



Date: 20 February 2023

Attending: Rachel Avila, Sara Bresler, Peg Dobrinska, Cindy Hahn, Jan Koch, Sue Sargo, Sue Werner

Call to Order: Jan Koch called the meeting to order at 12 noon

Minutes: The January meeting minutes prepared by Laura Brown were presented. Subsequent to the January meeting, a series of emails transpired among the Steering Committee members: 1/11/23, Questions for row office candidates were decided upon; changes to which candidates would be included in Candidates' Night and Voter's Guide were revised based on population distribution; Jan Koch reported that she had contacted Constitution Day personnel and declined their invitation to combine organizations and to accept continuing our current relationship of attending Constitution Day events, offering voter registration opportunities, and advertising their events to our membership. Sue Werner made a motion to accept these decisions and Sue Sargo seconded the motion. Approval of both the January minutes and the subsequent email decisions was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Floyd was absent. As discussed in January, Jan reported on the three savings bonds which matured in January: on 2/8/23, the bonds were all transferred to First National Bank as a CD with a 4% rate. Sue Werner made a motion to accept that decision and Sue Sargo seconded the motion. Approval of the bond transfer was unanimous.

Jan shared a letter from Esther Koback, a past president of LWVCC, regarding the origin of the savings bonds. Esther had shared a letter from Margaret Budd, also a past president of LWVCC, with Jan. Margaret passed away and left money for the LWVCC to continue publishing the booklet "Centre Piece". However, no one volunteered to be editor of the booklet. Therefore, the money was changed into the three savings bonds for possible future use by LWVCC.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Rachel Avila reported no new members since our last meeting however, there were several renewals. Rachel had sent multiple email reminders to those who have not yet renewed. Jan requested that Rachel send the list of those not renewed to the Steering Committee members so that they could call them.

Voter's Guide: Sara Bresler reported that Vote411 had been paid in full. She was not able to attend the zoom training on the new system but plans to review the video from the session. Sara stated that she needed the list of candidates to load into the system. Cindy Hahn stated that it is

too early for the final list but she will try to obtain that as soon as possible, probably early March. Sara also requested that we contact CCOE to find out if candidate email is on the local forms. Sue Sargo will contact Letisha Stefanko at CCOE to find out.

Candidates' Night: Sue Werner brought multiple questions to discuss. It was decided to have a live audience. April 25 and April 27 were dates decided upon both to start at 7:00 pm. It was decided to have questions submitted online and accept some from the live audience. Multiple concerns were voiced regarding candidates who refuse to participate. The FEC rule regarding the empty chair applies only to Federal races. However, LWVCC and LWVPA have followed that law and will likely continue to do so. All of the school director candidates have cross-filed so that is a non-issue. The District Magistrate and Centre County Judge can also cross-file. Sue Werner next asked how best to divide the contests since there are so many. It was decided that we need the list of candidates to decide. Once Sue W. has that, she will send the list out to the Steering Committee to discuss and decide via email.

Voter Education:

High School: Sara Bresler reported that Kathleen O'Connell has asked to join Sara and Marion Sheridan to work with the high schools.

LWV at PSU: Jenna Lugo is away on study abroad. No replacement has been secured yet. Laura Brown was absent today.

Voter Registration and Education: Sue Sargo reported that she has scheduled three senior housing facilities for Voter Workshops. Sue and Laura Brown are working on the Spring Flyer and plan to begin distribution in early March. Sue also reported that she is working on the calendar of community events to send out to volunteers in March.

Government Liaison: Peg Dobrinska reported lawmaker interviews will soon begin with local representatives via in person, email or letter. Peg also reported on a postcard campaign with "Fix Harrisburg" regarding legislative rules. Rachel Avila will send that information out to our membership.

Communications:

Website: Laura Brown was absent.

Social media: Jan Koch reported that she continues to post regularly.

New Business: National Convention scheduled for June 15-18. Bonnie Goble plans to attend.

Old Business: None

Adjourn: Jan Koch adjourned the meeting at 1:01 pm

Next meeting: March 20, 2023 at noon via Zoom