

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9,2026 GENERAL MEETING
FREDERICKSBURG AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Present: Theodore Blackwell, Robert Choplin, Debbie Combest, Sue Botts,
Karen Griffin, Helen Reuter, Bernadette Fumbanks, Rupert Farley, Edith Min,
Emily Sperlazza, Brenda Hooper

Theo called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and declared a quorum. He noted that our League currently has 39 members.

Leadership: Robert has resigned as vice-president and a vote was called to nominate a candidate to replace him. Rupert moved to nominate Bernadette, and Debbie seconded his motion. Bernadette was elected unanimously and is now the vice-president. Theo urged others to step up to fill other leadership roles in the League. A date for the 2026 annual meeting, probably some time in June, will be determined soon.

Old Business: Last month's events included Community Conversations Feb. 16; crafts event at the library; Book Club.

Director Reports: Voter services director Robert Choplin outlined the schedule for high school voter registrations at four local high schools. Several members have already volunteered for these events. Members can sign up to volunteer online.

Upcoming Events: Community Conversation March 16 at Curitiba Cafe: topic will be immigration enforcement and community organizing at the lowest level. Book Club will be April 4 at the Snow Library.

Study Committees Update: 1) Redistricting issue: Theo has prepared a statement from the League on the redistricting referendum coming before the voters April 21. He stressed that our statement explains the issue, but we have no stance as far as how to vote. He reminded members about our policy of nonpartisanship. 2) Immigration Enforcement: members are needed to help with research to take a position.

Adjournment at 7:10 p.m. Next general meeting will be on TEAMS Monday, April 13, at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Botts, secretary