

League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus
Board Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2022
6:30 PM

Present: Cheryl Roller, Jackie Nielson, Ellen Rapkin, Sally Morgan, Mary Austin-Palmer, Raya Cupler, Beth Strohl, Bridget McDaniel, Elizabeth Grieser, Lilliana Cavanaugh, Rolnecia Carolina Albert, Carla Hicks, Kitty Burcsu, Jill Lukshin-Hoff,

Absent: Mary Helen Hart, Riham Ben Amer, Lindsay Kauffman, Barb Hykes, Andrea Nadolny

Approval of November Minutes:

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

Treasurer's report:

- Year End Giving (Brunch + Giving Tuesday + Friends Letter) totaled \$8650. We budgeted \$7000. \$850 of the total year end giving was direct donations to the LWVMC Columbus Endowment Fund.
- Membership Dues have surpassed budget for 2021-2022
- Franklin County Consortium closed their bank account and gifted the balance of the account to LWVMC in November, totaling \$2222 for use in future candidate forums.
- A question about the -\$1744 of Net Income on the Balance Sheet. The Net Income shows total income for the current fiscal year. As of Dec. 31, we have negative \$1744 income between July and December 2021.

Finance Committee Report

- Finance Committee proposed revisions to the LWVMC Finance Policy including “ or/and credit card” when mentioning debit card. Motion to approve the amended LWVMC Finance Policy”, seconded, passed.
- Finance Committee recommends that LWVMC acquire a credit card. Add statement that credit card should be paid off every month and then be reviewed by the treasurer. Board approves the Elizabeth apply for a WPCU credit card for routine purchases.
- Elizabeth has updated Quickbooks Desktop to Quickbooks online.

Development Committee:

- Cheryl reported Scott Miller's suggestion of amending the DIA Honoree to include OLCA – an association of statehouse news organizations that includes both large newspapers (Dispatch) and smaller outlets (Ohio Capital Journal and Gongwer) The board approved the idea and Elizabeth will reach out to Scott about next steps.

Voter Service

- Plan for January is reengaging our volunteer base with training for voter registration and community speaking group.
- Voter Girl is scheduled for March 5 with the Girl Scouts
- Week of March 21 – focus on voter registration with many community partners, WOSU, La Mega Radio Stations, Columbus State Community College, OSU and Franklin County Board of Elections. Lilliana will be doing interviews in Spanish on La Mega Radio station about voter registration and elections this spring.

Education and Advocacy

- Sally and Bridget reported on events in December including volunteering at Mid Ohio Food Bank, the 21 Day Challenge, and Franklin County Public Health COVID Phone Banks
- Upcoming events include forum on the Global Progress Indicator as a new method of calculating GDP, Franklin County Public Health COVID Textbank and Program Planning.

Membership Committee

- Current Membership is 469. Elizabeth will remove nonrenewing members at the end of the month to avoid paying PMP. Currently about 110 members have not renewed. 28 members have joined since November 1, 2021
- Membership brochures are available if people would like to distribute those are conferences/meetings

Operations Manager Report

- Bylaws Committee will be meeting soon – Sue Phillips is chairing the committee
- Nominating Committee will start working soon. Elizabeth will be contacting Board members whose terms are ending in June to see if they would like to continue on the Board. Several board members are needed to be on the Nominating Committee

President's Report

- Cheryl shared the progress of the LWVO Criminal Justice Study Committee, specifically the Sentencing Committee, to create a position for collecting data about sentencing in Ohio.

New Business

None

Old Business

- Add insurance info to next board meeting

None

Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be on February 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM.