



Queen Anne's Lace *Daucus carota*



League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County
Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022
Centreville Library

Attending: Liz Hammond, Barbara Sharkey, Pat Sommers, Mary Campbell, Julie Ranelli, Gina Crook

Liz Hammond called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Prior Minutes: Pat Sommers had distributed the final version of the minutes from the August 8, 2022 before the meeting. Mary moved to approve the minutes and Barbara Sharkey seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Sharkey presented the Treasurer's Report. LWVQAC has a balance of \$15,367.63. That compares to a balance of \$14,369.99 on September 13, 2021.

There were 10 membership renewals. The League received \$319 in other contributions.

The only outstanding bill is for Voter's Guide printing (approximately \$500).

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

Barbara reported that the audit required by the By-Laws every time the Treasurer changes or is reelected is ongoing, and she expects it to be completed before the next meeting.

Patricia Jamison applied for a grant for Voter Registration Day (September 20), and it was reported that \$175 was approved. It can be used for food, snacks, handouts, equipment, advertising, honorariums for speakers, and other kinds of costs.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Database and Calendar:** Pat Sommers reported there have been no updates.
- **Social Media (Facebook and Webpage):** Barbara Sharkey reported that she had posted the Forum flier on the webpage, and Gina Crook posted it on

Facebook during the meeting. Jinny Guy, who was not at the meeting, suggested that anyone who has access to Next Door could post it there as well, which everyone agreed to do.

- **Voter Registration/Education Events:** The Board discussed availability for upcoming voter registration/events. Liz Hammond updated the list provided by Patricia Jamison.
- **Archiving Records:** Julie Ranelli confirmed that the only Board members who currently had access to the Google Drive provided by the State League were Patricia Jamison, Barbara Sharkey and Julie. She stated that she thought we could use our regular email addresses, and was going to investigate. In the meantime, Julie was going to work with Patricia and Barbara to copy the existing electronic files onto the new Google drive.
- **Vote 411/Voters' Guide:** Liz Hammond reported that the Voters' Guides would be printed on Tuesday to get into the Bay Times on September 23.
- **Purchase Handcart:** Liz Hammond reported that she has the new handcart at her house.
- **John Lewis Recommendations:** Julie Ranelli and Gina Crook are going to contact the civics teacher at Kent Island High School to discuss ways the League can connect with students.
- **Celebrating 20 Years of the LWVQAC:** Board agreed to table this discussion until after the election, and to start with the ideas discussed at the retreat in June.
- **Complete the Draft of Standing Committees from the Retreat:** The Board reviewed the Draft List of Standing Committees developed at the Retreat. A few additions were made – Liz Hammond was added to the Candidate Forums Committee. Pat Sommers agreed to be on the Voter Registration and Voter Information Committee (but does not want to be the chair), and Pat Sommers was added to the Archiving Records.
- **Changes to the League Application Form:** The Board continued its discussion from the prior month about language on the League Application Form. After several minutes it was agreed that further discussion needed to wait until more Board members can participate at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Forum Dates/Locations/Details:** Mary Campbell reported that the forum for the Centreville Town Council is scheduled for September 20, and that all

candidates are coming. Liz Hammond will be the moderator. Hannah Combs from the Bay Times sent some suggestions for questions. The Board agreed that some of them are very detailed, but that a couple could be edited to make them more generic and thus be used at the forum.

A forum for County Commissioners is scheduled for October 13. Mary is waiting to confirm who will participate, although at least two have already agreed to participate. She is still working on finalizing a place and date (either October 12 or October 20) for the Board of Education forum. The Board reconfirmed what we discussed last month as plan for the Judge of the Orphans Court forum.

Mary confirmed that it is the turn of the Kent County LWV to manage the House of Representatives forum, but they are having a hard time getting the three candidates to agree to a date.

- **Notebook of Draft Operating Procedures:** Pat Sommers confirmed that Patricia Jamison sent all the Operating Procedures. Given the new Google Drive, the Secretary may not need to keep hard copies of them, but this can be further discussed with the Archiving Records Committee.

Other:

- **ProPublica Article about the League:** Patricia Jamison shared with the Board before the meeting an article that appeared in ProPublica about the League of Women Voters. The Board acknowledged receiving it. Due to the response from the LWVUS, the board decided no further action was needed.
- **16th Annual Constitution Day, September 19:** Unfortunately, no one would be able to attend.
- **LWVMD Fall Workshop:** LWVMD Fall Workshop: Unfortunately, it seems that no one is able to attend this year.

Adjournment: Gina Crook made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Julie Ranelli seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:04.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on October 10, 2022 at the Centreville Library.

Prepared by Pat Sommers, Secretary