

**League of Women Voters – Dare
Board of Directors ZOOM Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

Call to Order and Announcements:

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 by co-president Fran Kapinos. Board members present were John Addison, Nancy Birindelli, Carol Butscher, Lorelei DiBernardo, Marty Hamed, Glenda Keel, Jessica Loose, Judy Lotas, Susan Merrill, Marion Midgett, Andrea Schollaert, Sunny Shea and Mary Jane Slesinski.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the April 15, 2020 meeting were approved as presented. The minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting are correct as presented but some board members believe reported annual salary of Dare County teachers may not be correct. Board members will double check for accuracy prior to the annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report

As of May 20, 2020 the checking account balance is \$9,743.43, the CEF balance is \$2,891.16 with a combined balance of \$12,634.59. Nancy made a request for volunteers to discuss what fund raising strategies may be employed to adapt to 'the new normal.' As an example, the Belk Charity Day Sales has been an LWV fund raising activity for the past several years. While Belks will once again hold the Charity Day Sale, the proceeds will go to the children of first responders rather than non-profit organizations.

Annual Meeting, June 4, 2020

The annual meeting will be held via ZOOM and will begin at 10:15, with check in beginning at 10:00. Officers will be installed via ZOOM during this meeting. Michele Barnes, Elections Director, Dare County will be our speaker and will join the ZOOM meeting around 10:30. She will address absentee voting, voter registration, and early voting. Fran reported we received over 50 responses to the electronic ballot and all items are approved.

LWV Board Retreat, June 17 on ZOOM.

Procedural details are forthcoming.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee:

Glenda reviewed the slate of elected and appointed directors and officers for 2020-2021.

Citizen's Guide

In years past the printing costs for the Citizen's Guide have been offset through contributions from local businesses, the towns and the county. Again, in these uncertain times, it is difficult to predict what financial support might look like for this coming year. There was a suggestion that we not make changes to develop a 2020 - 2021 guide. However, after discussion it was decided to make the necessary changes with the understanding adjustments may need to be made to numbers of copies to print and how to cover the costs. This decision will depend on donations.

Voter Registration:

No report. All activities scheduled for spring were canceled.

Voter Services:

Lorelei expressed concern over the complexity of absentee balloting in the time of COVID 19. She also announced Voter Services is now a 3 person team; Lorelei, Deb Helber, and Ginger Webster. VOTE 411 will include Currituck candidates for fall 2020 on the website. Lorelei and Deb are attempting to obtain the email addresses for 2 candidates, Farrow and Murphy. She also announced Deb has completed her VOTE411 training. Candidate forums for the fall election may need to be held on ZOOM.

Board of Elections:

Judy reported that 2 documents are being revised for the next election. One, Student Poll Worker Assistants Form and the other is the Multipartisan Assistance Team Brochure.

Membership:

Susan reported we have 17 renewals. She also proposed a motion to allow for automatic membership renewal using the PayPal program on the LWV Dare website. Susan will take responsibility for contacting members selecting this option in advance of the annual renewal date to determine whether members want to renew. If a member chooses to cancel, specific instructions will be sent. The motion was approved and Judy will contact Teuta to request this update to the website. It was also brought to our attention that dues for LWV- Dare are slightly lower than the rest of the state chapters.

Hot Topics Lunch and Programs

Mary Jane stated all first Friday activities have been placed on hold. We will wait to see if we may need to consider using ZOOM for future programs.

Publicity

Marty had contact with the Coastland Times who informed her that the special edition issue, the one that includes LWV -Dare 100 Anniversary information, will be made available to the public in July.

Education:

Marion provided updates on what is happening as the school year ends. The central office has downsized personnel to help offset reduced funding, the final decision regarding commencement for 2020 grads will be announced in early June, the new school year will begin on August 17, with 5 days for remote learning added to the calendar. She also informed us the LWV NC is encouraging the State Task Force to recruit more members from education. And the North Carolina Association of Education discussed how to best provide emotional support for students and ways to address deficits from virtual learning. A complete report will be in the May LWV-Dare Newsletter.

Natural Resources:

John Addison announced that Southern Shores is soliciting input from the community regarding the beach replenishment project. This was John's last meeting. He stated he was happy to have been part of a group of dedicated people. He and his wife Wendy will continue as active members.

ERA:

Judy showed examples of postcards designed to encourage voters to contact NC elected officials asking them to support extending the deadline for the ratification of the ERA. The postcards provide pictures and statements by fathers stressing the importance of the ERA for their daughters. The postcards are

being sent to likely voters in NC.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Calendar:

June 4, 2020 Annual Meeting using ZOOM

10:15 am, with check in beginning at 10: 00.

Installation of Officers and Speaker Michele Barnes, Election Director, Dare

June 17, 2020 LWV Board Planning Retreat via ZOOM

Detailed procedure to be developed after annual meeting.

August 19, 2020 LWV Dare Board Meeting

10:15 at KDH Library if appropriate, ZOOM if not.

August 26, 2020 Women's Equality Day

Activities TBD

September 11, 2020 Mountain State Fair

NC LWV has a booth to promote ERA, VOTE411 and Fair Districts.

Funding approved but whether fair will take place is TBD.

September 17, 2020 Centennial Celebration, LWV and 19th Amendment

Kitty Hawk/ Hilton Pier House 5:30 – 8:30

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15

Respectively Submitted, Andrea Schollaert

