



Queen Anne's Lace *Daucus carota*



League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County
Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023
Centreville Library

Attending: Patricia Jamison, Liz Hammond, Barbara Sharkey, Pat Sommers, Mary Campbell, Joyce Woodford, Gina Crook, and non-Board members Ann Cassidy and Peggy Jaegley.

Patricia Jamison called the meeting to order at 6:45p.m.

Prior Minutes: Pat Sommers had distributed the final version of the minutes from the March 13, 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: Barbara Sharkey presented the Treasurer's Report. LWVQAC has a balance of \$15,986.36. That compares to a balance of \$16,687.15 on April 11, 2022.

She reported that one new membership came in. Expenses consisted of the \$100 donation to the Friends of Queen Anne's County Library, \$395.31 for 150 reusable shopping bags, and a minimal amount for credit card fees.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Database and Calendar:** Pat Sommers sent out a revised version of the database earlier in the day. She also reported that there have been no changes to the calendar.
- **Social Media (Facebook and Webpage):** The invitation to the Annual Meeting/Dinner is on the Webpage, and people can register for the dinner there. Gina Crook will put the invitation out on Facebook.
- **Guide to Government Officials:** Liz Hammond reported that there were recent elections in Millington and Queen Anne. She is waiting for the results of the Queen Anne election and has already updated the Guide to

Government Officials with the Millington results. There is an election in Sudlersville in early May, and Liz hopes to have the results with enough time to update the Guide, get it printed, and have it for the Annual Meeting/Dinner on May 16.

- **Reusable Grocery Bags with the League Logo:** Barbara Sharkey handed out one of our new reusable grocery bags with the League logo to all meeting participants. We will have some at the Annual Meeting/Dinner to distribute, and will also have them available at our voter registration/education events.
- **Archiving Records:** The meeting of the Archiving Records committee has been changed from April 19 to May 4 at 10 a.m. at Patricia Jamison's house to ensure that all the correct people can be there.
- **Procedure Going Forward: VR Event Feedback Form:** The Board agreed at the last meeting that we will continue to use the form, and the forms will be archived on the Google Drive so they can be reviewed. The actual process for getting them onto the Google Drive will be discussed at the Archiving Records committee meeting.
- **March 18 Membership Meeting:** Liz Hammond reported on the discussion of the Membership Committee meeting held on March 18 with herself, Patricia Jamison, Barbara Sharkey, and Pat Sommers. Liz had solicited input from Howard and Montgomery counties. They had some useful ideas, although Montgomery County, in particular, is so large that it is hard to translate some of their ideas to our situation. Ideas that were discussed in the meeting were:
 - Giving an award to a member who has been particularly active. Patricia Jamison made a motion that the LWVQAC recognize Mr. Trippe Callahan for his contributions to our organization and pay for his dinner at the Annual Meeting/Dinner. Gina Crook seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Patricia Jamison will review the agenda for the Annual Meeting/Dinner and include the recognition.
 - Forming a new Membership Committee.
 - Hold presentations for the Democratic and Republican Central Committees and other organizations.
 - Send out a newsletter to all members, starting twice a year and maybe move to quarterly. Patricia Jamison will pull out some examples of newsletters LWVQAC did in the past.All this will be discussed in further detail at the Retreat this summer.
- **QAC Plastic Free Town Council Meeting:** Patricia Jamison reported that she has not heard from Bente Cooney about when Plastic Free QAC will be

discussing the plastic bag ban at the Centreville Town Council meeting. LWVQAC wants to be there to show support.

- **Donation to Friends of the Library:** See discussion under Treasurer's report.
- **Continued Discussion: Annual Meeting/Dinner (May 16):** Patricia Jamison and others reported that the Annual Meeting/Dinner is almost finalized. John Lewis from Gunston School was unable to help us with a student debate, but Sheriff Gary Hofmann has agreed to be our speaker to discuss "Keeping our Schools and Community Safe." Prospect Bay has not raised the cost for the dinner (roughly \$53 per person) from last year, and the Board agreed to continue to subsidize the cost to keep the dinner at \$40 per person. The invitation to the dinner has been mailed to everyone on our list, and members also received a copy of the proposed budget. Mary Campbell has been working on the booklet that will be distributed at the meeting, and will get the press release out. The Annual Meeting/Dinner will start at 5 p.m. Board members should get there, if possible, at 4 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Nominations for New Award by LWVMD:** LWVMD has decided to present one member from each local League an award of recognition that they are calling the Malcolm Funn award. The Board of LWVQAC agreed to nominate Mary Campbell. Joyce Woodford and Patricia Jamison are working on the paperwork.
- **Operating Procedure for New Board Members:** Patricia Jamison distributed a first draft of an Operating Procedure for New Board Members. A couple of edits were suggested, and Patricia will make them.
- **Voter Registration Guide:** Patricia Jamison asked the Board if we agree to use the Voter Registration Guide prepared by Chesapeake College as a model for a high school version. The Board agreed to defer the discussion until the Retreat.
- **Facebook Commentary:** Mary Campbell told the Board about a Facebook post that had been made that was critical of the League of Women Voters.

Other:

- **June Meeting and Retreat:** After some discussion, the Board agreed not to meet in June. The Retreat is scheduled for July 10 at 11:00 at Liz Hammond's house. There will be a potluck lunch, and all Board members should attend, including new members.
- **Juneteenth, June 10, 11-4 at Kennard:** Joyce Woodford is coordinating LWWQAC participation at the Juneteenth celebration at Kennard Cultural Heritage Center.
- **Kent Island Day, May 20, League is Registered:** Patricia Jamison registered LWWQAC for Kent Island Day and agreed to be the coordinator of the event.

Adjournment: Liz Hammond made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barbara Sharkey seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 5-8:30 pm on May 16, 2023 at the Prospect Bay Country Club.

Prepared by Pat Sommers, Secretary