

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 Waynesboro Electoral Board Meeting

Waynesboro Electoral Board Meeting was called to order at 8:05a.

In attendance was Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton, Chair, Frank Lucente, Vice-Chair, Robert Horowitz, Secretary and, intermittently, Lisa Jeffers, Director of Elections.

Mr. Horowitz noted and brought samples of The News Virginian Coming Events section that announced the EB Meeting in their Monday, August 5th (three days before meeting) and Tuesday August 6th editions. Mr. Horowitz will add this to his responsibilities and will be certain The News Virginian prints notice of the EB meetings and agendas at least 3 days before the meeting.

Minutes of the June 10, 2019 Electoral Board Meeting were presented. Ms. Bouldin-Clopton moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Mr. Lucente seconded the motion. And the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Horowitz will have the approved minutes placed on the City Web site.

The board discussed the requirements for Virginia voter registration. Verifying that the process and the need of verifiable ID and the signed registration form noting legal action if there is illegal intention helps prevent fraudulent action. The Picture ID's must also be used when voting. New Smart Drivers Licenses requiring even more ID requirements should lesson voter fraud possibilities.

There was a brief discussion on the need for scheduling a Security Audit as recommended by the Department of Elections. Frank Lucente moved, and Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton seconded, that the Electoral Board and the Director of Elections will schedule the security audit with the cooperation of the various IT, State, Local police, and city management personnel. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Jeffers will contact the registrar of Salem County to learn what they did and how their Security Audit proceeded.

Due to responsibilities to the electorate by the Director of Elections, including absentee voting contacts, etc. the Officer of Election training should be held at least a week and a half before the election. Despite some conflicts of the Electoral Board, the training of the Officers of Election will be Thursday, October 24th and Friday, October 25th.

After a discussion on how the training will be administered, it was decided to accomplish the training, if possible, in one day. The Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs in a morning session. The Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, with guidance for the Electoral Board and Director of Elections, would then lead the training of the OEs. It will be decided at the next EB meeting whether to have one session for all Officers of Election or two sessions each with two Wards that afternoon. The Director of Elections reserved the City Council Chambers for both the 24th and 25th of October.

The recruitment of the High School Pages would proceed as last year. Mr. Horowitz will make contact with the Commandant of the Fishburne Academy and the Principal of the Waynesboro High School. The remedial format determined after the Chief/Asst. Chief debriefing following the November 2018 General Election will be implemented: Creating three 4-hour shifts, limiting the number of pages at each shift to 4, having the Chiefs make revolving assignments for each Page, denoting the Jobs and responsibilities for each page made in advance. To assist the schools in recognizing the work of the pages and to provide the Pages with proof of their community service, the pages will receive Certificates of Achievements. The Board will see if those Certificates can be presented at a City Council Meeting (another result from 2018 debriefing).

The Board then discussed recruitment of Officers of Election. Ms. Bouldin-Clopton suggested we "hit the social media such as Facebook and Instagram, etc. hard". She also suggested we piggyback on City Committee Publications and emails such as Parks and Recreation, Library, etc. Amongst the other early suggestions:

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Announcements on the City Web Site, using our Waynesboro Votes Facebook page, Public Service Announcements on various social media and news media outlets, getting blurbs on City tax and fee bills, seeing if city organization folders and mailings can have our appeal included, EB members going to civic organizations and clubs, service organizations, as well as, church clubs such as men's and women's clubs to discuss Election Process and recruit.

The ballots for the November 6th General Election have been approved and put on City WEB site. A quantity of 60% of registered voters was ordered.

Next scheduled meeting will be on first Monday in September, September 4, 2019 at 8am in the Electoral Board/Registrar Office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00a.

Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton, Chair _____ Date _____

Frank Lucente, Vice Chair _____ Date _____

Robert Horowitz, Secretary _____ Date _____