

## **LWV OF CALVERT COUNTY**

### **November 13, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** JC Hooker, Maureen Hoffman, Sandra Raviv, Norma Onley, Sharron Bickel, Margaret Dunkle, Tricia Powell, Sue Bilek, guest

**Absent:** Gladys White, Jane Crawford, Pat Pease

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** President JC Hooker called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM with a reminder that we need to stay on task to get through our agenda in a timely manner, especially to discuss important decisions. Seven Board members were in attendance, assuring a quorum for voting.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved. Tricia Powell moved, Sharron Bickel seconded.

**Minutes** (Sandra Raviv): Corrections of adding a note regarding approval of the LWVCC budget at the October meeting and the time of the Holiday Social will be from 12:30-2:30 on December 8, 2019. Norma Onley moved and Tricia Powell seconded.

**Treasurer Report** (Tricia Powell) The Treasurer's report was accepted for filing (Sandra Raviv moved, Maureen Hoffman seconded). Please see attached report. There was discussion about practice of separating LWVCC funds from WOW funds, as well as proper identification and use for restricted Regina Brown monies. Also discussed was need for 2-3 fundraisers per year to stay abreast of obligations such as State and National dues; currently we are facing a shortfall.

**Membership:** We currently have 64 paid members. Members are urged to complete their membership questionnaires and return to Janet Bellizzi who is updating our membership list.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**LWVCC Goals** (Maureen Hoffman) Maureen distributed an outline of State League priorities with her assessment of LWVCC programs and activities that match or fall under those priority areas. LWVCC has numerous voter service activities that support the "Making Democracy Work" goal, with two activities (Green Team and partnering with Sustainable Calvert) under the Environment and Sustainability area. LWVCC has no activities currently supporting the Promoting Social and Economic Justice priority; a suggestion was made to use the Regina Brown funds to underwrite a program to address this priority area.

Maureen also noted two LWVCC programs that do not currently fit State priorities: Co-sponsorship of Library films, and the annual WOW celebration.

**History Fair** (Margaret Dunkle): a flyer for the History Fair was distributed with the current theme of Breaking Barriers in Voting. The Board reviewed the costs of sponsoring an award at varying levels that have increased this year. The fees for participating this year will be drawn from the Education Fund (approved by State LWV) with the increased cost of sponsorship covered by individual donations (Sharron Bickel moved, Maureen Hoffman seconded). LWVMD will be getting back to us with clarification of how educational funds can be used for future reference.

**NationBuilder** (J C Hooker): The target date for launching the NationBuilders program is 3/31/2020 in order to provide support for WOW and use of PayPal. We are still in need for an individual to take on the LWVCC FaceBook page.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Voter Services** (Sharron Bickel): The team has been working on questions for candidates to be published in the voter's guide. Questions for Board of Education candidates were reviewed and amendments suggested, and Maureen Hoffman moved to accept the questions and provide them to the voter service team. The deadline for completion and submission of the questions is December 8<sup>th</sup>. Sharron asked that any further help with questions on judges and bail be submitted to the team.

**Observer Teams:** JC Hooker announced a 6:30 meeting pertaining to the Kirwan report on education tonight at the Full Gospel Assembly of God Church. Online videos of the report are also available. There is the possibility of a presentation on the Kirwan report at our Holiday Social so we will be in a position to speak to the League's position.

The League also needs to review the State Transportation Plan; presently we are in a 60-day review cycle with upcoming Planning Commission and BOCC meetings. We will need to develop a statement for the public hearing to be held.

**Fundraising Events** (Norma Onley): Norma proposed a late February boat ride with food from Solomons; costs would be \$500 for a 2-hour boat ride, \$200 for food, and \$100 for gift certificate door prizes. Tickets would be \$50 for individuals and \$75 for couples with a maximum capacity of 38. After some discussion, it was decided that a later date for this event (Sun April 26<sup>th</sup> was suggested) when the weather is warmer would be preferable.

Norma also presented the idea of Stoney's as a venue for our annual meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2020. Cost of tickets would be \$35. Maureen Hoffman moved and Tricia Powell seconded this venue so we can have a firm booking. A 50/50 raffle will provide a modest fundraising activity, that can also be added to our Holiday Social and any other similar event.

A fundraiser at the No Time to Cook restaurant in Solomons may be considered for February in lieu of the boat ride.

JC Hooker distributed the LWVMD study on Civics Education which will be considered for a decision at our January Board meeting. She also passed around an article from the Chronicles of Higher Education on civics education for added information.

**Board Vacancies:** The Board agreed that a letter would be sent to Jane Crawford regarding her assumed resignation per LWVCC By Laws. Sandra Raviv moved and Tricia Powel seconded a motion to appoint Sue Bilek to the Board to complete Jim Winship's term that runs from May 2019-May2021.

**Announcements:** There is an upcoming citizen activist training on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-2:00 in Rockville, MD. Offered by Common Cause and LWVMD, all members are eligible to attend. Pat Pease and JC Hooker will be attending. For further details and to register, go to:  
[https://www.lwvmd.org/citizen\\_activism\\_training](https://www.lwvmd.org/citizen_activism_training)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Raviv, LWVCC Secretary