

1/7/19 LWVMC Board Meeting

Board Members In Attendance: Barb Hykes, Gloria Davis, Mary Burke, Nitya Velu, Bryan Peluso, Ben Sullivan, Tracy Moebius, Lindsey Montanari, Lindsey Kauffman, Beth Stohl, Pam Conrad, Steve Tingley-Hock, Cheryl Roller(by Phone)

Staff in Attendance: Elizabeth Grieser

October and November Board Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Ben Sullivan

Over \$6,200 from brunch, Giving Tuesday, and Friends Letter. We exceeded our budgeted amount.

Membership dues are up because membership is up.

Voter Services expense is tied to Mary Austin Palmer's program

Elizabeth will look into the \$8,000 expense

Barb asked if holiday brunch money should be in the ed fund or MC fund? Historically it did, but it doesn't really matter. The MC fund invoices the Ed Fund specifically every month to ensure we are accounting for everything properly for tax purposes.

Clarification of role of the board: Barb Hykes

Pam – question around non-partisan appearance. The president and Voter Services chair cannot make donations in their name to a specific candidate or part. Everyone else can personally participate however they'd like as long as they are not doing it as a representative of the LWV.

Ben - question about running for office. Running for non-partisan office does not violate rules as a board member. Running for partisan office – there is guidance on the US website. Ben and Barb will look into it more for the official stance. A lot of elected officials are members.

Do we want to modify the national description for the local league?

Cheryl would like to add the expectation that board members: Support the growth of the league by helping to recruit, welcome, and develop new members.

Discussion around role of board in developing strategy and organizational coordination.

Barb- Program planning is supposed to be where we decide our priorities and strategies, but a lot of time it gets rushed through. Maybe a solution is to have the board looking at program planning before the program planning meeting so that as a board we can have a recommendation ready for the meeting.

Elizabeth – since we are a grassroots organization the priorities are supposed to come from the membership. It's not the boards role to set them. Every few years we go through a process/study to

identify priorities that are aligned with membership/board/staff. Last time it was done in 2012 but since then the board, staff, and committee chairs have all changed.

Nitya – More focused year a meeting to check what worked and what didn't and what we can do differently/better.

Elizabeth – for the 6 years she's been here. The committees are autonomous entities that run on their own. Most do have specific goals each year, but board and Elizabeth may not have a good idea of what those are.

Outcome of our next retreat is to develop a strategic plan

Need to have representation and/or input from every committee

Overall – come with 2-3 strategic objectives in February. Use force ranked process.

Send the 4R document that came out of 2012 work to the board prior and everyone should have it read and ready to discuss. Ask our committees to send their current goals and use that as a starting point for Feb discussion too.

Steve: 800,000 to 1.2 Million voters will be purged this month and it will be focused on people 25-34 (because they're not voting). Franklin county sent out 35,000 letters, non-response rate is 95%

Just over 50% of high school seniors had registered to vote last year. One way to impact young people is to focus on hs seniors. There's an organization that just focuses on helping get people get ids.

Intern Update: Jenna – senior Marketing Major at Capital University. Starting February and working for 10 weeks. Communications meeting next Sunday. Moving from constant contact, revise and modernize e-voter, a couple other potential projects

History of Activism – Bryan so far the students have covered the first 2 lessons. Concepts of activism and then a who/what/where/when/why art exhibit on historical activists. Next lesson is to have league members go to the school to be interviewed by students in March/April. We need volunteers for this.

Any suggestions for changes to LVWO bylaws- quorum is only 20% of possible voting delegates? Get them to Elizabeth ASAP

Elizabeth will be on vacation the week of 18th-27th with no access to phone/internet. Barb will have password to email and phone will say office is closed.

Columbus City Council Candidate Conversation – will be on Tuesday cohosted with NLC who organized the event. We will have league volunteers there..

Sat Jan 26th 10am Worthington library last planning meeting for 100 anniversary party for "public" input. Really need input from committees

Motion to ajourn. Motion seconded. Motion passed.