



Minutes

LWVCC Steering Committee Meeting

19 January 2021

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

Call to Order - Jan called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Minutes – Marion Sheridan presented the minutes. Sue Werner moved for acceptance. Sue Floyd 2nd and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - Sue Floyd shared the treasurer's report. We have \$6,696.02 in our checking account. \$684.91 in our educational fund, and \$5,746.80 in our bonds. Sara moved to accept the report, Sue W. 2nd and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: Cindy Hahn - This is a time when memberships are being renewed. At present we have 42 voting members, 21 members have not yet paid. We also have 2 associate members, 3 lifetime members and 14 student members.

Voter's Guide - Sara Bresler

Vote 411 coverage of local elections - we are waiting for the State League to decide which races they will cover in terms of questions.

Candidates Night - Sue Werner shared that we have reserved April 27th and 29th. Cindy will provide a list of races. See attached page. Review Candidates' Night guidance re: write-in ballots. After a lively discussion we decided not to change our bylaws regarding write-in candidates.

Voter Education

High School – Sara and Marion - no news yet as schools are still up in the air about in person and virtual education.

Campus – Laura Brown also shared that little is happening on campus due to the uncertainty of Covid 19 and how it is impacting the operation of the university.

Senior Outreach – Sue Sargo will send out voter applications for mail in ballots to all senior residences in early April.

Website – Laura has been working on an overhaul of our site. She has highlighted various issues. Please log on and take a look. Thank you Laura.

Old Business

Primary Election efforts

Banners/Door Hangers/Postcards (Lori's offer) - Laura will ask State College Borough to hang our banners in early April. We decided to table the idea of buying new banners until July.

PA League Advocacy Efforts - Our State League has prioritized the following initiatives. Sue W. suggested we contact Annie Rose to be our Advocacy chair. Carol Kuniholm, our V.P. of the State League holds meetings every Saturday from 9:30 - 11:00 am. LWVCC will focus on the first three initiatives.

- Changes to Act 77 – PA election law including H.B. 25 that would abolish no excuse mail in ballots. We are against such a bill.
- Redistricting - Wendy Thomas (R) has reintroduced Fair Districts. We would support fair district representation.
- Constitutional Amendments re Judicial Districts - This initiative may or may not be on the primary ballot this year.
- Open Primaries.
- National Popular Vote Compact.

Program Planning for 2021 - due to Covid 19 we are not planning any new seminars, however, if the Judicial Districts amendment is on the ballot we should plan to host information sessions regarding the proposed changes and what it means to Pennsylvanians.

New Business

Legislative interviews: none of our steering committee members volunteered to conduct the interviews. Jan will ask the general membership if there is an interest.

Adjourn

Jan adjourned the meeting at 1:19 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 2021

CALENDAR:

20 Jan - Inauguration

5 May - Last Day to register to vote in the Primary

11 May - Last Day to apply for a Mail-in/Absentee Ballot for Primary

18 May - Primary

Seats up for election

District Attorney - 1 seat

Jury Commissioner - 2 seats

District Judge 49-03-04 - 1 seat

Bellefonte Borough -

Mayor - 1 seat

Ward #1 - 1 seats

Ward #2 - 1 seat

Ward #3 - 2 seats

State College Borough -

Mayor - 1 seat

Council - 3 seats

Benner Township

Supervisors - 2 seats

College Township

Council - 2 seats

Ferguson Township

Supervisors - 2 seats

Halfmoon Township -

Supervisors - 1 seat

Harris Township -

Supervisors - 2 seats

Patton Township -

Supervisors - 2 seats

Spring Township

Supervisors - 1 seat

Walker Township -

Supervisors - 1 seat

Bellefonte School Board - 4 seats

State College School Board - 4 seats

