Kill Devil Hills Town Hall Meeting Room  
Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:15 – 11:15**

**Call to Order and Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 by co-president Fran Kapinos. Board members present were John Addison, James Cofield, Lorelei DiBernardo, Marty Hamed, Jessica Loose, Judy Lotus, Susan Merrill, Marion Midgett, Andrea Schollaert, Sunny Shea, Mary Jane Slesinski. Fran thanked everyone for all their hard work for the league.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report -None**

**Committee Reports**

**Membership - Susan Merrill**

A renewal reminder has been sent. Board members questioned the renewal period and Susan reminded us that our membership year is July 1 – June 30.

**Voter Registration – Jessica Loose**

Jessica had applications and voter information sheets for all who had agreed to provide voter registration opportunities throughout the community. Jessica and Peggy will work with both Democratic and Republican organizations at First Flight High School and Kathryn will have a voter registration table at Manteo High School.

**Voter Services – Lorelei DiBernardo**

Lorelei reported that all 26 municipal candidates have agreed to participate in VOTE 411. Information will be sent to the candidates during the week of October 7<sup>th</sup>. Candidate Forum information has been sent electronically to all Dare County towns. Training for coordinators and moderators is scheduled for September 16 at 2:00 in the KDH Town Hall Meeting Room. Candidate Forum packets will be sent September 23. The VOTE 411 website is now up and running. Lorelei has applied for a state grant to off-set costs of 411.

**Publicity – Marty Hamed**

All information regarding local elections has been sent to media.

**Board of Elections – Kathryn Fagan**

No report. James informed us that the voting machine available to voters with a disability has been changed at the state level but localities have not been informed of the date by which the change will become mandatory.

**Hot Topic Luncheons – Mary Jane Slesinski**

Hurricane Dorian created the need to reschedule hot topic luncheons. With the new schedule, the first luncheon will be November 1 at Roosters. The speaker is Gail Sonnesso who will share information on Alzheimer's, including services available in the OBX.

### **Education – Marion Midgett**

Marion reported on the meeting held on September 12<sup>th</sup>. There was damage to the high school in Hatteras and renovations are underway. Marion distributed copies of a resolution accepted by Dare County Board of Education in June, 2019, in which Dare County expressed formal opposition to partisan election of board members.

### **Natural Resources – John Addison**

John and Mary Jane are deciding how best to take advantage of our list of possible speakers: first Friday lunches or an evening panel or a combination of both.

### **ERA – Judy Lotas**

Judy reported that at this point in time, the ERA is dead in North Carolina but alive in the Virginia House. The vote is scheduled for January. Judy shared ways members of the league might become involved with supporting the effort in Virginia.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – James Cofield**

The committee meets on October 9<sup>th</sup> at KDH Town Hall at 10:00 am. An announcement regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration will be incorporated into the moderators remarks at each candidate forum.

### **Old Business**

Fran asked if there were handouts for the rescheduled Kick- Off Dinner to be held Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. DWCC.

The state of North Carolina has concerns about the likelihood that Latinos will be under counted in the 2020 Census.

### **New Business**

Judy suggested the LWV Dare disseminate a monthly message on the importance of voting, reminding local residents that every vote counts. A discussion of the best ways to accomplish this task were discussed. They included printed sources, electronic sources and social media. To begin, it was suggested that board members submit letters to the editor to our printed news sources. It was also noted that news outlets will take and print articles for which a fee has been paid leading to a discussion of whether to establish an advertising budget. Other ideas are welcome.

### **Closing Announcements – Fran Kapinos**

We were reminded of the Welcome Back Dinner, Our next board meeting is Wednesday, October 16 at the Library beginning at **10:15**. In fact, it was decided that all board meeting will begin at 10:15. Only the day of the week will vary between Tuesday and Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06

Respective Submitted,  
Andrea Schollaert  
Recording Secretary

