

ACDWC Board Meeting
1/3/2022

Members present:

Ann Mostoller – President
Millicent Taylor – Vice President
Jan Newsome – Treasurer
Ann Miller – Secretary
Mare Martell - Communications
Betsy Speed – Ways & Means
Nancy Highfill – Nominating Committee
Anne Gladman – Scholarship Committee

Minutes:

Ann Mostoller provided minutes from the 11/14/2021 annual membership meeting. Jan moved, and Mare 2nd, to approve minutes without changes. All voted to approve. Ann Mostoller will prepare these minutes in a form satisfactory to the bank.

Anne Gladman to provide minutes from the Nov 1st 2021 board meeting. ACTION ITEM

Treasurer's Report:

Jan provided the treasurer's report (dated 1/3/2022). Millie moved, and Mare 2nd, to approve the report and send it to audit. All voted to approve.

Betsy will look into a bumper sticker as a fund raiser. Nancy offered an RBG quote during discussion, "Women belong where decisions are being made." ACTION ITEM

Goals for 2022:

We had a lively discussion regarding two top priority goals. 1) Encouraging women to run for office, and 2) getting out the vote. Ideas put forward were partnering with P-flag, a local LBGTQ organization, and the Black community to extend our understanding and impact.

Ann Mostoller will talk with Anne Backus about working with P-flag on election stuff. ACTION ITEM

We also discussed the idea of a 5K (run/walk/roll) to benefit women running for office. With a proposed entrance fee of \$20, and possibly partnering with the party to cover some costs and maximize the amount going to candidates. We might also be able to partner with the EmergeTN program. Mare is going to look into how to do a race so that we might attract young potential candidates. ACTION ITEM

Mare is going to talk to Amanda Caldwell to see if she is interested in running for office and if she wants to go through the EmergeTN program, with our help. ACTION ITEM

Ann Mostoller will set up a meeting with her daughter's friends and others of a younger generation to see if we can get some names of other potential candidates. ACTION ITEM

In the mid-term election there are positions open for County Commission, City Council, and School Board.

Programs:

We discussed having programs by Zoom during January and February (although previous experience was not encouraging), and then outdoor meetings until midyear. In late March we hopefully can return to a dinner program. Some dinner program ideas were a presentation of School Board issues, how we have/will spend COVID/infrastructure money in East TN, a trivia contest, community issues such as recycling, and TVA updates. We could also host a panel or Q&A for women exploring the feasibility of running for office.

Ann Mostoller will look into a hospitality committee for future outdoor events. ACTION ITEM

Membership:

There are currently 82 members. Betsy moved to raise the dues to \$25 for 2023. There was a lively discussion about our perceived value to justify the increase. Anne Gladman opposed the measure, all others approved.

Ann Mostoller will ask Karen Fitchpatrick to continue as membership chair. ACTION ITEM

Publicity:

Ann Mostoller will confirm with Kay Brookshire that she will continue with press releases. ACTION ITEM

Ann Mostoller will prepare a blurb for the newsletter. ACTION ITEM

Anne Gladman will prepare a blurb for the newsletter on scholarships. ACTION ITEM

TN Federation of Democratic Women:

We discussed our relationship with the organization and the cost/benefits of being affiliated with them.

Ann Mostoller will circulate information about the TFDW winter board meeting and will ask Betsy to chair that effort/issue. ACTION ITEM

Scholarship Committee:

Ann Gladman expressed concern that the \$1000 might not be sustainable going forward without a concerted fundraising effort. The Clinch River Community School (a public alternative high school) was mentioned as an additional focus for scholarships.

Board Meeting Schedule:

The first Monday of the month at 5:30. The next meeting will be at Ann Mostoller's house Feb 7th at 5:30 (inside or outside TBD).

Ann Miller will clean-up the list of board members (position, address, contact info) and provide the list to the board members. ACTION ITEM

Adjourn:

Betsy moved to adjourn and Nancy 2nd. All approved.