

March 1, 2021 LWVMC Board Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Carla Hicks, Mary Austin Palmer, 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

Staff in Attendance: Elizabeth Grieser

Not in Attendance: Beth Strohl, Kit Logsdon

Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

Treasurer's report: Ben

Second straight month of positive net income; \$4,000+ in February. Line 03 includes \$3,500 for Beth Strohl's service from Cardinal Health and an \$1,800 employer contribution from J.P. Morgan Chase re: Penny Napoli. Line 04, DIA sponsorships are starting to come in; should increase over the next couple of months. Line 21, insurance is paid in a lump sum. Line 28, adjustment to state and national PMP, in our favor.

Do we pay for Zoom account? Yes, \$16/mo. under Technology. Cheryl noted we have taken funds from savings in some years to balance the budget, but haven't done that in recent years and may not need to this year. Suggestion to put item in eVoter to check with employer about matching program. Elizabeth will discuss matching programs with Development Committee.

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

LWVMC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy

Elizabeth attended LWVOH's recent DEI meeting. They have a committee which will be helping local Leagues. LWVUS has a strong program and has resources we can use. They have changed their bylaws, and we will change ours at the April meeting. The first three lines of those must be the same. Education and Advocacy committee has been focusing on DEI. Suggestions to include LGBTQ community and student/young career representatives on Board. Cheryl encouraged everyone to think about how we can integrate DEI into everything we do and what big things we want to tackle.

Committee Reports:

Development: Cheryl & Elizabeth

- Gift acceptance policy: A few questions; 15+ approvals. Moving ahead with request to L Brands. Ben noted that accepting a donation should be in line with what we stand for. Discussed anonymous donors; Elizabeth said most come through Columbus Foundation. Cheryl asked that if there are any concerns about the policy, contact her and Elizabeth and they will forward to Development Committee.

- DIA: Planning a virtual event, close to selecting a production company for videos. Adora Namigadde from WOSU will emcee. Continuing to work on sponsorships. Save the date is about ready to go out.

Voter Services: Katherine

- Mary Austin Palmer is finalizing application for students to apply for League Board positions. One will be from the Girl Scouts and one from Dublin Scioto High School. Developing a “circle” of 15-20 students at schools; Ann Bohman will be advisor. Will assign mentors. Members will be League members in training. Intend to have diverse group of guys and girls. Hoping they can help with outreach and education at their schools. They will be student members of the League, no dues until age 18.
- Mary met with principal and government teacher at Grandview Heights High School. They are getting 15-20 students together for a project-specific circle; students will earn course credits. Whitehall HS is also interested.
- Elizabeth put announcement about councils/circles in eVoter. Students can help with voter services projects in the fall.

Education and Advocacy: Sally & Bridget

- Presenting a talk on March 9 by Dr. Arthur James on infant mortality.
- Sponsoring 21-Day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge presented by Columbus YWCA. Participants can participate in a League discussion group on March 29. Sign-up is on eVoter.
- April 29 Day of Service dovetails with Civic Cocktails. Jeff Abbott, member of redistricting panel will give an update.
- Food insecurity group has met, has a leader, and is starting to work.

Membership: Lucy

- Membership is currently 395; four new members joined in February.
- 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:

- Next meeting is March 20. All are invited.

Operations Manager Report:

- Elizabeth will be on vacation the week of March 8. She will monitor emails.
- LWVOH Statehouse Day is on March 3. Focus on redistricting, great line-up of speakers. There will be action items, e.g. contact your representative, during the event.
- Program Planning meeting held, went through state League’s positions. Recommending concurrence with California League position on criminal justice reform. Next step is to

coordinate with LWVOH and reach out to other local Leagues. Cheryl will form a task force to study the issue and look for partners. Task force will have members from around the state; Cheryl asked Board members to consider serving. Elizabeth will send link to California position to the Board. Next step will be to present a caucus session at the state convention in May.

President's Report:

- Elizabeth has been working on the new budget and has a draft. Meeting on March 7 to go over it. Email Elizabeth with any requests. New budget will be presented at April meeting.
- Caroline McNeil (intern from OSU) selected as general legislative liaison. No one selected yet for education liaison. She/he will be working with a group of Ohio League members on school funding; looking for someone who possibly has a background in education.
- Book Club will meet March 8 and will discuss two articles on fair housing. These will help us prepare for DIA.

Old Business:

- Ben shared a link about a new vaccine phase; we should get the word out about opportunities. Elizabeth will put in eVoter and on social media. Lily was just at a vaccine seminar and shared that focus is now on younger people. Many have never been vaccinated in the US and may not have a doctor. There has been a series of town halls; working to get resources out to the public. There are barriers to getting new communities vaccinated, similar to getting people registered to vote.

Personnel Committee

- Thanks to Barb for chairing. Received feedback from several members for performance review, and working on distilled version. Committee plans to meet the week of March 8.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.