



## **Minutes**

### **LWVCC Steering Committee Meeting Via Zoom**

21 September 2021

Attending: Laura Brown, Cindy Hahn, Jan Koch, Sylvia Neely, Sue Sargo, Sue Werner

Call to Order - 12:02pm by Jan Koch.

Candidates Nights - [Sue Werner participating via phone due to power outage] Discussion of the order of contests: It was decided to have Tuesday October 5th contests in this order: State College school board, College Township Supervisors, Ferguson Township Supervisors, Halfmoon Township Supervisors, Harris Township Supervisors, State College Borough Council. The order for Wednesday October 6th contests is: Bellefonte School Board and Bellefonte Borough Council (3 Wards). All candidates will be seated in alphabetical order within their races. Each candidate will have one minute to answer the questions. Due to time constraints, there will be no closing statements. Candidates will be informed of the same. Sue W. said that 4 candidates had not yet replied to the invitation despite multiple reminders. Cindy H. will supply phone numbers for those candidates to Sue W.

Name tags for candidates will be prepared by Sue W. and left at the main door of the State College Borough Building. Cindy H. will prepare name cards for the dais. Cindy and Jan Koch will admit candidates to the building and to council chambers and will also deny admittance to noncandidates per agreement with the State College Borough Council. Candidates will be instructed to arrive 15 minutes prior to their presentation time. Cindy and Janet will send all questions submitted to the LWVCC screeners by September 30. Sue W. will send a draft of the invitation, timeline, and rules to the Steering Committee for editing.

Minutes - Sue Sargo presented the minutes from the August 17th Steering Committee Meeting. There were no questions or corrections. Laura Brown made a motion to accept the minutes; Sue Werner seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Sue Floyd was absent but provided the budget in advance. There were no questions. Deanna Behring made a motion to accept the report; Sue Werner seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

## Committee Reports

Membership - Cindy Hahn reported there are 71 voting members. There is one "Young Adult" member, Rachel Avila, but no age range is available for this category. Deanna Behring provided a report on the new members she had contacted. She reported hearing two themes from new members as to why they joined: great respect for someone already a member and a desire to be active in a nonpartisan way despite the current highly partisan atmosphere in politics. Cindy reported several members became involved because they were active in other states and when moving here wanted to continue. Cindy and Laura Brown also discussed getting a LWV flyer into realty packets for new residents.

Voter's Guide - Sara Bresler was not present. Cindy H. reported that she and Sara have an appointment with the editor of the Gazette on 9/29 to discuss possibility of printing the Voter's Guide and what that might look like. We will continue our partnership with the CDT to print the Voter's Guide. Laura Brown and Jan Koch have designed a draft flyer with a QR code for the Voter's Guide which would work well for PSU students and others with internet access. Sue S. stated that she had concerns for senior citizen facilities with more limited access and areas of the county without internet. Further discussion is needed.

## Voter Education

High School - Sara Bresler and Marion Sheridan were absent. Marion had reported previously that all registration forms had been distributed to the high school graduating seniors.

Campus - Laura Brown reported meeting with Tim Baillet at PSU. Several items were discussed but to her knowledge, not much action has occurred. He is trying to create a student ambassador program to assist with voter registration and voting information. Sarabeth Bowmaster, president of PSU-LWV chapter, has stepped down. PSU advisor, Jessica O-Hara, is trying to find a new president but for now the organization has slipped out of recognized status.

Senior Outreach and Voter Registration - Sue Sargo reported that there will be eight in-person voter registration events completed by the end of this month. Those senior facilities which did not have in person events received electronic versions of Voter Deadlines flyer and Ballot Applications for residents. We now have a full team for the Constitution Day Jeopardy game on 9/26: Terri Angeletti, Sean Seymour and Sue Sargo. A huge thank you to Sylvia Neely for excellent recruiting of Terri and Sean!

Website - Laura Brown reported that Lori will update the website with Candidate's Night video when it becomes available.

Old business:

Jan K. spoke with Chris Beam at The McCourtney Institute about inviting former PA Rep. Charlie Dent to speak at our December meeting. Charlie will complete his time at McCourtney in November. Jan will contact Charlie anyway as it will likely be a Zoom meeting in December.

New Business:

Jan K. discussed two requests for support from our league: One is from the LWVPA Environmental Director asking for a Letter to the Editor she has written to be published in the CDT about a pipeline through the Sproul State Forest. Cindy H. and Sue S. voiced support for the LTE. The other request is from a league in CA regarding a national Health Reform and Social Justice Forum. It was decided that we would not co-sponsor this event from a distant league.

3 Dots: Sylvia Neely would like to propose a way to possibly utilize the 3 Dots facility sometime after the election. Jan asked her to write a proposal and Sylvia agreed.

Members at large - Jan K. thanked Sylvia Neely for her interest and involvement in the Steering Committee as a member at large. Jan would like to encourage additional members to join us at our monthly meetings.

Adjourn: Jan adjourned the meeting at 1:25pm