

April 5, 2021 LWVMC Board Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Carla Hicks, Katherine Brandt, Mary Burkey, Lucy Hadley Buzzee, Sally Morgan, Bridget McDaniel, Lilleana Cavanaugh, Barb Hykes, Jacqueline Nielson, Ellen Rapkin, Cheryl Roller, Lindsey Kauffman, Ben Sullivan, Beth Strohl

Staff in Attendance: Elizabeth Grieser

Not in Attendance: Kit Logsdon, Mary Austin Palmer

Approval of March Minutes:

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

Treasurer's report: Ben

Income for Democracy In Action continues to come in. Ticket sales from Eventbrite will not be transferred into the LWVMC bank account until after the event.

Report filed for Audit.

LWVMC 2021-22 Board Slate

Elizabeth presented the Nominating Committee report and 2021-22 Board Slate. Current opening for Chair of Membership Committee.

Motion to approve the board slate. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

LWVMC Bylaw Amendment

Elizabeth presented the bylaw amendment. Section 2 of the bylaws will be amended to include the LWVUS statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The bylaw amendment must be approved by the LWVMC Board and the LWVMC Membership at the Annual Meeting. A thorough review of the bylaws happens every 5 years. Last year the bylaws were thoroughly reviewed when LWVMC merged into one account.

Motion to approve bylaw amendment. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

LWVMC 2021-22 Budget

Ben and Elizabeth presented the next fiscal year budget. They noted that it is difficult to forecast income this far out, especially due to unexpected funding opportunities such as Election Protection grants and The Big Give. This budget contains a large amount of money shifted from savings to checking in order to balance income and expenses. While this has been an income item on all recent LWVMC Budget's, we have not had to transfer money from savings to checking.

Expenses include an increase to Elizabeth's salary and funding for at least one LWVMC member to attend the 2022 National LWV Conference in Colorado.

Motion to approve budget. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Development: Cheryl & Elizabeth

- DIA: Anita (Reel Hoot Productions) finished recording most of the participants for the virtual Democracy In Action. Bartha will be the production company that puts together the various recordings and slideshows. Honda will be providing a short video to include in the production. Invitations for DIA have been mailed out. Please share information about the event with your contacts.

Voter Services: Katherine

- LWVMC volunteers registered high school students at Upper Arlington High School last week. This is our only registration event this spring as most areas in Franklin County do not have anything to vote on in the Primary Election.
- Elizabeth has published the Primary Election information on Vote411.org
- The Candidate Forum Planning group will meet this week to discuss virtual/in-person forum options for the fall.

Education and Advocacy: Sally & Bridget

- The 21-Day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge presented by Columbus YWCA went well. 12 LWV members participated and met to discuss the challenge on March 29.
- Electoral College Forum planned for April 21 featuring Prof. Steven Huefner of OSU Law School.
- April 29 is National LWV Day of Advocacy where local Leagues plan events around redistricting. LWVMC will have an event about districting of Columbus City Council.
- E&A committee will meet in June to discuss projects for the 2021-22 year.

Membership: Lucy

- Working on video orientation project, which could include a series of five videos for new members, non-members, and existing members. A member would talk for about three minutes about a recent League project they worked on. Looking for diverse, authentic speakers. Danielle Warner has put together a list of question for each topic, plus rapid-fire questions. Video links will be provided to new members with welcome letter. Videos will also be on web site and YouTube. Looking to partner with Communications Committee.

Communications: Elizabeth

- Working on new website and increased social media presence. Elizabeth will likely be bringing a quote for a Hootsuite type program to the next board meeting. This will help LWVMC post on multiple platforms and plan out social media posts in advance.

Operations Manager Report:

- LWVO Convention is May 11-21. LWVMC still looking for 2 more voting delegates. Delegates need to be available Friday, May 20 and Saturday May 21 for plenary sessions.
- LWVMC Annual Meeting – June 7. Members will vote on budget, bylaw amendments and board slate. Meeting will be virtual. Recommendations for intro speaker include DEI and more info on

criminal justice reform study (if approved at LWVO convention). Elizabeth will be sending out email invitations to the annual meeting soon.

President's Report:

- LWVMC has been working with LWV Cincinnati and LWV Delaware County to bring a Criminal Justice and Police Reform Study/Consensus to the LWVO Convention for Approval. We will have a caucus at the convention to build support for the study. If approved volunteers from LWVMC will be part of a state-wide study group to work on a position for LWVO to advocate for criminal justice reform.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.