Minutes LWVCC Steering Committee

19 March 2019

Attending: Janet Engman, Sue Sargo, Jan Koch, Laura Brown, Cindy Hahn, Lori Wieder, Sara Bresler, Amy Farkas, Sue Werner, Marion Sheridan

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm

Minutes: Minutes were accepted and approved

Treasurer’s Report: Sue could not attend, moved to approve the report she sent.

Committee Reports:

 **Membership** - Cindy had a spreadsheet of all members. We have 43 regular voting members, 3 lifetime members and 1 associate member.

 **Candidates Night**- We will have 2 nights for the event; Tuesday April 30th and Wednesday, May 1st. Lydia Vandenberg will train screeners for this event and the future. Sue spoke to the CDT about hosting an evening for the special election. The

CDT is willing to host a candidate event. We learned Fred Keller will run on the Republican ticket against the Democratic candidate Marc Freidenberg.

 **Voter’s Guide-** Sara talked about using the Vote 411 program for local elections. There is a cost to use the program. If the cost is for a year or more we will try the program, if the cost is per election we will have to reconsider.

 **Voter Education-**

Campus Outreach - Three PSU students came to talk to the League for a

public relations class. Their goal was to introduce the League to Penn State

students. They hope to use social media outreach; Instagram or Facebook.

They shared the results of a short survey that 80% of students surveyed had

never voted but 90% thought voting was important. The three students suggested having a mock election at the HUB and then handing out absentee ballot forms as well as creating a pamphlet about the League of Women Voters. The students thought the week of Candidates Night or before April 22nd might be a good time for their fun event at the HUB. Laura Brown also suggested Late Night Penn State as a possible way to provide students absentee ballots. Cheyenne Seik is the PSU student who is in charge of the project. She is willing to contact the Late Night Penn State organizers to see if we might set up a table to pass out absentee ballots.

 **Vote PSU** - Laura and Lori continue to work on how to get students to vote. A

letter went out on March 20th from the University signed by Damian Sims, Tim Ballet, and Cody Heton to the Centre County Board of Elections asking for a satellite office to request absentee ballots and voting on site. The Centre County Board of Elections would need a secure line to input data. The elections board has total say in this request. Laura and Lori will work on a brochure for the special election that is similar to the Voter’s Guide. They have contacted the Campus Election Engagement Program.

**High School Outreach** - Marion and Sara will continue to contact high schools and deliver voter registration forms. Sue Smith is interested in working with the students and faculty at State College Area High School.

 **Environment** - Janet is still looking for volunteers. She suggested we join the Nittany Valley Environment Coalition.

 **Old Business:**

 **Forums** - Amy Farkas attended the meeting. She is willing to conduct a seminar on how local governments work sometime in late summer possibly late July. We hope to

have members of the SCASD Board of Directors talk about how the board operates in September. Another seminar about the workings of local court and judges will hopefully be held sometime in October.

 **Guidelines** - a decision to table the discussion for now.

 **PA Voter/Newsletter**- Jan will remind people to contribute.

New Business:

 **Biannual luncheons** - Luncheons with speakers will be held in June and December. Sue has volunteered her location. There is no resolution on speakers at this time.

 **State LWV Convention** - State convention will be held in Reading on June 1st. Please let Jan know if you plan to attend.

 **Meeting** - Sue and Jan plan to meet with Kris Eng in an effort to establish a better

relationship with the local Republican Party.

 **Next Meeting:** April 16, 12:00 noon, State College Borough Building

 **Adjourn:** meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.