



Minutes

LWVCC Steering Committee Meeting

17 August 2021

Attending: Sara Bresler, Laura Brown, Bonnie Goebel, Cindy Hahn, Jan Koch, Sue Floyd, Sylvia Neely, Sue Sargo, Sue Werner

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

Minutes - The minutes from the July 20th Steering Committee Meeting were presented. Sue Werner made a motion to accept the minutes; Cindy Hahn seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Sue Floyd presented the monthly budget. Sharon Manno had completed the full audit as requested and found no major issues. She did make a suggestion that Sue Floyd explained to the committee. Sue Floyd then made a motion to issue a blanket order for approval of disbursements included in our approved budget, any additional expenses must be approved by the Steering Committee. Cindy Hahn seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the motion. Jan Koch, Laura Brown and Sue Floyd discussed how to best handle accounting for donations to member dues v waiver. Sue F. suggested that the steering committee can waive fees as needed for those who wish to be members but cannot pay the dues. This would be more flexible than setting up a separate account. A motion was made and seconded to use the waiver method and it passed unanimously. Sue Sargo will draft a thank you letter on LWVCC letterhead to be given to all those who make tax-deductible donations to the LWV Education Fund. Cindy Hahn made a motion to accept the monthly treasurer's report ; Sue Werner seconded. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Membership - Cindy Hahn

Cindy reported no new members since our last meeting, leaving our total membership at 70. She and Deanna Behring are sharing the 8 new members welcome phone calls. Cindy has completed her portion and updated the membership spreadsheet. She is awaiting Deanna's report.

Voter's Guide - Sara Bresler

Sara reported that she now has the list of candidates that will appear on the November 2nd ballot and is ready to start contacting the candidates for their updated information to publish. Discussion was held regarding the date of publication; it was decided to publish with CDT on 10/3/21 and to request 2,000 free print copies for distribution on campus, senior facilities and the community. Sara will contact Jessica McAllister to discuss the entire project including whether CDT plans to devise their own voter's guide in addition to LWVCC guide.

Candidates' Night - Sue Werner

Sue reported that State College Borough has approved our request to hold in person Candidate's Nights in the borough building with no guests or public audience; only candidates, LWVCC volunteers and C-NET personnel will be allowed to attend. Two nights, Tuesday October 5th and Wednesday October 6th are scheduled for contested races only. Bellefonte candidates will be invited for Wednesday; State College and the other municipalities will be on Tuesday. Thirty candidates will be invited. All candidates and staff must be masked when not speaking, Candidates will be requested to RSVP by September 20. Questions will be solicited from the public by social media and a letter-to-the editor of the CDT; questions will be accepted through our email address.

Voter Education

High School - Sara Bresler reported that they now have 2,000 voter registrations forms and will begin distributing them to the area high school graduating seniors.

Campus - Laura Brown reported that at this time PSU is overwhelmed with decision making regarding student safety, in person classes, etc during the continuing pandemic and voting has taken a back seat. She has met with Sarabeth Bowmaster who plans to help with campus distribution of information as well as voter registration events. Sarabeth continues work to obtain university recognition for the new PSU-LWV chapter.

Senior Outreach - Sue Sargo has four in person voter registration and information sessions scheduled at this time. All LWVCC volunteers will be masked even though they are fully vaccinated in order to protect people in those facilities. Volunteers have kindly stepped up to assist in three of those events; Sue is seeking volunteers for the 4th event.

Voter Registration - Sue Sargo reported that National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 28. The group decided that only outdoor events would be held this year. Sue will contact Schlow Library to hold an event outside at the corner of Beaver and Allen Sts. If permitted, 3-4 volunteers will be needed.

Website - Laura Brown and Lori Weider are doing a great job of keeping our website updated and looking good!

Old Business:

Internship - CEEP is under new leadership and our joint project with them has been put on hold indefinitely. We will continue to advertise for our original internship but have received no applications at this time.

League Records - Jan Koch reported that only financial records are required to be archived by the League. However, we do have additional records that can be included in archives. Sue Sargo has 3 boxes of records from Candy Dannaker and Louise Tukey to eventually be sorted for archiving with Jackie Esposito at PSU Pattee Library.

PA District 12 letter to Keller - LWVCC, along with the Lewisburg chapter, have approved a letter to be sent to Rep. Fred Keller; we are awaiting approval from the LWV chapter of Lackawanna County, the three counties represented by Mr. Keller.

November Election Plans - Laura Brown reported that our banners will be hung by State College Borough in early October. Our leftover door hangers will be distributed at voter registration events and are included in the outreach boxes. New membership recruitment cards were designed by Laura Brown and Lori Weider and were unanimously approved by the committee.

Lion Bash - September 9th, 5-8:00 pm will be staffed by Sharon Hyde, Jennifer Nicholas and Suzanne Weinstein.

3 Dots Update - Laura Brown explained that the option for our group would be free access to their facility on the corner of Beaver and Pugh from 12-5pm on four Saturdays: 9/25, 10/2, 10/9 and 10/16. We could share the space with other non-partisan groups if we choose to do so. It would require at least 3 volunteers each week. The committee decided that while this is a good opportunity to engage with the public, it is too late to make these arrangements. It was further decided that we would accept this offer for the Spring 2022 only for their outdoor patio, not the indoor space. After discussion of other non-partisan groups that might want to join us at that time, Cindy Hahn suggested that the CBICC might be a good choice and they could share materials to help small businesses in our community.

New Business:

Change to Bylaws - LWVCC bylaws will need to be changed and approved at the June meeting regarding the change of Associate member to Additional member. However, since the change has been made by national and state, our website can be changed immediately. Additional member fees will remain \$35; these members will now be able to vote.

Quarterly LWVPA Presidents' Call - Jan Koch and Laura Brown attended. This call was regarding statewide league committee nominations.

Centrecountyvotes.com - The county website will be updated shortly to centrecountyvotes.gov. Visitors to the old website will be forwarded automatically to the new site.

Betsy Whitman's presentation - On August 21, Betsy will represent LWVCC at a tabling event sponsored by Centre Women's Leadership Coalition for women in the community that have not yet volunteered or served in leadership roles in non-profit organizations or local institutions/government but would like to learn about opportunities and connect with other women in the community. Laura Brown and Jan Koch will provide materials for Betsy to distribute.

December Speaker - A brief discussion was held regarding speakers. Former Rep. Charlie Dent and Pamela Ruest, President Judge of Centre County, were suggested. A final decision was not made.

Adjourn - Jan Koch adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 21, 2021