

League of Women Voters – Dare
Board of Directors ZOOM Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Call to Order and Announcements

The ZOOM meeting meeting was called to order at 10:18 by co-president Judy Lotas. Board members present were John Addison, Nancy Birindelli, Carol Butscher, James Cofield, Lorelei DiBernardo, Marty Hamed, Fran Kapinos, Glenda Keel, Jessica Loose, Judy Lotas, Susan Merrill, Marion Midgett, Andrea Schollaert, and Mary Jane Slesinski.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the March 25, 2020 conference call meeting were not unanimously approved as there was one dissenting vote. This vote was the result of differences of opinion on an oral vote on a motion that was made and then revised after discussion regarding the voluntary donations by board members to the Outer Banks Community Foundation COVID 19 Relief Fund.

Treasurer's Report

There was no formal report as there has been very little action over the past month. However, Nancy reported we currently have a balance of \$9013.81 in our operating budget and \$28.3 in the CEF Fund. The reimbursement check from LWV NC was received and placed in the operating budget. \$860.00 was received in voluntary donations from board members and that amount was sent to the OBX Community Relief Fund. The proposed budget for 2020 – 2021 was presented and approved.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee:

Glenda reported that there are nominees for all vacant positions for 2020 -2021. Glenda also reported that the League of Women Voters of the United States Impact on Issues 2018-2020 : A Guide to Public Policy Positions will be sent to all new board members.

Voter Registration

No Report

Voter Services

Lorelei reported that Ginger Webster will assist as needed for Voter Services. Deb Helber has also agreed to assist Lorelei with VOTE 411 and is willing to serve on the board. Glenda will contact Deb. Lorelei is also working to have all candidates for the November 2020 election available on VOTE 411.

Board of Elections

No Report

Membership

Susan reported there has been no change in current membership. We remain at 104 members.

Citizen's Guide

Carole reported that all guides were delivered before the Stay at Home order was issued for North Carolina. Under the current circumstance, distribution is a problem. Carol will contact Teuta requesting to have the Year 2020 added to the Citizen's Guide Tab on the LWV-Dare website.

Hot Topics Lunch and Programs

No Report

Publicity

No Report

Newsletter/Facebook

No report

Education

Marion reported that Dare County has reduced distribution sites for school lunches to 3 locations to be better able to enforce social distancing. The locations are Manteo, First Flight and Hatteras elementary schools. Marion also reported the schools will not have end of year testing and that Pass /Fail grading will not have an impact on GPA. And finally, there is a committee to discuss school scheduling that will resume when general assembly is back in session.

Natural Resources

John reported that 9 projects for coastal resiliency have been awarded. He also reported that a legislative error wiped out a bond program for beach nourishment and other public projects. On a positive note, the error has been corrected. He mentioned a report that suggests the OBX should expect more intensive rain and storms and draught conditions that may lead to more wildfires. And, there are environmental improvements in the OBX from COVID 19 restrictions.

ERA

Judy said that ERA NC has completed the development of the statewide project directed toward the ratification of the ERA. The project is a post card campaign that focuses on fathers who wish equality for their daughters under the Constitution. Judy recommends watching *Mrs. American*, a mini series that examines the feminist wars of the 1970s. Available on Hulu.

100th Anniversary Celebration

All events for March and April have been cancelled and those scheduled for May are postponed.

Old Business

The League of Women Voters NC has adopted the California Platform for its newly developed website. The LWV - Dare Board is considering adopting the same platform. Judy will gather information from the the state board.

New Business

None

Calendar Check

Newsletter articles should be sent to John by April 29.

Next Board Meeting is May 20, at 10:15 Location TBD

June 4th Annual Member Lunch at 11:30 at Mako's Fingers Crossed

June 17 LWV Planing Retreat , OBX Visitor's Center Fingers Crossed Again

September 17 - 100th Celebration at Hilton Pier House 5:30 – 8:30

The was adjourned at 11:30

Respectively Submitted, Andrea Schollaert