

9/8/20 LWVMC Board Meeting

Board Members In Attendance: Jacqueline Nielson, Barb Hykes, Ellen Rapkin, Cheryl Roller, Mary Burkey, Bridget McDaniel, Lucy Buzzee, Ben Sullivan, Catherine Logsdon, Katherine Brandt, Sally Morgan, Mary Austin Palmer

Not in Attendance: Beth Strohl

Staff in Attendance: Elizabeth Grieser

Treasurer report: a lot more printing jobs than normal to have voting info resources at various events and locations, so that expense is more than normal. A lot more people are asking for voter registration forms.

Issue Summaries: For issues in VIB

Issue 24:

- Cheryl/Barb, Under Con – change to “government programs may be reduced or eliminated”
- Ellen, Under Pro – add language around COVID anxiety
- Approved with changes

Electric Issue:

- Ballot language still not finalized

Citizens Review Board:

- Cheryl, Pro: take out “bad” in front of officers and change to “some of key elements”
- Katherine Brandt: take out the clearly demonstrated on first pro
- Con: replace the final con of RB intimidating officers to one about lack of clarity around funding (source and amount of overall funding for the CPRB has not been identified. Impact on budget is unknown), Change agency to police in final con
- Grammar/punctuation changes throughout
- Approved with changes

100th Anniversary:

Booklets gone through rounds of edits and is now up to 40pgs. Should be ready to print later this week. Will go to people who have made donations/bought a ticket/sold to members/saved for future resources. Price TBD.

Videos – 3 done, the 4th one is almost done. Everyone watch, share, and comment on these. First one was released in the e-voter last week.

Committee Reports:

Voter Services:

- Columbus City Schools- Mary Austin Palmer has been doing a lot of work. Just under 1200 packets for students that will be eligible to vote were delivered. Packets including: voter registration application, absentee request application, instructions on use vote, instructions on how to cast ballot. Card they can use to ask their parents about their voter registration status and link to online registration. Schools are posting info on their social media. Students are getting emails to their school emails. One school had 67 students register bc of these efforts.
- Issue Guides are in progress
- Elizabeth and Barb met with Auditors office – asking for W9 form- they are going to pay 6900 for an ad in the voter guide.
- We have a lot of volunteer opportunities coming up. Lots of speaking requests.
- Have done a lot of work with OH votes to get an ad about voting in all the COTA busses.
- Unprecedented level of interest than other elections we have seen

Education and Advocacy:

Have people working on league positions on racism.

In November looking at the 21 Day Challenge on Racism with the YWCA of Cleveland.

Presidents Report:

Levy calculator on auditor site will let you put in value of home and calculate the actual dollar amount a levy will impact you. That will be a part of the ad they are taking out in the voter guide.

SOS Press Conference: Talked about unofficial election results will come out very early wed morning but official results wont come out till 3 weeks after so they can deal with trailing absentee ballots and provisional ballots. Made a large point that there will be no interim reports.

Elizabeth, barb, ben Cheryl – putting together talking points so we can communicate this. We will use resources for this info – not recreating the wheel.

SOS has asked controlling board to approve money coming out of his budget to provide money for return postage on absentee ballots. As of now, he has no answer. Next meeting is the 14th.

New Business:

Held first book club. It went really well. Overall very positive and enjoyable.

Cheryl and Mary will lead again. Thursday Oct 1st. Want to do Dr. King letters from Birmingham Jail. Eventually would like to pass it off.

Motion to adjourn.

Passed.