



Queen Anne's Lace *Daucus carota*



League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County
Board Meeting Minutes
January 08, 2024
Centreville Library Conference Room

Attending were Board members: Liz Hammond, Jinny Guy, Mary Campbell, Anne Cassidy, Joyce Woodford, Pat Sommers, Carolyn Moorshead, Barbara Sharkey, Patricia Jamison, and Gina Crook. Amanda SubbaRao, liaison from the LWVMD, also attended. Carolyn Armstrong was in attendance briefly to get input for the Nominating Committee.

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

Approval of the November 13, 2023 Minutes: Joyce Woodford moved to approve the November 13 minutes as submitted; Barbara Sharkey seconded, and all voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Sharkey reported that there were 12 renewals for \$534.00, and \$839.00 was contributed to the Education Fund, totaling \$1,373.00 in income. Barbara noted that she opened a high interest savings account for LWVQAC at Live Oak Bank and transferred \$13,000 from our operating account. Savings account interest rate is 4% APY. The LWVQAC Operating Account balance is \$3,065.36 and the Savings Account Balance is \$13,063.01 for a Total Funds balance of \$16,128.37. There were no questions, and Jinny Guy moved to include the January Treasurer's report for audit. Anne Cassidy seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Vote 411/Voters Guide: Members of the LWVMD will be at the Centreville Library on January 18 from 9:30 - 11:30 to train members of our, Kent County and the Midshore LWVs.

Guide to Elected Officials: Jinny Guy said she will have 100 Guides printed to cover distribution during upcoming voter registration/education events, forums, and other needs for the next six (6) months.

Candidate Forum: Mid-shore, the lead league for Congressional District 1 forums for this election cycle, has set the date for the Primary Forum on April 21 and date for the General Forum on September 29. Both events will take place at Chesapeake College.

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

Data Base and Calendar: Board members received an updated list of current members from Barbara Sharkey and a calendar from Liz Hammond. There were suggestions to Liz about adding events to the calendar.

Annual Appeal: The annual appeal was successful with \$839.00 in contributions to the ED Fund plus 12 member renewals. A list of contributors was sent to the board so they can thank personally those they know on the list.

Holiday Meeting: Everyone felt the Holiday Dinner was very successful and expressed appreciation to Doris Pullman for arranging it.

Voter Registration Events Wrap-up: There was discussion about adding additional voter outreach events, since this is an important election year. We'll continue with past events and look for other opportunities.

Archiving Records: Pat Sommers discussed her progress at archiving records. She was able to transfer to the Google Drive the contents of the binder that she kept when she was secretary, as well as other materials. The March meeting will focus on access to and training in the use of Google Drive. Pat Sommers will set up a meeting of the Archiving Committee before the March meeting. Barbara Sharkey will send board members a reminder list of their LWVMD email addresses for them to make sure they have access, and she will have LWVMD email addresses set up for Doris Pullman and Anne Cassidy. Board members should bring their computers to the March meeting.

Annual Meeting: Preparations for the Annual Meeting are looking good, as we have a date, location, and speaker. Joyce Woodford will contact staff at Prospect Bay about the menu asap so it can be included on the invitations.

Member Renewal Letters: No new information.

Nominating Committee: Carolyn Armstrong from the Nominating Committee asked Gina Crook, Jinny Guy, and Barbara Sharkey, whose terms are up in May, if they would serve another term on the Board. All three said they would serve another term. It was noted that we should be looking for new Board members to expand the Board.

Nation Builder: Barbara Sharkey reported that there was nothing new to report.

LWVMD Priorities Survey: Liz Hammond and Patricia Jamison worked together to complete the 2024 Legislative Priorities Survey, and Liz sent the completed survey to LWVMD.

New Business:

Newsletter: There was discussion of circulating the newsletter via postal service, instead of email, but it was decided it was too expensive. Liz Hammond enjoys writing the newsletter and members are very positive about it.

League in Action Mobile App.: Amanda SubbaRao explained the benefits of this app and how to upload it on your phone. She noted it is an easy way to reach members on their phones. However, access to the LWVMD site is not complete.

Library Donation: There was further discussion, about a donation, and a basket of food items for the Centreville Library staff, as appreciation for our use of the library, was suggested. Barbara Sharkey volunteered to research a local source for a bakery basket as a donation.

Winter Workshop: The date is January 27, and Liz Hammond has emailed members information about the Workshop.

Other:

Scholarships: Discussion deferred to next meeting.

Adjourn: At 8:04, Anne Cassidy moved to adjourn the meeting, Barbara Sharkey seconded, and all were in favor.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, at the Centreville Library.

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