



Minutes

LWVCC Steering Committee Meeting

Via Zoom

19 July 2022

Attending: Rachel Avila, Sara Bresler, Laura Brown, Peg Dobrinska, Sue Floyd, Bonnie Goble, Cindy Hahn, Jan Koch, Jenna Lugo, Sue Sargo

Call to Order: 12:02 pm by Jan Koch

Minutes: Minutes were sent with an agenda prior to the meeting. Sue Sargo asked for questions and/or corrections. Hearing none, Laura Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sue Floyd seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Floyd presented the monthly budget. She expressed thanks for Sharon Manno and her husband who served as auditors of last year's budget. Sue requested that they audit the budget annually. Sue asked for questions and/or changes. Hearing none, Laura Brown made a motion to accept the monthly budget. Cindy Hahn seconded. Budget was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Rachel Avila reported 58 voting members, 3 lifetime members and 14 students. There have not been any new members since last meeting.

Voter's Guide: Sara Bresler reported that Vote411 has no changes to the system so far. Laura Brown had met with Beth Lechman earlier today and reported that Beth said mail-in ballots will be mailed out to applicants by the end of September. Cindy Hahn reported that Green and Libertarian candidates will become available sometime in late August. Mid-October would be ideal time to publish in the CDT and Gazette. Final dates TBD.

Candidates' Night: Sue Werner absent.

Voter Education and Outreach:

High School: Sara Bresler reported that there will not really be any progress until school starts this fall.

Campus: Jenna Lugo reported that co-presidents Sydney and Giselle have been busy planning their general body agendas, working on their website and organizing a student roundtable with Tim Baillet. They plan a board meeting next week to discuss a campus Voter's Guide. Lori Weider has offered to assist with graphics. A debate has been proposed for Lt. Governor or Senate candidates to be sponsored by The McCourtney Institute, PSU, WPSU and PALWV. No final date or candidate information available at this time. Laura Brown and Brooklyn have a meeting with Tim B. scheduled for 8/3/22 to encourage PSU to provide students with the information they need to vote.

Senior Outreach and Voter Registration: Sue Sargo reported considerable printing savings by switching to Colonial Printers. Sue thanked Laura Brown for organizing voter registration at Central PA Arts Festival. Two registration training sessions are scheduled for 8/11/22 and 9/8/22. Constitution Day has decided on a new format for this year to a roundtable discussion with community members about the role of public education in our community. It was decided that this format did not meet our needs but we will request to have a voter registration table if permitted. Other events that LWVCC and possibly #FixHarrisburg will partner on include: 9/20 National Voter Registration Day, 9/25 Crickfest, 10/1 & 10/2 Dutch Festival and 10/8 Latin Fest. Our fall deadlines flyer will be posted at all county post offices by the end of this month. Food banks and community partners will be supplied in August. Sue also reported having a Voter's Guide from Montgomery County, MD which might have some ideas we could use. Bonnie Goble will review the guide.

Communications:

Website: Laura Brown reported that she has updated the website to include the SpotlightPA proposed amendment tracker, candidate information and Vote411. Laura also reported that some people were having difficulty with joining online if they did not want to use PayPal. She proposed that Lori add an option to use any credit card to make it easier for people to join. LWVUS will be taking over membership dues in 2024. Jan Koch asked Sue Floyd work with Lori and present all of that information at the next meeting for vote.

Social Media: Jan Koch reported that she had posted information about the proposed constitutional amendments on Twitter. She noted many positive comments about LWVCC participation in Juneteenth and Central PA Arts Fest. Jan noted that both town and campus banners that Lori Weider is working on will need approval prior to using.

WPSU Fundraising Volunteers: Bonnie Goble and Laura Brown will coordinate volunteers for this event once the dates are known.

Postcards: This was tabled for discussion next month. Laura Brown has 500 already stamped free postcards to use and suggested that we focus on the proposed constitutional amendments.

New Business: Jan Koch would like to discuss communication strategies next month to focus on printed and electronic educational materials regarding proposed constitutional amendments which will likely appear on the 2023 primary election ballot. Jan reported that both LWWUS and PALWV have stated positions on policies but not on candidates or parties.

Adjourn: Jan Koch adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm

Next meeting: August 23 at noon