

**League of Women Voters – Dare
Board of Directors Meeting
Kill Devil Hills Town Hall Meeting Room
Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

Call to order and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by co-president Fran Kapinos. Board members present were David Addison, Wendy Addison, Nancy Birindelli, James Cofield, Lorelei DiBernardo, Glenda Keel, Judy Lotas, Craig Merrill, Susan Merrill, Andrea Schollaert, Mary Jane Slesinski.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Birindelli

Checking account balance on 11/15/2019 - \$7,417.96 and a CEF balance on 11/20/2019 - \$ 6,000.54. Nancy also provided us with a list of members and supporters who have contributed to the Citizens Guide. Thus far, we have 8 new contributors this year. Nancy also reported the revenue from the Belk Charity Day Sales was \$240.00 and that an additional amount will be reported later. We discussed whether to continue with the Belk sales. A decision will be made before the next sale event.

Committee Reports

Voter Services – Lorelei DiBernardo

Lorelei reported Dare County 2019 municipality candidates had a 92% participation rate in VOTE 411. Lorelei also reported she has completed the volunteer survey and found no issues.

Membership – Susan Merrill

We currently have 74 members with 19 former members have not yet renewed. Nancy reminded us that some members in the past have not renewed till the end of the calendar year. Susan is working on the recruitment letter to potential members suggested by current members. Lin Logan's piece on the history of the league will be included in the mailing. The board discussed whether to continue with a half year membership for those who join in January or to extend the membership to 18 months. Consensus was for the 18 month membership.

Fund Raising/Citizens Guide

Carol is still receiving updates to the 2020 guide that will go to the printer in January.

Hot Topic Lunches – Mary Jane Slesinski

The speaker for the January lunch is Michael Lewis providing information on “Hotline Topics.”

A Hot Topic Lunch is scheduled for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, April 26, 2020 to be held at a restaurant in Duck. The speaker is Robby Fearn of the Pine Island Audubon Reserve. A field trip will follow the lunch. John will provide links to articles relevant to the presentation on the LWV website.

Education

It was announced that a replacement on the Dare County Board of Education is needed for Ben Spruill, newly-elected mayor of KDH. This was followed by a discussion of how the community becomes aware of open positions.

ERA Update – Judy Lotas

Judy stated it is very likely that the Virginia State Legislature will vote for ratification of the ERA in January when the newly elected legislators take office. A trip to Richmond to celebrate was discussed.

100th Anniversary Plans

James reported the committee is hard at work with planning activities for 2020. The Gala committee will meet the week of November 18. Lin is close to completing the history document. Nancy is exploring the possibility of a grant from the Community Foundation, and First Flight High School will be the location for the film series. James is exploring the possibility of developing a coloring book for children that would be an educational tool and is discussing the possibility of funding from the NC State LWV Board.

New Business

Craig announced the NC LWV Board now has an office in Raleigh that will, in the future, be equipped with the technology to support teleconferencing.

The board agreed to post information about issues relevant to the aging OBX population. It will most likely be included in the newsletter. Exact format to be determined.

A motion was made and approved to purchase thank you cards to be hand written and sent to donors.

There is NO board meeting in December. The next meeting is January 15 at 10:15.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05

Andrea Schollaert
Recording Secretary