



Minutes

LWVCC Steering Committee Meeting

Via Zoom

23 August 2022

Attending: Rachel Avila, Laura Brown, Bonnie Goble, Cindy Hahn, Jan Koch, Jenna Lugo, Sue Sargo

Call to Order: 12:01 pm by Jan Koch

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

Treasurer's Report: Sue Floyd was absent but had updated Jan and prepared the monthly budget that was sent with the agenda prior to the meeting. Jan Koch reported that Sharon Manno currently is conducting an audit of our books. Sue Floyd discussed with Jan that LWVCC needs an annual blanket approval for all items in the budget. Any expenses not on the budget must be voted on individually. Jan asked for questions and/or concerns. Hearing none, Laura Brown made a motion to authorize blanket approval of all items in the budget; Rachel Avila seconded the motion. The annual blanket approval was approved unanimously. Laura Brown made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Sue Sargo seconded the motion. The Report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Rachel Avila reported five new members since our last meeting: Suzanne Marter, Judy Miller, Rosa Eberle, Crystal Durachko and Shawna Mukavetz. All interested in helping with voter registration. Rachel and Bonnie will continue to call new members and welcome them.

Voter's Guide: Sara Bresler was absent but had updated Jan. Publication dates have not been settled on but will Sara will need that soon. Jenna Lugo reported that the LWVPSU group has chosen five topics for candidate questions for the LWV at PSU Voter's Guide: racial justice, abortion rights, student loans, free speech, and LGBTQA rights.

Candidates' Night: Sue Werner was absent but Cindy Hahn reported that it will be held on October 13 at 7 pm. All candidates for office have been invited. G.T. Thompson has already replied that he has a conflict and will not participate. Two candidates for state house districts 77, 82 and 171 are expected to participate. There was discussion regarding questions for the candidates. LWVCC would like to work with the Centre County Democratic and Republican party chairs on questions and format. Discussion pending.

Voter Education:

High School: Marion Sheridan was absent but reported to Jan that she is working with the Key Club advisor at State College High School regarding what can be done for the students. Jan Koch suggested that she also work with Shawna Mukavetz who is a math teacher at the high school who may be interested in helping with this initiative.

Campus: Laura Brown reported on a webinar that she attended and Giselle Concepcion led recently. Laura reported a comment that teachers should not be utilized to register students as in the current political climate, it could be a liability for those teachers. Other recommendations for fostering youth voter registration considered were to work with local Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations. Jenna Lugo reported that PSU Involvement Fair will be held next week and LWVPSU will participate in that. The co-presidents also have scheduled a meeting with the political group leaders on campus for next week. LWVPSU is holding their first meeting of the new school year this week. Jenna did not know the state of possible candidate debates on campus that the LWVPA was proposing.

Senior Outreach and Voter Registration: Sue Sargo reported that the voter registration training program on 8/11 was successfully completed for three attendees from NAACP: Margy Frysinger, Kathleen O'Connell and Darlene Clark. Sue reported on the Bellefonte Arts Festival issues: the coordinator would not allow us to set up on Saturday as they do not permit any political activities. The Art Museum had given us permission to be there both days but the coordinator would only allow Sunday on the Art Museum property. Sue also reported that Bill VanDenbergh had convinced the Crickfest board to allow us and Fix Harrisburg to participate this year after all. Sue reported that all food banks have received flyers to be distributed in September. Community partners have received flyers, voter registration forms, and ballot applications electronically. Work continues on in-person senior facility voter registration.

Government: Peg Dobrinska was absent but had updated Jan. The LWVPA has joined Gov. Wolf in a lawsuit called King's Petition regarding the proposed constitutional amendment package, SB106. There are six amendments proposed that restrict abortion rights and suppress voting rights. It is possible that the amendments will pass this coming session and appear on the spring primary ballot.

Communications:

Website: LWVPSU has created a live website which is still a work in progress. Laura Brown and Lori Weider will work with the students and with their new faculty advisor, Kate Hynes, to continue to build the website. Laura and Kate plan to meet monthly.

Banners: Laura Brown reported the pop-up banner for campus is done. The plan is to store it at the Center for Public Conscience so that LWVPSU can access it easier. Laura also reported that the add-on banners for downtown State College are done, and are ready to be hung in October. Laura used the Sign Shop on Atherton for the add on banners at \$20 each, a significant savings. For the Bellefonte banner, that shop suggested two options for the same price of \$600-\$700: a vinyl vs mesh banner for the large banner to be hung in Bellefonte over the street that goes up to the Courthouse. The QR code should be readable on either one. Vinyl would have to be vented which makes it susceptible to tearing. Mesh would be much lighter and dry quickly. It was decided to proceed with the mesh version.

WPSU Fundraising Volunteers: WPSU radio pledge drive will be held 10/8-14. Laura and Bonnie would like to advertise to membership to take on the coordinator role. Jan will email a job description to the membership.

Credit card proposition: Jan, Sue Floyd, Lori and Laura had discussed how best to address concerns members have expressed regarding issues with PayPal. Members would like to have a credit card option. Jan presented two options: 1) Commerce Basic Plan with an additional \$108/annual fee (\$324/total fee) and a 3% fee/transaction; or 2) an add on to our current Business Plan with no annual fee but a 6% fee/transaction. After discussion, Laura Brown made a motion to accept plan #1 and Sue Sargo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept plan #1. Laura will notify Lori to update the website. Jan will notify membership when the change has been made.

Speaker: Foxdale had asked for a speaker regarding the proposed constitutional amendments. Laura Brown will contact Foxdale to see if they prefer an in-person or Zoom format.

Madison Award: Jan Koch will accept this award on 9/17/22 at 12noon from the Constitution Center for in recognition of LWVCC promoting civility in our community. There will also be a voter registration table there.

Tee shirts: Lori Weider suggested to Jan that there is a website where people can order 1 of 2 styles of shirts online. LWVPSU has also designed a tee shirt and we can include along with ours. Jan will advertise the two options and, if available, the LWVPSU option as well, to the membership.

Adjourn: Jan Koch adjourned the meeting at 1:10 pm

Next Meeting: September 20 at noon via Zoom.