



Queen Anne's Lace *Daucus carota*



League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County
Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2022
Centreville Library

Attending: Patricia Jamison, Liz Hammond, Barbara Sharkey, Lea Brooks, Mary Campbell, Gina Crook, Jinny Guy, Julie Ranelli, Joyce Woodford

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

Prior Minutes: A motion by Liz Hammond with second by Mary Campbell to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Sharkey presented the Treasurer's Report. The combined balance of both the Education and Operating Funds on June 13, 2022, is \$15,989.16. That compares to a balance of \$17,891.99 on May 10, 2022. Expenses included the Annual Dinner, a five-year Domain fee and printing cost for 100 Guides to Government Officials. Income was for a donation to the Education Fund and a membership fee.

A motion by Gina Crook with second by Lea Brooks to accept the Treasurer's Report passed.

The State League is putting together a detailed handbook for Treasurers. Local Treasurers will meet to work through a draft and propose changes before the final product is issued.

Old Business:

Brief Updates on the Following Items

- ✓ **Database and Calendar** – This item was tabled in Pat Sommers' absence.
- ✓ **Social Media (Facebook & Webpage)** - Gina Crook will continue to maintain our presence on social media. She will post forum fliers and pictures from both the Annual Dinner and voter registration table at the Juneteenth celebration. Gina will also look into how the league can use Instagram, Twitter, Tick Tock, and Snap Chat to further our communication outreach. It was noted that the state

- league puts our posts on their Facebook page.
- ✓ **Archiving Records** – Julie Ranelli reported that the state league has given us access to their Google Drive account, which we could use for archiving current documents. That would require some orientation to the program for those who don't already use it. Patricia Jamison will set up a meeting with the Archives Committee to fully discuss this and how we might digitize our historical documents.
 - ✓ **Vote 411, Voters' Guide and Guide to Government Officials for Citizens of QAC** – The Board gave well-deserved accolades to Liz Hammond for her work on Vote411 and the Voters' Guide. Liz reported that Vote411 is now live. It can be a little slow in downloading, especially if you are trying to access it on your phone. The paper version of the Voters' Guide is nearly ready for pick-up from the printer. Liz will let us know when she has picked up the printed guides so that Board members can disseminate them.

The Guide to Government Officials has been updated and printed. Liz will e-mail the updated guide to Barbara to be included on the LWVQAC website. Gina will publish the guide on social media. Liz recommended that we go back to only printing the Guide in July and December as the price has increased. The Board concurred. There was some discussion about how to reach younger voters, and it was suggested that Liz contact Ralph Watkins and Barbara Crain at the State League to ask what information and tools they might have regarding this.

- ✓ **Update on Juneteenth VR/Education Event** – Joyce Woodford reported that the event was a success. There was a good amount of traffic at the league table where we gave out fliers for the forums and various other information. Everyone who stopped by was already registered to vote including a couple who had recently moved to the area.
- ✓ **Tentative Schedule of VR/Education Activities at Farmer's Market** – We are planning to have tables at the Farmer's Market in Stevensville, Centreville Day, Corsica River Day, National Voter Registration Day, and Make a Difference Day. It is unclear who is in charge of staffing tables at these events. Patricia will investigate.
- ✓ **Request from Mark Berry at Chesapeake College** – Mr. Berry asked Patricia if we could have a table at the college once a month. She explained that we don't have the resources to do that.

However, we could be there once in September and once in October. Patricia will follow up with Mr. Berry. Also, there was a brief discussion about the Board of Elections' requirement to attend their training prior to registering voters. Anyone who would like to register voters can arrange with the Board of Elections to be trained. Those Board members who trained in 2021 will need training again in the fall of 2023. We need only one trained person at our information tables.

New Business:

Debriefing on the 19th Annual Meeting/Dinner and Looking Ahead to the 20th Annual Meeting/Dinner – All agreed that it was a great success. Our speaker, John Lewis is headmaster at the Gunston School. He talked about young people and our government and how to involve them more. He made several good suggestions to us which are outlined below:

1. Get young people involved in the League, by contacting local HS teachers to see if there are things students can do for us to help fill their Civics requirement such as help us with tech things and sit at Voter Information tables. Julie will contact KI and QAC and Gina will contact John Lewis at Gunston.
2. Continue to put our publications online and to use social media. We are continuing to digitize.
3. Keep in mind that the National and State League initiatives. These topics are of interest to young people. We will make an effort to focus on and promote those initiatives.
4. Address diversity

The camaraderie and food were great. There was consensus to go back to Prospect Bay Country Club next year and that we need to find another dynamic speaker. It was noted that it will be our 20th Annual Meeting Dinner so we will want to make that a focus. Suggestions for a speaker are: Sean Kenna, KIHS principal; and McKenzie Poust who is young and has lived in Jordan. Patricia will ask John Lewis for ideas. Gina will contact Mr. Kenna and Julie will contact Ms. Poust to ask if they would consider speaking. Mary Campbell will investigate the cost of a paid newspaper ad for the dinner.

- ✓ **Request from Kent Re: June 26 Forum at Chesapeake College** – The Kent County League is the lead League for the upcoming forum at Chesapeake College on June 26 for District 36 Senate candidates and District 1 House of Representatives candidates. They have asked us to take care of live streaming the event. Patricia is working on this. The college is reluctant to have QACTV tap into their internet system which is secured. There is likely a way to bypass the college internet and Patricia assured the

Board that she is working on this.

✓ **Primary Forums – Mary; LWVMD Request –**

June 21, our forum for **local Board of Education** candidates will be **rescheduled** to either **June 30** or **July 6** because of candidates' unavailability. Patricia will check with the Board of Education to determine if their board room will be available on either of those dates. Mary will then talk with the candidates to determine if at least two candidates will be available on either of those dates.

June 26, The Kent County League is the lead League for the Forum scheduled to take place at the Cadby Auditorium at Chesapeake College at 1:30 for **Maryland Senate, District 36** and **US House of Representatives, District 1**. This is a collaborative effort and Patricia is working with QACTV and the college related to streaming the event.

June 29, our forum for Republican candidates for County Commissioner will be held at the Board of Education Board room at 6:30, pm. The District 2 candidate, Patrick McGlaughlin is checking his calendar for his availability. If he is not available the other candidate, Steve Wilson will be asked not to appear.

Patricia will welcome attendees-- 3 minutes

Barbara Sharkey will present the rules – 3 minutes

Each candidate will give a 2-minute self-introduction

Audience questions will be asked to candidates from a specific district – 60 minutes. If we don't have enough questions we will take some from the Vote 411 website.

Each candidate will give a 2-minute wrap-up.

The State League has asked us to send them information about our Forums so they can post them on the Vote 411 website.

✓ **Retreat in July: Committee to Plan –** The annual retreat will be on July 11, at the home of Liz Hammond at 11:00 am. The committee, Liz Barbara and Patricia will meet to plan it.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Next Meeting: Retreat, July 11, 11:00 am, at Liz Hammond's House