

**League of Women Voters – Dare  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Kill Devil Hills Town Hall Meeting Room  
Wednesday, January 15, 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, James Cofield, Lorelei DiBernardo, Marty Hamed, Glenda Keel, Jessica Loose, Judy Lotas, Susan Merrill, Marion Midgett, Andrea Schollaert, Sunny Shea, and Mary Jane Slesinski.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

The checking account balance as of January 15, 2020 was \$9,106.00. The CEF balance as of January 15, 2020 was \$8300.54 with a combined total of \$17,406.54. Nancy announced that fund raising was about to end. She also stated that we had 9 new contributors this year and she suggested we send framed certificates to all businesses who have contributed. Members of the board extended a huge thank you to Nancy.

**Committee Reports**

**Citizens Guide/Fund Raising**

Carol reported she has added VOTE 411 to the Election page of the citizens guide and that she is exploring ways to include the LWV 100 Anniversary Logo to the cover for 2020. Board members made suggestions on placement of the logo. A motion was made and passed to include an apostrophe before the s on the cover of the Citizen's Guide. We also discussed what information to include on early voting with a goal of presenting the information in such a way that it is easily understood. James agreed to work with Carol to provide the correct terminology. The anticipated printing date is early February. We were reminded that this is an off year for the Spanish Guide and Jessica will work on an option that includes only the services available to all citizens to be distributed in 2021.

**Voter Registration / Day of Action**

A small group had discussed the possibility of including a voter registration opportunity on our Day of Action, February 14, 2021. However, early voter registration for the primary election ends before that day. Another complicating variable is that during the early voting period, an unregistered person wishing to vote may register and vote at the same location on the same day. So, it was decided that a single sheet be developed for distribution at the Day of Action, that clearly states the early voting schedule, locations for voting, and to remind individuals that a voter ID is NOT required for voting in the primary election.

**Day of Action Plan**

The state and national LWV asked local chapters to develop activities to make their presence known on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the organization. We are currently planning to have LWV members and friends in our local thrift shops, libraries, coffee shops, and the Baum Senior Center.. A

committee will meet in the near future to finalize plans and a brief training session will be held for all volunteers prior to the event.

### **Voter Services**

The Advocacy Guide that had the pictures of our representatives will be renamed Your Elected Officials Guide and will be updated.

The state LWV conducted VOTE 411 webinars for local chapters where it was emphasized that questions be carefully crafted to make certain they are nonpartisan. Lorelei and Sunny will contact our 2 local candidates and information will be available on February 4<sup>th</sup>. For 2020, the LWV- USA will handle the national candidates and the LWV- NC will be responsible for the state candidates.

### **100th Anniversary Activities**

The first film, *Ironed Jaw Angels*, will be shown on 2/27 at 4:00 at First Flight High School Media Center.

The Gala committee will meet January 22 to discuss plans for an event to be held in late August that commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment.

Lin Logan developed a history of the League of Women Voters booklet that will be distributed at future events and sent to prospective members. This document was shared with the NC State Board who is now also interested in duplicating it for distribution.

### **Board of Elections**

No Report

### **Membership**

We currently have 84 members.

### **Hot Topics Luncheon**

There is no lunch scheduled for February. The March luncheon will be announced when plans are finalized.

### **Publicity**

Marty will write an article for the local media that highlights our Day of Action celebration and will publicize the first movie in our film series.

### **Board of Education**

The Dare County Board of Education is interviewing candidates to fill the one vacant position. The public is invited to the open interviews scheduled for January 30, 2020 at 1:00pm at Nags Head Elementary School.

### **Natural Resources**

John encourages us to read an article in the **Coastal Review Online** that states the the NEPA redo would hasten the approval of permitting off shore drilling with implications for the proposed mid-Currituck bridge. John also provided information about a research program conducted at the Coastal Studies Institute in Manteo and undertaken by students from UNC who were spending a

semester there. The conclusion of the study was that without remediation, higher groundwater levels and increased flooding could eventually make septic systems ineffective and polluted.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Ali Breaux has resigned from the board.

### **Womens March in Raleigh, January 26, 2020**

A group of LWV Dare members will carpool to the event and will return the same day.

LWV Dare will submit a grant request to the Community Foundation for assistance with the cost of duplication of materials for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Sunday, March 15 is the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The LWV will participate. More details are forthcoming.

Newsletter articles are due by January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Next board meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup> at KDH Library'

Computer Workshop- Teuta Towler , January 29, 7 PM, KDH Town Hall.

April 22 is a LWV program at Pine Island Reserve with more details to come.

May 5, 7:00PM is a Frederick Douglass presentation at Jennette's Pier. More details will be provided.

Respectively Submitted,

Andrea Schollaert  
Recording Secretary