



Queen Anne's Lace *Daucus carota*



**League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 13, 2023**  
**Centreville Library**

**Attending:** Patricia Jamison, Liz Hammond, Barbara Sharkey, Pat Sommers, Mary Campbell, Gina Crook, and non-Board member Carolyn Moorshead.

Patricia Jamison called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

**Prior Minutes:** Pat Sommers had distributed the final version of the minutes from the January 9, 2023 Board meeting before the meeting. Liz Hammond moved to approve the minutes and Mary Campbell seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report/Annual Appeal:** Barbara Sharkey presented the Treasurer's Report. LWVQAC has a balance of \$16,340.98. That compares to a balance of \$16,509.24 on February 14, 2022.

She reported that there was a \$50 donation from the year end appeal, and 8 membership renewals.

Mary Campbell suggested that it would be helpful to have the names of new members sent to the Board so that Board members could thank the new members if we run into them.

The LWVQAC By Laws state that a committee will be selected consisting of the treasurer and two others to prepare the budget for the upcoming year. The Board approved Budget must be transmitted to the membership one month before the annual meeting, thus we need to present it to the Board at the March meeting. Patricia Jamison and Liz Hammond volunteered to be on the committee.

The National League of Women Voters convention voted to eliminate the PMP. Instead, members will submit their membership to the National League which will then send it to the state and local organizations. It currently goes the other way – from the local to the state and national organizations. This proposal still needs to be approved by the national board, and then they will need to figure out how to implement it.

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

**Introduction of Guest from Plastic Free QAC:** Bente Cooney from Plastic Free QAC came to the meeting to update the Board on the efforts of Plastic Free to eliminate single-use plastic bags. She discussed the possibility of having LWVQAC hold a forum about the issue. The organization was in the process of deciding whether to try for a county-wide ban or one for just Centreville for now. Once they decide that she will let Patricia know and we can make plans. Given the current list of activities, we probably could not do a forum until at least June.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Archiving Records:** The Board provided positive feedback to the training session held before the meeting started on the use of the Google Drive owned by the state league. It was agreed that Board members should try to use it a bit more and maybe we will have another training session in a few months.  
Pat Sommers suggested that the Archiving Committee be reactivated to discuss the file structure that we will use to store our files, and file naming conventions. Patricia Jamison agreed to set it up.
- **Database and Calendar:** Pat Sommers reported that there have been no changes to the database or calendar.
- **Social Media (Facebook and Webpage):** There is been nothing to report on our social media presence. Patricia Jamison suggested that the LWVMD Convention, June 3-4, 2023, and National Voter Registration Day on September 19, 2023, be posted.
- **Meeting to Update Boxes:** Patricia Jamison, Jinny Guy, and Pat Sommers met to go over the contents of the three boxes we have for Voter Registration/Education events. The group identified things that need to be purchased (e.g., pencils to hand out), and Pat Sommers agreed to do an order. The Board also discussed getting additional signs, but did not make any decision.
- **Guide to Government Officials:** The Board agreed that the next printing of the Guide to Government Officials should be after spring elections in April and May 1. It should be ready in time for distribution at the Annual Meeting/Dinner on May 16.
- **Student Outreach:** Julie Ranelli was not at the meeting but reported to Patricia Jamison that she attended a Youth Advisory Council meeting. Gina Crook and Patricia will find out who can tell us who teaches civic education in Queen Anne's County. Patricia Jamison reported that she talked to Mark Berry from Chesapeake College about the pamphlet they put together, and he agreed that we can use it as a model for one devoted to the high school level.

- **Operating Procedures:** Patricia Jamison reminded the Board that any updated versions of their Operating Procedures should be sent to her and to Pat Sommers, the Secretary.
- **LWVMD Winter Workshop, January 21, 2023, 9:30 am:** Patricia Jamison, Liz Hammond, and Barbara Sharkey attended the winter workshop. They thought it was interesting and worthwhile.
- **Board Volunteer for Nominating Committee:** Patricia Jamison reported that Joyce Woodford agreed to serve as the Board member on the Nominating Committee. There will be some vacancies that will need to be filled.
- **Continued Discussion: Annual Meeting/Dinner (May 16):** Patricia Jamison will schedule a meeting with John Lewis of Gunston School to see if the idea of having high school students debate the pros and cons of ranked choice voting is something he could help us with. Another thought was having Queen Anne's County Sheriff Gary Hofmann speak.  
Mary Campbell, who will put together the program for the Annual Meeting, will be out for the two weeks before the meeting, so all the materials will need to be ready before then so she can finalize the program.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Voter Registration Event Feedback Form:** When Patricia Jamison, Jinny Guy, and Pat Sommers were going through the Voter Registration boxes, they found some event feedback forms that had been filled out. It is not clear how they have been used in the last few years. The Board agreed that we should take the old forms out of the boxes and review them for feedback.

#### **Other:**

- **February 27, 2023, Virtual Legislative Day**
- **Hold June 3-4 – LWVMD Convention:** The LWVMD will hold its convention on June 3-4 in Frederick, MD.
- **Hold September 19, 2023, National Voter Registration Day**

**Adjournment:** Mary Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Liz Hammond seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:01.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on March 13, 2023 at the Centreville Library.

Prepared by Pat Sommers, Secretary