

Bay Chapter League of Women Voters

Tuesday June 2, 2020

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** The Chapter Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Meeting Minutes.** The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Voter Services, Karen D.**
  - a. Karen D. Forums:
    - i. Karen has been dealing with both campaign managers and told them the debate would be virtual via zoom. Sept 15<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9 are the potential dates. Otherwise they will propose a date.
    - ii. Karen is also looking into holding a second forum for the Dolan senate seat.
  - b. Joe M. All Member Call Summary
    - i. On the last Ohio all member call. Ohio is going to come up with best practices for holding virtual forums and meetings. HB 680 will be voted on shortly and could lock in some old practices that would disenfranchise many. Report any issues you're experiencing or voters are expiring to LWVO. Our membership teams and voter service teams need to be working together and share resources. In addition we should looking at partnering with non-profits, possibly the Kiwanis. Next meeting is June 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. We need to send this sheet out to members.
4. **Observing Report** – We have created a sign-up genius page where individuals can sign up to observe a public meeting. There is also a form they can use to write their report and instructions to submit it. We can publish them on Facebook and twitter and have the League be a repository of information about the community. We should also provide guidance on “observer etiquette” such as wear your pin to meetings.
5. **Fundraising.** We are updating the budget to reflect the big changes that have resulted from coronavirus. We are looking into holding a fundraiser to possibly sell women’s cut chapter t-shirts.
6. **Census.** Over 83% of Bay residents have self-reported which is much higher than the state reporting rate. Can we work with the Kiwanis to get the remaining 16% to report. Maybe we can publish the actual response rate in the Mayor’s newsletter.

7. **Reminders:** Fill out the Greater Cleveland member survey & register for the annual meeting.
8. **Advocacy.** Lakewood did an advocacy workshop at the high school which goes over how to advocate for issues you care about. We would also like to work on diversifying our membership and offer events in neighborhoods that are more diverse. Also informational videos and statements about why they joined the League.
9. **Other Business.** There are some community groups petitioning the school superintendent to offer anti-racism training and resources.
10. **Next Meeting:** July 7th, 7:00 pm via zoom.