



Queen Anne's Lace *Daucus carota*



League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County
Board Meeting Minutes
October 09, 2023
Centreville Library Conference Room

Attending were Board members Liz Hammond, Barbara Sharkey, Jinny Guy, Mary Campbell, Anne Cassidy, Doris Pullman, Joyce Woodford, Pat Sommers, Carolyn Moorshead, and Patricia Jamison. In attendance also was Amanda SubbaRao, liaison from LWVMD.

President Liz Hammond called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and began by introducing Amanda SubbaRao.

Approval of September 11, 2023 Minutes: Jinny Guy moved to approve the September 11 minutes as submitted; Anne Cassidy seconded, and all voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Sharkey reported that there were 34 renewals, three new memberships and \$244 contributed to the Educational Fund, for total income of \$1,842. Expenses included National PMP payment, Centreville Day registration, purchase of envelopes and stamps, and credit card fees, for total expenses of \$1,733.71. The current balance is \$14,684.51. There were no questions, and Patricia Jamison moved to approve the October Treasurer's report for audit. Carolyn Moorshead seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

New Business:

Vote 411/Voters Guide: The Board reviewed previous and suggested questions for the 2024 Vote 411 and Voters Guide for the US Senate, US House of Representatives and Delegates to the national parties' conventions.

Guide to Elected Officials: Jinny Guy will include results of the Centreville Town Council election in the Guide.

Candidate Forum: There was a brief discussion of possible causes of the low turnout for the Centreville Town Council Forum. Mary Campbell suggested considering whether to have a policy regarding setting the date for a candidate forum. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Social Media-Facebook (Gina) Website (Barbara): There was general consensus that these two platforms are working well.

Data Base and Calendar: Liz Hammond will keep and distribute the calendar. Patricia Jamison will keep the data-base until the shift to the Nation Builder data-base is complete.

Annual Appeal: The consensus was to develop a letter along the lines of the past two very successful letters, but it should be different enough not to appear simply repetitive.

Holiday Meeting: This discussion/decision is deferred to the November meeting.

Voter Registration Events Wrap-up:

National Voter Registration Day: Voter Registration/Education events were held at Chesapeake College and the two Queen Anne County High Schools. Patricia Jamison had help at the league's table at CC from members of the Student Government Association. Anne Cassidy was assisted at QAC HS by new member Dana Penrod, and Liz Hammond had help at Kent Island HS from new members Marsha and Scott Peters. Patricia, Anne and Liz gave out pocket Constitutions, materials, and answered questions. Most students had registered to vote when getting a driver's license.

Corsica River Day: Appreciation to volunteers Doris Pullman and Liz Hammond for manning the league's registration table in wind and rain.

October 28, Centreville Day: Board members have signed up to cover the league's registration table.

Nov. 4, Make a Difference Day: Patricia Jamison, Liz Hammond, and Barbara Sharkey will be at the league's registration table at Sudlersville MS.

Archiving Records: The item is tabled for now.

Annual Meeting: The Board requested that Joyce Woodford check to see if we can reserve May 7, 2024, at Prospect Bay Country Club for the Annual Meeting/Dinner.

Member Renewal Letters: Barbara Sharkey reported that there have been 34 member renewals and four new member applications.

Nation Builder: Barbara Sharkey attended a Zoom meeting of the LWVMD Online Services Committee. Discussion focused on Nation Builder use and other means of communication with league members.

Fall Workshop: Liz Hammond and Barbara Sharkey attended the LWVMD Fall workshops on Advocacy, Voter Registration, and Youth Education. They thought the workshops were interesting and worthwhile.

Chesapeake College Civics 101: A Zoom meeting was held on September 11 with Genie Massey and Nikki Tyree of LWVMD and Cheyenne Roache of Chesapeake College. Patricia Jamison participated with Cheyenne on site at CC. Discussion centered on development of Civics 101 modules that will be made available to students during the spring semester.

New Business:

Update on LWVUS Restructuring: Liz Hammond and Amanda SubbaRao outlined the proposed restructuring plan of the LWVUS. It will not take effect until after the 2024 election.

Braver Angels: A number of Board members signed up to attend an introduction to the Braver Angels Model on October 10, in Chestertown, MD, and sponsored by the LWVKC.

Newsletter: President Liz Hammond emailed the second quarterly newsletter to all members. The newsletter is new this year, and Liz hopes that it is useful and informative.

Voter Registration Certification: Members that missed re-certification by the Board of Elections (BOE) at the last meeting should contact the BOE for a date to be individually re-certified.

2024 Legislative Priorities Survey: It was agreed that instead of completing the survey at this meeting, Liz Hammond would circulate it to all Board members who would complete it and return it to Liz, who would tally the responses.

League in Action Mobile Phone App.: Amanda SubbaRao explained the benefits of this app and how to upload it on your phone.

Adjournment: At 8:30 p.m. Jinny Guy moved to adjourn, Joyce Woodford seconded, and all were in favor.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2023, at the Centreville Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Campbell and Patricia Jamison, Co-Secretaries

