

**League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 1, 2021**

**Board Members Attending:** Cheryl Roller, Mary Burkey, Lucy Buzzee, Katherine Brandt, Sally Morgan, Bridget McDaniel, Lilleana Cavanaugh, Mary Austin-Palmer, Jackie Nielson, Barb Hykes, Ellen Rapkin, Ben Sullivan, Lindsey Kauffman

**Not Attending:** Beth Strohl, Kit Logsdon, Carla Hicks

**Staff:** Elizabeth Grieser

**Welcome** – Cheryl welcomed board members.

**January Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes, Motion seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ben provided the Treasurer's Report for January. Membership dues continue to come in and LWVMC is overbudget on this income line item. We received the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the ACE grant in January, \$2500. We also received \$175 deposit from LWVUS for an unspecified reason. Expenses were normal for the month. We paid the first installment in the DIA Coordinator's contract. The report will be filed for audit.

**Development Committee** – Cheryl and Elizabeth provided a report. The DIA Honoree, Amy Klaben was announced at last week's Civic Cocktails event. Amy has selected Sen. Sherrod Brown and Maude Hill (VP at Homeport) as her Honorary Co-Chairs. Work is continuing on soliciting corporate sponsorships and working to plan the virtual event for May 5.

**Voter Service** – Katherine Brandt reported. Candidates in the May primary election will be announced this week. We will be working on the Election Prep Team for Franklin County Board of Elections.

**Education & Advocacy** – Sally and Bridget gave the report. The Arming School Personnel Consensus meeting was last week and there were some good discussions. Sally's notes on the meeting have been submitted to LWV Ohio for consideration. The committee invited Dr. Arthur James to give a talk on March 9 about racial inequality in infant mortality. The committee also plans to work on a second 21 Day Social Justice and Racial Equity Challenge to begin in later March. The committee is looking for a League member to be a liaison between LWV Ohio advocacy work and LWVMC E&A Committee.

**Membership Committee-** Lucy reported that non-renewing members have been taken off the roster. LWVMC currently has 391 members and 66 members were taken off the roster last week. A membership sub-committee will be meeting to discuss producing videos for new members.

**Communications Committee** – Cheryl reported. Julie Friend will be sharing a platform with the communications committee to make inter-committee projects easier to manage. The committee will be organized in various sub committees with specific projects – website, social media, etc.

**Operations Manager Report** – The Nominating Committee is meeting this week. The 2021-22 Board Slate will be submitted to the Board at the April Meeting. The Budget committee will be meeting in early March. Board members are encouraged to submit and budget requests to Elizabeth by February 25. Elizabeth reported the Civic Cocktails was well attended and a post-event survey indicated that members liked the small group breakout rooms. We hope to plan a similar event soon. Elizabeth reported on the LWV Ohio Convention (May 11-22). LWVMC can have up to 8 voting delegates. Board members who are interested in being voting delegates, please contact Elizabeth.

**President's Report** – Cheryl Reported on Map Making/Redistricting Efforts in Ohio. On Feb. 9 there will be a Speakers Bureau training for Redistricting. Elizabeth would like to keep a list of potential speakers on this topic for future speaking requests. Cheryl discussed the board's racial equity and social justice priority. Are we doing enough? What else can we do? Should we have separate DEI committee? This topic will be placed on the March board meeting agenda.

**New Business** – Cheryl reminded board members to report their volunteer hours.

**Old Business** – None

**Personnel Committee** – Barb reported on the personnel committee work to update the LWVMC staff description and employment terms.

Motion to Adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion passed. Next meeting is March 1, 6:30pm.