

Bay Chapter League of Women Voters

Tuesday May 5, 2020

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** The Chapter Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Meeting Minutes.** The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Zoom Account.** The chapter purchased a zoom account for the year. The Westlake chapter may contribute and share the account.
4. **Ohio LWV Report, Joe M.:** A lot of plans have been altered due to COVID-19. Judicial Votes Count is an Ohio LWV website that has candidate answers. The redistricting lawsuit did not work out as the Ohio LWV hoped, but they are exploring new avenues to make voting more fair. Vote 4-1-1 is up for an award. LWVGC had a voter services meeting led by Catherine Ryan. We need to do more online work and adjust obviously now that COVID-19 is a factor. They are investing in a sign up software that can be used by chapters which can be a voter service tool. LWVGC can help with training, voter rights, participation as well as registration. There is a webinar about voting by mail on May 6th.
5. **Voter Service Update, Karen D.** We are looking to have a forum in September at the high school before the general election with a moderator and questions for the moderator from the audience. The candidates have not yet responded. It was suggested that he call the statehouse office. As a backup plan we will have it on zoom. Possibly we would ask the candidates questions sequentially. Do we have election law issues because this is a broadcast? The state league is making inquiries to national and Susan will report back.
6. **Scholarship Winners.** They have been identified and the recipients are very accomplished. Ellie hopes to be a physical therapist & John wants to open an architecture real estate company. May 18th will be the online presentation. Their award is special because it's during our 100 year anniversary. Jane will send Tara a write up for the Observer.
7. **Bay Days, Conda B.** We should know mid-May if Bay Days is going to happen this year. It seems unlikely that it will go forward. We still have nearly \$11,000 in our account.
8. **Census.** Sue D. would like to address us in the future, possibly in June to get guidance on how we can help. In the meantime promote the census as much as possible on social media. Tracking down individuals who haven't responded will be a challenge this year.

9. **Forum Update.** Greater Cleveland has postponed our forum until the fall to focus on others. The upside is there's a better chance of having it in person.
10. **Online forums.** Common Cause's forum on May 6th is on vote by mail. June 13, 9:30 am is the LWVGC annual meeting. Jane will send out a list of additional forums with links. June 25-27th LWVUS convention will be online. Centennial celebrations are postponed until next year.
11. **Westside Coordination.** We should be working more with local advocacy groups on nonpartisan activities and not overlapping efforts.
12. **Conda Motions to Make a Donation to the Observer.** Karen suggests we should make a donation. The Leadership Team will look into this.
13. **Observing Public Meetings.** This is a good time to make a list of and start observing public meetings online.
14. **Next Meeting:** June 2nd, 7:00 pm via zoom.