



MINUTES

LWVCC Steering Committee Meeting via Zoom

19 October 2021

Attending: Rachael Avila, Laura Brown, Bonnie Goble, Cindy Hahn (at 12:10), Jan Koch, Sylvia Neely, Sue Werner.

At first there weren't sufficient attendees to make a quorum. Discussion ensued, thanking Rachel Avila for her assistance with distribution of the Gazette in Bellefonte. Other discussion took place about post-candidates' night objections which are being brought by Kris Eng. A meeting will be scheduled with Kris and Greg Stewart after the election to discuss some of her objections:

1. Date should have been more accommodating
2. Questions reflected, in her opinion, the viewpoint of Democrats only
3. Written statements from candidates who are not in attendance should be allowed

Cindy Hahn appeared on Zoom at 12:10 p.m., making a quorum.

Call to Order: 12:11 p.m. by Jan Koch.

Candidates' Nights -- More discussion about the above, and the upcoming meeting with Chris Eng. Jan, Sue Werner and Sara Bresler will attend.

Sue Werner expressed that the questions on Candidates' Night were EXCELLENT.

Minutes: Jan Koch had previously distributed the minutes from the September 19, 2021 meeting digitally. There were no additions or corrections. Sue Werner made a motion to accept the minutes; Laura Brown seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Koch had previously distributed the Treasurer's Report digitally. Some discussion ensued. Cindy Hahn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Sue Werner seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Cindy Hahn reported that there are 87 voting members. Membership renewals will be going out soon by email. Sylvia Neely spoke about some ideas from other LWV chapters which pertain to membership:

- *ALL* LWV events should be “membership” events
- Lunch meetings vs dinner meetings
- LWV membership packet tool kit should go to all members

Voter's Guide - Sara Bresler was not present. The publication of candidates for Harris Township in the Gazette omitted the name of an independent candidate (Tracy Moriarity); this is an issue which needs to be addressed. Jan will check to see if anyone has spoken to the Gazette editor.

Voter Education - The campus website was updated. A student voting guide was published. Jessica O'Harn spearheaded the effort. The information in the guide was compiled and edited by the Penn State General Education Faculty Scholars' Civic Engagement Sub-committee. Student Voter Guide and voter tool kit is under “Resources for Students.” Cindy Hahn praised Laura Brown's efforts; the existence of a Student Voter's Guide is real progress. A typo on the students' page regarding dates was mentioned. A historically Black college, Meharry College of Medicine, made an inquiry to our LWV; they wish to start their own student LWV.

Senior Outreach and Voter Registration - Sue Sargo not present (working in the Office of Elections). No update.

Website - Website is up to date! Candidates' interviews will be posted Friday or Saturday.

Old Business:

Possible speakers for the December meeting were discussed. A suggestion to invite the new head of the Office of Elections was made. The meeting will be via Zoom. Dates and times were discussed; meeting should be early in December. Jan Koch will send a Doodle poll to membership about date/ time. The meeting should be recorded and archived.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Adjournment:

Jan Koch adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.