



Minutes  
LWVCC Steering Committee Meeting

22 October 2020

**Attending** - Jan Koch, Sue Werner, Sue Flyod, Sara Bresler, Cindy Hahn

**Call to Order** - Jan Koch called the Zoom meeting to order at noon.

**Minutes** - Marion emailed the amended minutes to members of the steering committee. After reading the minutes Sue W. made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sara B. 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Sue Flyod shared there had been a busy month. Beginning balance \$4,511.74. Ending balance \$4,811.00 Our fundraiser was very successful. Sue announced our credit card had arrived. Sue W. suggested we give a \$50.00 Amazon gift card to Nick Zepp for his help during Candidates Night.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership** - Cindy shared that we now have 60 regular voting members, 3 lifetime members, 3 associate and 13 student members. Jan suggested that we invite Sarah Beth Bowmaster, president of the Penn State League of Women Voters, to join our steering committee.

**Voter's Guide** - Sara was pleased with the level of candidate participation. She was also pleased with the look of the guide and how the CDT worked with her.

**Candidates Night** - Kudos to Sue W. for arranging our first Zoom Candidates Night. Sue W. asked us to reflect on Candidates Night in light of the fact that Republican candidates choose not to attend. She asked several questions:

1. Is it worth doing?
2. What is the reason Republican candidates do not participate?
3. Should we try to talk to the chair of local Republican party?

We also discussed write-in candidates. Should we acknowledge write-in candidates? Is there a legal requirement to recognize them? Sara said she would do a little research regarding the position of the state and national league.

## Voter Education -

High School - The League assisted the SCAHS Student Government on their Voter Registration Drive on Wednesday, Oct. 14 and Thursday, Oct. 15. The drive was held outside the front doors of the school. The student volunteers were well organized and enthusiastic. They registered 31 new voters using paper forms and others using the on-line form. Other high schools, both public and private, in the county as well as Tyrone HS and Central Mountain received paper voter registration forms.

## Campus Outreach -

1. The University is doing tremendous outreach to students. PSU Votes (that includes work by LWV PSU) is fully invested in engaging the student electorate. They stepped up registration efforts, communications, and related activities.
2. Laura has a meeting on Nov. 16 with Tim Balliett (Director, Center for Character, Conscience, and Purpose at Penn State) to discuss future actions with the League. Her goal is to do some forward thinking about how to encourage actions to start now to build on experiences this year to encourage voting in future elections.
3. Two students have joined LWVCC. Cindy asked about their membership. LWV PSU knows about these memberships; it is through that org that they have been encouraged to join LWVCC. That said, to stay in sync Laura will let Sarabeth know whenever a student joins LWVCC. Cindy, it would be great if you'd keep track by adding them to the student member list. Once a year we should go through that list and contact students who have graduated to let them know that they can join as dues-paying members.
4. Sarabeth and Laura will be featured in a video that is being made for the College of the Liberal Arts about LWV PSU. Should be released soon. Laura will send us the link.

Senior Outreach - Sue Sargo and a volunteer took voting information to every food bank in Centre County, also all low-income housing and most senior residencies.

## Old Business

The banners will be taken down Nov. 4th, 2020. Is there a way we can measure success? Sara offered to store the banners. We have approximately 4,000 door hangers left. Sue F. mentioned that about 40 postcards were returned as undeliverable.

Sue W. thanked Sue S. and Jan K. for all of their hard work this past year and for making the League of Women Voters Centre County visible in the community. Jan and Sue have remade our league into a driving community organization.

We also need to acknowledge the many volunteers who helped us get out the vote. Jan plans to write a letter to the editor thanking our volunteers as well as posting it to our social media sites.

### **New Business**

Where do we want to go from here? Jan scheduled an informal meeting for Tuesday November 17, 2020 at Sue Sargo's clubhouse at noon. Cindy suggested that getting out the vote on a non-presidential election year is more difficult and should perhaps be our focus.

We discussed our Holiday meeting and decided that we all have Zoom fatigue and a large Zoom meeting including a speaker was not advisable at this time.

Jan shared that Penn State had approached her about the possibility of students working with our league. She has not heard from PSU in a while. We are not sure what students could do for us at this time anyway.

Cindy shared the same view about a different intern working with our league. We don't know how we would use an intern at this time.

**Adjourn** - Jan adjourned the meeting at 12: 56 pm.