



Minutes

LWVCC Steering Committee Meeting

15 September 2020

Call to Order: Co-Presiding Officer, Jan Koch called the meeting to order at 12:05

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

Minutes: Marion Sheridan presented the minutes for August. Two spelling corrections were made and the amended minutes were approved. Sara presented the motion and Cindy was the 2nd.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Floyd reported on our finances. Sue Werner moved to accept the report. Marion Sheridan 2nd and the motion carried. Sue Floyd also shared that she had successfully changed the name on our accounts, removing Candance Dannaker's name and replacing it with our current co-presiding officers. We also discussed getting a credit card for ease of purchasing materials. Sue W. moved to acquire the credit card through First National Bank as using a local bank may make resolving issues easier. Marion 2nd the motion and it was approved. We will request one card in Jan Koch's name.

Committee Reports

Membership- Cindy Hahn reported that we have three new voting members bringing our total to 58. In addition we have 3 lifetime members, 3 associate members, and 11 student members for a total membership of 75.

Voter's Guide - Sara Bresler shared that all information except for Presidential candidates is now in Vote411. The Presidential information may be in by September 24. We will tentatively publish the Voter's Guide on Sunday, October 11th.

Candidates Night - Sue Werner, Cindy Hahn & Jan Koch
Sue Werner shared that the majority of Democratic candidates have responded to our invitation. She has not yet heard from most Republican candidates. Sue did contact Chris Eng, our local Republican chair to ask for help reaching out to candidates. Jan Koch will check on the empty chair rule and how it may impact our event.

Thursday, October 8, 2020 via Zoom & C-NET Our current plan is to invite all candidates via zoom and then have C-Net stream the event on channel 7 as well

as cnet1.org. Nick Zepp will be hosting the event. Jennifer Nichlas will be the moderator. A practice night will be held Wednesday, October 7th.

Soliciting Questions will take place online. It will be posted on our website and Jan will email our membership to submit questions as well. The deadline to submit questions will be Thursday, October 1, 2020. Our website will also post which candidates choose to participate and those who did not and provide a link to the federal law explaining what is known as the empty chair rule.

Voter Education

High School – Sara and Marion shared that voter registration forms have been delivered to all public and private high schools in the county as well as to Tyrone High School and Central Mountain High School. In addition Sara, Marion and Jan were invited to talk to Lori McGarry's election class at the Delta Program on the work on the League and how students could get involved in the election process. Students have a list of ideas that they are working on to try to register new voters and encourage participation in the electoral process. We have also been in contact with the senior class president at State College Area High School to see if we can host a voter registration drive somehow.

Campus – Laura Brown shared that LWV PSU will soon be an officially recognized organization. She is keeping Tim Balliet informed by email of the efforts of the LWVCC to encourage student voting. PSU is trying amid the current pandemic to encourage voting. Since there is no paper distribution of any kind on campus we will not need the 1,000 extra copies of the Voter's Guide.

Senior Outreach – Sue Sargo has made contact with 21 senior living facilities in the county and sent information to them regarding applications for absentee ballots as well as mail-in ballots.

Presentations – Constitution Day was a virtual event this year. Schlow Library will host Jan and Sue S. via zoom to educate people how to vote by absentee and mail-in ballots. Good Morning America contacted the League about undecided voters. WPSU will host a panel discussing women voting. Jan and Sue will participate.

Town Halls - Sue Sargo shared that Town Halls have been placed on hold.

Website – Laura reminded us that any of the recorded presentations may be up loaded to our website.

Old Business:

Banners – Laura Brown shared that the banners are in production. The total cost will be approximately \$745.92 with a \$25.00 shipping fee. We should wait for the invoice for the final cost. The Borough of State College will hand the banners at no cost to us.

Door hangers as being distributed. After a discussion it was decided that we should also concentrate our efforts in the State College area as well since our banners may not be seen by as many people as previously believed due to the pandemic.

Flyers – Sue S. and Jean Dietrich have delivered flyers to Food Banks in the county. They were well received. Sue had the flyers printed at Staples. Sue also looked into having the LWVCC become part of Centre Gives for next year.

Phone Calls – Cindy currently has 18 of the 19 people needed for calling newly registered voters. Each caller will call 50 new potential voters and encourage them to vote. Cindy has written a script for the calls. Kudos to Mary Eagleton who was the first volunteer to complete her calls.

Information to share electronically and on social media is an ongoing process. We are trying to keep up.

Fundraising to help with the cost of the banners, door hangers, etc. is going very well. Sue S. has already written and mailed several thank you notes.

CDT - Letter to the Editor was sent by as yet has not been published.

New Business:

Requests from Mike Pipe - Sue S. shared that Centre County Commissioners will hire 4 new temporary employees to input data. This work will help the Board of Elections. He was hoping LWVCC could help spread the word.

Addendum: On Oct. 6, 2020 Sue Sargo, Sue Werner, and Jan Koch met via Zoom to discuss Candidates' Night and what we should do about PA State races with only one participant. The consensus was that to change course now would be a disservice to the voters, and to the other candidates and volunteers who have cleared their schedules in order to participate. The following motion was made: The LWVCC will proceed with the Candidates' Night as planned, allowing for "empty chair" situations for PA House races. We will revisit this policy prior to the next election. The steering committee voted by internet. The motion carried.

Adjourn: Jan adjourned the meeting at 1:50

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2020

CALENDAR:

17 Sep - Women's Fight for the Vote – WPSU 7 P.M. – Jan and Sue on panel

22 Sep – National Voter Registration Day

27 Sep – Constitution Day

29 Sep – Mail-in voting Training online 7 P.M. hosted by Schlow Library –Jan and Sue

1 Oct – 5 P.M. Deadline for submission of questions for Candidates' Night

8 Oct – 7 P.M. Candidates' Night – CNET – Channel 7 or online at cnet1.org

19 Oct – Last Day to REGISTER TO VOTE for the general election

27 Oct – Last Day to APPLY FOR MAIL-IN OR ABSENTEE BALLOT

31 Oct – Volunteering to help with mail-in ballots begin

3 Nov – ELECTION DAY