



Queen Anne's Lace *Daucus carota*



League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County
Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2022
Centreville Library

Attending: Patricia Jamison, Pat Sommers, Barbara Sharkey, Liz Hammond, Lorie Andersen-Petrie, Gina Crook, Mary Campbell, Julie Ranelli

Patricia Jamison called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Prior Minutes: Pat Sommers distributed the final version of the December 13, 2021, minutes before the meeting. Barbara Sharkey moved to approve the minutes and Gina Crook seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Sharkey presented the Treasurer's Report. The Education Fund has a balance of \$10,930.93, and the Operating Fund has a balance of \$5,353.31 for a total of \$16,284.24. That compares to the balance of \$14,820.84 on December 30, 2021.

We received a total of \$472.00 donated to our Education Fund and \$128.00 for three new memberships from the Annual Appeal mailing in December. In addition, we received \$250 today that is not reflected here. There were no expenditures this month.

Barbara reported that we now have 50 paid members. This is what we will be billed for by the State and US League dues.

We received 25 responses to the Annual Appeal for a total of \$1,878.19. Of that amount, \$434.19 was for ten new or renewal memberships and \$1,444.00 was for donations to the Education Fund. The Board believes the format of the Annual Appeal this year was very successful, and we gave credit to Jinny Guy who recommended the change in the format and created it.

There was a discussion about sharing the names of the people who contributed so that Board members could give a personal thanks to the people they knew. It was agreed that Barbara would email the names of the contributors, but not include the dollar amount of the contributions.

Barbara also presented a comparison of the actual income and expenditures and the approved budget for the year as of December, halfway through the fiscal year. To date, income exceeds the budgeted amount by \$144.73 (excluding the

additional \$250 received in January), and expenses are about half of what was budgeted.

Liz Hammond moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Gina Crook seconded. The Report was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Database and Calendar:** As noted above, Barbara Sharkey reported that we now have 50 paid members. Pat Sommers updated the database to reflect the final tally and distributed it to the Board before the meeting.

Pat Sommers also distributed the calendar to the Board before the meeting. It is based on information from the Board of Elections, timelines from LWVMD for VOTE411, and Voter Registration/Information events that the Board has planned for the year so far.

- **Social Media (Facebook and Webpage):** There was nothing significant to report regarding the Facebook page and the Website.

- **Archiving Records:** Julie Ranelli had a meeting on December 16 with Joni Floyd from the University of Maryland. UMD has records from QAC from the 1940's. While Joni doesn't work in the digitizing section, she did suggest several questions we should consider:

- Are we ok with the records being public?
- How often would we provide materials?
- Do we have an inventory of materials?
- What types of materials are there?
- Who has the rights to the materials – LWVQAC or UMD

There is a backlog to the digitization process right now.

In addition the QAC library could scan and save documents on a flash drive.

Finally, LWVMD has set up a Google Drive on which each local league can use to save files and determine access.

Patricia Jamison said that there was a lot for us to consider and will set up a meeting for the Archiving Records Committee to discuss options.

- **Revised Voters' Guide Questions/VOTE 411 Training:** Liz Hammond reported that our questions have been submitted to Barbara Crain at the State League. There will be training on the new VOTE411 system on February 8.

- **Police Accountability Act of 2021: Update at February Meeting?:** Patricia Jamison asked the Board whether we wanted to have the Sheriff give us an update of Queen Anne's County's implementation of the Police Accountability Act of 2021. After some discussion, the Board agreed that it

would make more sense to wait until after the County has announced some plans for implementation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Program Planning: Barbara Sharkey reported the request to fill out a form from the LWVUS regarding the Program Planning to be used at the National Convention as a guide to setting the Programs for the upcoming two years. Barbara participated in a virtual meeting held by Linda Kohn, LWVMD Program Chair, in December, discussing the Program Planning process and the importance of all Leagues having input to it. National positions are being reviewed now because the national convention is being held in June 2022 and the program for the next couple years (which includes the positions) will be voted on. In odd years--such as 2023--state positions are reviewed and a state convention is held.

Information explaining the different Program about the categories as well as the activities the LWVUS has done in the recommended on-going programs is available here: <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/policies-guidelines/leaders-guide-lwvus-program-planning-2022-2024>.

The Board will discuss this at the February meeting. The on-line form to the LWVUS is due by no later than March 1. Board members should send questions, comments, and recommendations to fill out the form to Patricia Jamison before the February 14th meeting.

- **Annual Appeal Letter Confusion:** Barbara Sharkey reported that it appears that some people thought the Annual Appeal letter was asking for membership renewal and donations. Some people renewed their membership as part of the Annual Appeal who had already paid. To solve this, next year we will send two different forms – one for those who have already paid their annual membership dues and one for those who are not current members. Jinny Guy will need to update the Procedure for the Annual Appeal accordingly.
- **Legislative Map Request from Nikki Tyree:** The Legislative Redistricting Advisory Commission released their draft Legislative district map on December 20 and is still accepting written testimony by email. Nikki Tyree, the State Director of the State League, sent a request to League Presidents encouraging local boards to closely review the map and to provide written feedback to the Commission this week. Our Board reviewed the map, noted that a change in our district was that Caroline County is now split between two, but concluded that we had nothing to comment.
- **Photo Release Form:** The Board discussed the need to develop a release form to use if we want to take pictures of other people at events. We are

compiling a few examples, beyond the Anne Arundel County League's. Patricia Jamison will put together a committee to come up with a form. We cannot use a picture of an individual on social media without permission in writing.

- **Annual Dinner:** Patricia Jamison will follow up with Joyce Woodford who was going to look at the possibility of using Prospect Bay for our Annual Meeting/Dinner. The Board discussed options for a topic and a speaker. Patricia is going to contact John Lewis, the Headmaster of Gunston School, about being a speaker. We agreed that we wanted to hold the Annual Dinner some time during the week of May 9.
- **Mid-Term Elections:** Patricia Jamison was contacted by Cece Trainer from Kent Count LWV about the Forums that Kent County will be the lead for. The Chesapeake Community College is not taking reservations for forums until there is relief from the pandemic, hopefully in late February. The Board had a brief discussion about what forums we might have and which League is responsible. We won't know for sure what Forums we will need to do until after the deadline for candidate filing, February 22.
The Board agreed that any Forums that we have should be in or before the 1st week of June so that they are done in time for press coverage before Early Voting starts on June 16.
- **Public Libraries:** Patricia Jamison discussed the editorial that appeared in the Washington Post on January 1 about "The Golden Age of Public Libraries Dawns Again." She praised the Queen Anne's County Libraries; the rest of the Board agreed and discussed the different ways we use their services. She passed the article on to Julie Ranelli, who is the librarian at the Kent Island branch.
- **LWVMD Winter Workshop on Jan. 29 from 9-12:15:** Patricia Jamison reminded the Board that the LWVMD Winter Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 29. She will attend, and others are also welcome to attend. Gina Crook posted the announcement on our Facebook page.

Adjournment: Julie Ranelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gina Crook seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:07.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on February 14, 2022 at the Centreville Library.

Prepared by Pat Sommers, Secretary