

# **LWV OF CALVERT COUNTY**

**June 13, 2018**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Sharron Bickel, Pat Hofmann, Sandra Raviv, Gladys White, J C Hooker, Krista Boughey, Margaret Dunkle, Pat Pease, Jim Winship, Maureen Hoffman, Liz Demulling, Helenmary Ball, Carol Booker, Renita Alexander.

**Absent:** Grace Mary Brady

**Introductions:** Co-chair Krista Boughey called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM and requested that each attendee introduce themselves. Krista led off with her position as co-President and a description of her interest in League as well as other personal interests. Jim Winship mentioned his political science background as part of his interest in League. Gladys White briefly mentioned that she is beginning her second year as a director. Pat Pease spoke of her long-time involvement in League and her current focus on Board of Education activities. Maureen Hoffman described her years in county government as a backdrop to her present interest in working with League. Pat Hofmann is now off-Board but still very active with the LWVCC website and voter service/registration projects. Liz Demulling introduced her role as State Board representative in addition to her new role on the LWVCC Board. Helenmary Ball reported that she would have financial reports next month as incoming Treasurer once she meets with outgoing Treasurer Inez Claggett. She also is running for Democratic Central Committee in this year's primary and asked any Democrats present to vote for her. Sandra Raviv indicated that she is beginning her second year on Board as Secretary. J C Hooker spoke about her commitment to League and her experience that women are so busy fulfilling their many roles that they don't always advocate for themselves, a function that League can help to address. Carol Booker, a new Board director, has served in many previous organizations and is a retired attorney. Margaret Dunkle, a long-time League member, is serving her second of a two-year term as 1st Vice President; she has actively encouraged young people to become engaged citizens through activities such as the History Fair and other programs in the schools. Sharron Bickel is currently beginning her second year as co-President of LWVCC with a lot of previous experience. Renita Alexander is a new Board Director who will serve as Membership Chair; she currently is also a Principal in the PG school district.

**Agenda:** Krista suggested we consider Pat Hofmann's report earlier so she need not stay for the entire meeting. Sharron Bickel will report on children's camps under New Business. Margaret Dunkle requested that the 2019 History Fair be

considered on the agenda since the Board needs to vote on continuing it and allocating funds for it. After discussion, it was agreed that July's Board Retreat will be on July 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-1:30 at Fairview Library in Owings.

**Minutes:** The Annual Meeting Minutes were discussed including revisions that were made after input from several Board members, Nominating Chair, and Parliamentarian. An updated roster of new Board Members will be attached to the Minutes so everyone can easily identify who is holding positions. It was suggested that Debbie Harris be given a copy of the minutes since they include her Nominating Committee Report. It was also then suggested that all members receive copies of the monthly minutes via email list. The role of the Nominating Committee was described as active all year long due to the need to search for new candidates if present Board Members leave their position before their term expires. The Annual Meeting minutes were approved as revised. April Board Meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved at the July meeting since they were not available for today's meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** No treasurer's report until July meeting. Helenmary asked about software to be used for Treasurer accounts and was advised it was up to her which package she wants to use. She will meet with Inez Claggett before the next Board meeting in July.

### **Calendar for Coming Year:**

Membership Chair Renita Alexander will schedule Wine & Wishes and Eggs & Issues Events for later Board approval. A new possible event after the November elections will be considered in addition to two forums.

Upcoming Board Meetings will be scheduled Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec (Social), Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8 (Annual Meeting in evening from 5:30-8 PM), Jun 12 (Board Retreat) 9:30 AM-1:30 PM, Jul 10.

Extensive discussion to include more of the general membership covered W&W and E&I events, as well as the possibility of additional Membership meetings on a monthly or quarterly basis. It was agreed that we ought to try quarterly membership meeting sand the membership Chair will schedule these.

The annual Legislative Evening will tentatively be held on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> pending approval by Cassandra Okwumabua who is coordinating this event.

LWVCC is sponsoring two Forums: On Oct 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:45 for all County officials (Sheriffs, Orphans, Wills and Commissioners and on Oct 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-? for State Legislators. A third forum is probable for the Town of North Beach election. It was suggested that invitations go out as possible after the primaries so the

forums will be scheduled by candidates. It was also suggested that the BOCC secretary be notified to hold the date as well.

### **New Business:**

**Forums:** Sharron Bickel and Gladys White led a discussion of co-sponsorship for League forums with other county organizations such as Concerned Black Women, NAACP, Let People Vote (ACLU), and Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha sororities. Concerns about the implications of the League's non-partisan policy and format for any such co-sponsorship were covered with a final decision that the Voters Service committee will draw up agreements including appropriate language and terms for partnering organizations to agree to and sign. Gladys White and Sandra Raviv moved and seconded a motion that LWVCC will not have co-sponsors but instead will use the phrase "community outreach provided by" and give a list of participating organizations.

**Voter Registration Event:** Sharron Bickel also presented the idea of co-sponsoring voter registration along with CBW, NAACP, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Let People Vote in Solomons on Jun 30<sup>th</sup> and Jul 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 PM. The Board approved a motion by \_\_\_\_\_ regarding LWVCC's co-sponsorship of the voter registration project and seconded by Maureen Hoffman pending clarification of what our insurance covers.

**History Fair:** Margaret Dunkle described next year's theme as Triumph and Tragedy, indicating that Caliope Milman won the senior division this year; Margaret may be assisted by Nancy Smith next year. After discussion, she moved that we support our participation in the Fair at the Benefactor level of \$250 which will give us a page in the program and an opportunity to present awards. (need second)

Krista Boughey reported that Ashleigh Anderson has proposed the idea of a junior Optimist Club at Huntington HS as well as "mini-leagues" at the high school level.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Raviv, Secretary