



Queen Anne's Lace *Daucus carota*



League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County
Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022
Centreville Library

Attending: Patricia Jamison, Liz Hammond, Barbara Sharkey, Pat Sommers, Mary Campbell, Julie Ranelli and Gina Crook, non-Board member Karen Cooley, non-member Margaret Jaegly, and Jane Hardy from the State League.

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

Prior Minutes: Pat Sommers had distributed the final version of the minutes from the October 10, 2022 Board meeting before the meeting. Mary Campbell 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 \$14,760.92. That compares to a balance of \$14,438.88 on November 8, 2021.

There was one membership renewal and a contribution to the Education Fund.

Expenses were \$833.15 for the Voters' Guide and a minor amount for Credit Card Fees. Outstanding expenses are for printing of the Guide to Government Officials and the membership brochure. We understand that the check for the State League's grant for Voter Registration Day will be received shortly.

Barbara also reported that the audit required whenever a new Treasurer is elected or re-elected for a new term has been completed.

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

Guest Jane Hardy: Jane Hardy is on the State Board's nominating Committee and came to the meeting to encourage the membership of the LWVQAC to serve on the State Board. Currently there is no one from the Eastern Shore on the Board, and she believes it is important to have representation. She has been to other local Leagues on the Eastern Shore as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Database and Calendar:** Pat Sommers reported that she will update the database to reflect changes suggested by Patricia Jamison and Barbara Sharkey and send an updated version around to be used for the Annual Appeal. There are no updates to the calendar at this time.
- **Social Media (Facebook and Webpage):** Gina Crook reported that the social media has been fairly quiet since the election.
- **Recent Voter Registration/Education Events:** Liz reported that Centreville Day on October 22 was a fabulous event. The League had a prime spot where everyone went by, and they handed out lots of things. Patricia Jamison reported that Make a Difference Day in Sudlersville on November 5 was well attended by vendors, but that after noon there were not very many of the target population at the event.

The next planned events are Kent Island Day in May and Juneteenth.

The Board discussed having some materials in Spanish. It was agreed that we would do that.
- **Vote 411 Print Copy Locations for 2024:** Last month the Board agreed that we would keep track of where we placed hard copies of the Voters' Guide so we would not have to reinvent the wheel in 2024. We also brainstormed on other ideas.
 - Polling Places
 - Symphony Village
 - Libraries
 - Board of Elections
 - Edwards Pharmacy in Centreville
 - Medical offices
 - Grocery stores
 - Restaurants
 - Senior centers
 - Faculty lounges in schools
 - Chesapeake College (library? Student center?)
- **Archiving Records:** Barbara Sharkey and Patricia Jamison reported that they have been putting documents onto the Google Drive. Patricia also suggested that maybe we will bring a computer to the meeting in January to do a demo.
- **Guide to Government Officials:** Liz Hammond will update the Guide after elections results are official and get it reprinted. It should not have to be updated again until April.

- **John Lewis Recommendations:** Julie Ranelli recommended that we change the agenda item to “Student Outreach” which the Board agreed to. The Board discussed some ideas of how to get students involved in the League. Mary Campbell suggested we get some students involved in a discussion of rank choice voting and open primaries. Julie and Gina Crook agreed to review the slides from Mr. Lewis’s talk at our Annual Meeting and then talk to him about how to engage students at the Gunston School as a starting point.
- **Celebrating 20 Years of the LWVQAC:** The Board agreed that rather than plan something significant for the 20th anniversary, we would note it at the Annual Meeting in May and then plan on something bigger for the 25th anniversary.
- **Operating Procedures and New Draft: “How to Guide for Vote 411/VG”:** Liz Hammond has drafted a new Procedure – an “How to Guide for Vote 411/VG.”
- **Changes to the League Application Form:** Barbara Sharkey reported that the new League Application Form is at the printer and should be ready shortly. We should recycle any old ones (from 2018) we have in our event boxes.
- **Forums (County Commissioners, BOE and US District 1 Congressional):** Mary Campbell reported that there were problems across the country getting candidates to participate in League forums.
The Board recognized that Barbara Sharkey (County Commissioners and Board of Education) and Liz Hammond (Centreville Town Council in September) did a great job moderating the forums LWVQAC held this election cycle. The BOE forum did get a bit testy, but the Board believes that happened across the country,

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Cost Allocations for 2022 General Election Voters’ Guides:** Liz Hammond reported that the LWVQAC share of the cost of printing the Voters’ Guides for the General Election was \$833.15, which as reported earlier by the Treasurer has been paid.
- **Annual Appeal:** Ginny Guy had been working on the Annual Appeal document, but has had an accident and was unable to attend the meeting. Patricia Jamison and Barbara Sharkey have been making edits and finishing. Barbara has updated the response form, making a separate one for members who have paid their annual dues to help minimize confusion. Once Pat Sommers updates the database, they can schedule a session for adding personal notes and stuffing envelopes.

- **Order Materials for the VR/Education Boxes:** The Board discussed the things that needed to be ordered to keep the VR/Education boxes up-to-date and ready for our next events in the spring. It was agreed that we would order more of the following:
 - Constitutions
 - Stickers
 - Vote 411 cards
 - Pamphlets
 - Guide to Government Officials
 - Voter Registration Forms in Spanish
- **Christmas Meeting:** The Board discussed options for the December meeting. It was agreed that we would go to a restaurant, and Liz Hammond agreed to try to make reservations at The Narrows in Grasonville.
- **Annual Meeting/Dinner:** The Board discussed the Annual Meeting/Dinner and agreed on a date – May 16 – and agreed on holding it at Prospect Bay. Patricia Jamison will talk to Joyce Woodford to have her work on getting a reservation. We will need to talk in later meetings about the details, including a speaker.

Other:

- **Request from Mary Margaret:** Patricia Jamison reported that she received an email from Mary Margaret Goodwin. Mary Margaret was asking for help in setting up the first exhibit of the Maryland Museum of Women's History which will be held in front of the Old Courthouse in Centreville.
- **Supreme Court Rally:** Patricia Jamison alerted the Board to an email coming out about a rally at the Supreme Court.
- **Annual League Survey:** Patricia Jamison reported that she had filled out the Annual League Survey.

Adjournment: Liz Hammond made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Julie Ranelli seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on December 12, 2022 at The Narrows restaurant for the holiday meeting.

Prepared by Pat Sommers, Secretary