



Minutes
LWVCC Steering Committee

18 August 2020

Attending: Sue Sargo, Jan Koch, Sue Floyd, Sue Werner, Laura Brown, Cindy Hahn, Sara Bresler, Marion Sheridan

Call to Order: Anniversary of the 19th Amendment Jan called the meeting to order at 12:02

Minutes: Marion Sheridan shared May and June minutes. Cindy moved to approve minutes. Sue Werner 2nd the motion and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Floyd shared the Treasurer's Report. After expenses we have \$4808.70 in our checking account. Our savings bonds are valued at \$5,634.00.

Change names on checking account - Sue Werner proposed that we remove Candace Danneker's name from our checking account since she is no longer the President of the League of Women Voters of Centre County and replace it with the names of our current co-presidents, Jan Koch and Sue Sargo. Marion Sheridan 2nd the motion, and the motion was approved.

Acquiring a credit card was also discussed. Sue Floyd will check into the difference between our bank credit card and Capital One. We will continue the credit card discussion during our September meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership – Cindy Hahn shared that we now have 72 members. She sent all of us the member interest survey results. Jan and Sue remind us to include interested members when working on our committees.

Voters Guide - Sara reported that it is still too early for us to begin gathering candidate information for the guide.

Candidates' Night - Sue Werner, Cindy Hahn & Jan Koch. Candidates Night will be held Thursday, October 8, 2020 via Zoom & C-NET. Sue Werner has talked to Nick Zepp who agreed to host the event on Zoom. We discussed what kind of special Zoom license we would need if any. Sue will check with Nick to see what we need to acquire for a successful event. Nick suggested a trial Zoom meeting on Oct. 7th. We agreed that the empty chair rule would still apply to a virtual event.

The deadline for soliciting questions from membership and public will be October 1st. Marion Sheridan, Sara Bresler, and hopefully Lydia Vandenberg will use the time between Oct. 2nd and Oct. 8th to screen the questions.

Voter Education

High School – Sara Bresler and Marion Sheridan will wait to see if county high schools remain open for in class instruction or move to virtual instruction before deciding how best to respond to voter registration and ballot needs.

Campus – Laura Brown shared that she plans to meet with Tim Balliet on August 24th to receive an update on the University's plan for voter registration and voting issues. We are hopeful the League can play some part in helping.

Senior Outreach – Sue Sargo has made contact with most senior centers and residences in the county. She now has the emails of most and feels most homes and centers are receptive to receiving voting information.

Upcoming Presentations – Constitution Day this year will be a virtual event. A video will be released around the 26th of August celebrating our Constitution.

Jan Koch and Sue Sargo will interview Joyce McKinley next week on how to register to vote, deal with mail in and absentee ballots and discuss what happens to ballots that are mailed. The voting tutorial will be aired on C-Net the end of September.

Voter registration training for volunteers will not continue this year due to the Covid-19 epidemic.

Town Halls - Sue Sargo contacted Amy Farkas to see if she was still interested in presenting her Local Government 101 via Zoom in 2021. She is waiting for her response.

Old Business:

Cindy moved to formally vote on budgeting \$1K in support of voter information for the up-coming elections.

New Business:

Emails were sent to all members asking for volunteers to help County with opening mail-in ballots. As we learn more about the process we will continue to share training and safety information with our membership.

Banners – Laura has been in contact with SC borough regarding the hanging of banners in State College. We have many options depending on cost. Laura and Jan will present our case to 100 Women Who Care in hopes that they will help us fund this initiative. Final decision regarding banners will be made in September.

Door hangers – We will pay for the list of registered voters who have not voted in recent elections. Sue Werner will help Sue Sargo and Jan Koch divide the list in some way, perhaps by precinct so we can target and distribute door hangers. We will need volunteers to help with this effort.

Flyers – Flyers on Voter information have been sent to senior residences in Centre County and Food Banks. Sue was pleasantly surprised that the Food Banks are printing the flyers and putting the flyers in the bags of food to be given to patrons. Our new member from Blair County is helping there. Voter information was modified for Blair County on the flyers that will be distributed there.

Phone Calls – Our recent member interest survey shows that we have many members who are willing and eager to make phone calls encouraging people to vote and providing voter information.

We continue to share voter information electronically as well as on social media.

C-NET – Sue Werner moved to spend \$100. to renew our PSA on C-NET. Laura 2nd the motion. The motion was approved. It was suggested that this expenditure be included in the yearly budget.

Adjourn – Sue Werner moved the meeting should be adjourned following the end of our business. Laura 2nd the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:54.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 via Zoom

DATES:

24 Aug 11:00AM – Zoom Tutorial with Joyce McKinley on voting– C-Net and online

22 Sep National Voter Registration Day

27 Sep National Constitution Day

29 Sep 7:00 PM – Online tutorial on mail-in and absentee voting through Schlow Library

1 Oct 5:00 PM – Deadline for receipt of questions for Candidates' Night

8 Oct Candidates' Night

19 Oct Last Day to Register to Vote for General Election

27 Oct Last Day to apply for mail-in/absentee ballots

31 Oct County begins processing mail-in ballots

3 Nov ELECTION DAY