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League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County Board Meeting Minutes March 10, 2025, 6:30 p.m. Centreville, Library

Attending were Board members: Liz Hammond, Barbara Sharkey, Patricia Jamison, Mary Campbell, Jinny Guy, Joyce Woodford and Carolyn Moorshead. Attending via Zoom were Pat Sommers and Gina Crook. Also in attendance was member Ann Grace.

President Liz Hammond called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Approval of the February 10, 2025 Minutes: Joyce Woodford moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Barbara Sharkey seconded, and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Sharkey noted that with one new member fee and one more donation the league income totaled \$115.00. Expenses for stamps and credit card fees totaled \$150.59. The closing balance in the Operating Account was \$2,858.95. The balance in the Savings Account was \$13,659.57, making the sum of league funds \$16,518.52. The LWVQAC currently has 55 members. Jinny Guy moved to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit, Mary Campbell seconded, and all were in favor.

Old Business:

Restructuring /**Transformation:** Barbara Sharkey noted that a new member payment came through the new system and that the system "seems to be working."

Annual Meeting and Dinner: Liz Hammond noted that the board is required to approve both the By-law changes made necessary by the LWVUS re-structuring, as well as the league's 2025-26 budget, before both are sent to membership 30 days before the annual meeting. The documents will be part of the Annual Meeting Workbook and will be approved by membership at the Annual Meeting. After a brief discussion, the Board approved the proposed budget unanimously with Joyce Woodford making the motion and Carolyn Moorshead seconding. The revised By-laws were approved on a motion by Liz Hammond and seconded by Joyce Woodford. The Board decided on a charge of \$45.00 a person for the dinner with three entree choices similar to those last year. The league will cover the difference between cost of the meal and what is charged for the dinner. The invitation, with accompanying information (slate, budget, by-laws) and response information will be mailed out April 6.

LWVMD Convention (June 8 & 9): The LWVQAC is the host for the LWVMD State Annual Convention, which will be held at the Hyatt Hotel on Kent Narrows in Grasonville. The state league is providing much support this year, but the QAC league needs to provide the speaker and volunteers. Liz Hammond is going to ask Chris Corchiarino, the current President of the Board of County Commissioners to speak, and several board members volunteered to help with registration at the convention. There will not be a LWVQAC board meeting on June 9.

Update on LWVMD: Patricia Jamison mentioned that the state nominating committee has finalized and will get state board approval for the slate of state officers/board members at the next state board meeting on March 20, 2025. The slate will then be presented at the LWVMD Annual Convention being held June 8 and 9 for final approval by members.

Wrap-up of Wine and Cheese Get Together: The general feeling was that it was a great event and made the LWVQAC even stronger. However, it would have been even better, if there had been more non-Board members and guests in attendance who might be interested in joining the league.

New Business:

Making Democracy Work Breakfast: This is a LWVMD fund-raiser being held in Annapolis on April 22 featuring Governor Wes Moore, as speaker. Liz Hammond, Barbara Sharkey, Patricia Jamison and Joyce Woodford plan to attend.

Kent Island Day: Saturday, May 17, 10-4. Patricia Jamison, Carolyn Moorshead, Jinny Guy and Pat Sommers volunteered to help.

Corsica River Day: Saturday, September 21.

Goals for 2025: Goals will be discussed at the retreat in July.

Support of Action Alerts: There was discussion about whether the LWVQAC should take a stand regarding the restrictive SAVE (Safeguard Voter Eligibility) legislation currently before the US Congress. Members realize that the legislators accountable to us have probably already made up their minds, but believing that SAVE is a giant step backward for our democracy, our members have major concerns about the consequences of the bill and want to express their opposition. Writing a letter to the editor was suggested, and president Liz Hammond agreed to write a letter.

Donation to the Library: There was interest in continuing the practice of showing appreciation to the Centreville Library by giving the staff a basket of baked goods or treats. Barbara Sharkey and Liz Hammond volunteered to arrange for a basket.

Other:

Email from Lind Kohn: Liz Hammond mentioned that Linda Kohn, President of LWVMD, is considering a new position on the complicated issues regarding the federal judiciary and is asking leagues to consider taking part in a consensus process regarding this.

Annual League Board Retreat: The retreat will be held in July, the date/time TBD.

Adjourn: Mary Campbell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Liz Hammond, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the board is on April 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Centreville Library.

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