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League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2025, 6:30 p.m.  
Centreville, Library

Attending were Board members: Liz Hammond, Barbara Sharkey, Patricia Jamison, Mary Campbell, Carolyn Moorshead, Joyce Woodford, Barbara Witten and Ann Grace. Board members attending via Zoom were Pat Sommers, Gina Crook and Doris Pullman. Also in attendance were Mary Ann Gorman (Zoom) and Jackie Heimbuch.

President Liz Hammond called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**July 22, 2025 Retreat Notes:** A copy of the retreat notes, as well as an updated calendar of coming events, had been sent previously to board members for their review.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Sharkey reported that the Operating Fund balance on 7/1/25 was \$2,468.19. Income was \$52.00 and expenses \$798.83, for a balance on 8/11/25 of \$1,721.36. The Savings Account opening balance on 7/1/25 was \$13,815.37, interest was added for July, for a closing balance on 7/31/25 of \$13,854.09. Total funds as of 8/11/25 is \$15,575.45.

Barbara noted that the league will be receiving a bill from LWVUS soon for the last PDP payment to LWVUS, estimated amount of \$1,536, payable in September. The balance in the operating account (Bank account) is \$1,721.36, so funds will have to be moved from the Savings Account to cover that payment. In the future, the LWVUS will receive payments (dues) and distribute funds, thus eliminating the PDP payments.

The number of current members is 57.

**Old Business:**

**Nominate Board Member Position to Nominating Committee:** Patricia Jamison nominated Joyce Woodford, seconded by Barbara Sharkey, and all were in favor.

**Policies and Protocol:** Liz Hammond reviewed an email from Linda Kohn, President of LWVMD, that addressed the topic of questions that local leagues may receive about issues. Local leagues are to address only questions about issues related to local leagues. If there is a question about an inquiry, Liz will get clarification from LWVMD.

**Speaker Series:** Barb Witten shared her thoughts on where to begin with this new undertaking. The Board agreed to move forward with launching the inaugural Speaker Series event on October 9, with Todd Eberly, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at St. Mary's College of Maryland, as the potential host and featured panelist. The

topic will address the upcoming 2026 election season. Barb will consult with Todd Eberly regarding additional panelist and topic recommendations and will bring these back to the Board for approval. October 9 was suggested as a target date for a hybrid event that would be open to other groups, such as the Mid-Shore and the Kent Leagues, the Democratic Club, NAACP and others. Patricia Jamison will contact QACTV to see if that date and the Planning Room at the County Administrative Building on Vincit Street are available. Barb will continue to work with Ann Grace on planning and providing updates to the Board.

**D & O Insurance (“ride to the polls” policy):** Liz Hammond reported that there is no insurance from the state for local leagues to offer rides to the polls. After brief discussion, it was concluded that rides can be given by league members, on their behalf and at their own personal liability, not on behalf of the league.

**Social Media (Tik-Tok Videos):** Liz Hammond discussed Ralph Watkins humorous videos, and his attempt to develop more before the general election. No further action on this item.

**Revised LWVQAC Brochure:** It was agreed that the brochure, which Barbara Sharkey has revised with input from the board, looks great. She said that she does not have the technical skill to finalize the document, and it was agreed that she will contact Minuteman Press for assistance with the graphic design and printing of the document.

**Upcoming Voter Registration Events:** The next event is National Voter Registration Day on September 16. There will be a meeting at Liz Hammond’s house at 10 on August 25 to prepare boxes for the three events to be held that day; at the two high schools (Liz and Barbara Sharkey at Centreville HS, and Joyce Woodford, Ann Grace and Denise Cunningham at KIHS), and one at the Community College (Patricia Jamison, Nancy Lynott and Barbara Witten). Future events include Corsica River Day, Centreville Day and Make a Difference Day. See the calendar of upcoming events for more information.

**New Business:**

**Email re: podcasts:** This email is FYI.

**Standing Committee Update (Membership Committee):** Barbara Witten drafted a comprehensive Membership Committee plan which was discussed. A motion was made by Barbara Sharkey to adopt the plan, seconded by Patricia Jamison and approved unanimously. The following board members volunteered to be on the committee: Barbara Witten, Pat Sommers, Joyce Woodford and Ann Grace.

**Scholarship Committee:** Offering a student scholarship had been previously discussed and a committee was formed to discuss this further. The committee, Barbara Sharkey, Patricia Jamison, Jinny Guy, Mary Campbell and Gina Crook, will meet at Barbara’s house at 10:00 on August 28. The committee will present a report to the board at the September board meeting.

**Next Wine and Cheese Get Together:** Barbara Witten and Ann Grace will work on next steps related to an event in early December and will present ideas at the September board meeting. Discussed were a food drive or Toys for Tots drive to increase participation at the event. The event will be held at the Four Seasons Clubhouse.

**Press Release re: One Big Beautiful Bill (Newsletter):** This issue was discussed and it was decided not to include it in the LWVQAC newsletter as it is a local league newsletter. However, a link to the state newsletter article will be in the LWVQAC Newsletter.

**Centreville Town Election:** Positions for Town Council may be up for election in early October. So far, no information has been available about this. Mary Campbell and Liz Hammond will collaborate in obtaining information for the board.

**Voter Re-Certification:** A representative from the QACBOE will provide training prior to the September meeting. All members are invited to participate.

**Other:**

**Update from State Board:** Patricia Jamison reported that Barbara Crain and Ralph Watkins, who have been leading the VOTE 411 initiative at the state, are retiring. The state board is exploring ways to fill the gap. Local leagues are asked to send the names of VOTE 411 contacts to the state.

**State Fall Workshop:** The Zoom workshop will be held on September 27. The agenda and workshops are being finalized. To date, Liz Hammond, Barbara Sharkey, Barbara Witten and Nancy Lynott have registered.

**Advocacy Training:** Advocacy training is required, if you want to be an advocate. It will be offered by Zoom on Friday, Oct. 24. More information to come

**Unite and Rise & Good Trouble:** There was some discussion about this information. No further action.

**Email from LWVMD re: Justice Dept. scrutinizing Maryland Voter Rolls:** This is a heads up. Discussed previously related to the Maryland Board of Election.

**Important announcements & Updates from Local League Presidents Meeting:** Liz Hammond mentioned several topics that were discussed at the LL meeting including: a new housing study, district meetings with legislators and advocacy training, mentioned above, and training on Zoom for new members to help them understand how the league works.

**Luncheon to welcome Ann and Barb to the board:** Because of conflicts, the date has been changed from Wednesday, Sept. 3, 11:30 to Sept. 11 at 11:30 at Liz's.

**Adjourn:** Mary Campbell motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joyce Woodford, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the board is on Monday, Sept. 8, **5:30** (Voter Training 5:30 and Board Meeting 6:30).

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

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