

League of Women Voters – Dare
Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 10:19 by co-president Judy Lotas. Board members present were John Addison, Nancy Birindelli, Carol Butscher, James Cofield, Lorelei DiBernardo, Glenda Keel, Fran Kapinos, Marty Hamed, Susan Merrill, Marion Midgett, Andrea Schollaert, and Mary Jane Slesinski.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report

The checking account balance on March 15, 2020 was \$3,375.95, the CEF balance was \$8,500.54. A reimbursement of \$5,609.38, from our CEF Fund to our operating budget will be made leaving a CEF balance of \$2,891.16. After the CEF reimbursement is received, the balance the operating fund balance will be \$8985.33.

The grant request to the Community Foundation for support of the leagues 100th anniversary celebration and related activities was denied because some members of their board considered the LWV to be an advocacy group and viewed as having political overtones. The Community Fund grants are now being directed to the local COVID 19 Relief Fund. A motion was made and passed that board members could voluntarily send a check to Nancy and she would contribute to that Relief Fund and would send a check in that amount from LWV Dare.(This is now placed on pause waiting decisions and guidelines from the Community Foundation).

Information on donations will be included in next month's newsletter for the general membership.

Committee Reports:

Nominating

The new member breakfast was canceled. Glenda reported the position for Health will be filled by Courtney Gallop and Natural Resources by Laura Singletary. Glenda Keel will be Hot Topic Lunch Coordinator and Mary Jane Slesinski will serve as Nominating Committee Chair. The nominating committee will meet soon to continue the search to fill the remaining open positions.

Voter Services

LWV NC provided statistical data that shows usage of VOTE 411 Dare County increased from 2018 to 2020. Lorelei suggested we still need a more vigorous push for the November 2020 election. There will be a discussion about budget needed to support this effort.

Membership

Susan reported we currently have 104 members, 11 new members, 9 as a result of the mailings.

Citizen's Guides

The guides were delivered in early March. Carol reports she has about 200 extra guides. Jessica Loose will develop an update for the current Spanish edition. Carol also informed us that Charlotte Pedigo will work with her on the guide for next year.

Hot Topics Lunch and Programs

Sadly, the field trip to Pine Island Reserve scheduled for April 22nd is canceled.

Publicity

The Outlook section of the *Coastland Times* featuring an article in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the LWV is delayed till late April at the earliest.

Education

Marion announced that Dare County schools are currently closed through May 15. Children in Dare schools are still receiving lunches at 16 locations, remote learning was started on March 23rd and devices for this option are available through the schools. And, Spectrum is providing free services to Dare students.

Natural Resources

All natural resources volunteer programs in the Outer Banks are currently canceled.

State Update/ERA

LWV US is providing \$5000.00 to the NC ERA Committee for a statewide effort directed toward the ratification of the ERA amendment. One initiative is "Fathers for Equality." Judy requested images of fathers and daughters that might be used for this campaign.

100th Anniversary

All activities scheduled for April are canceled. We are waiting for an update on whether the May 5th Frederick Douglass presentation, sponsored with the Don and Catherine Bryan Cultural Series, will be canceled.

Old Business

The annual member lunch and planning retreat are on hold.

Calendar

The LWV Board will meet April 15th, at 10:15 via conference call or Zoom.

Respectively Submitted,

Andrea Schollaert
Recording Secretary

