

# Sept 7, 2021 LWVMC Board Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Cheryl Roller, Barb Hykes, Lindsey Kauffman, Jackie Nielson, Ben Sullivan, Carla Hicks, Rolnecia Carolina Albert, Kitty Bursu, Ellen Rapkin, Bridget McDaniel

**Absent:** Mary Helen Hunt, Sally Morgan, Andrea Nadolny, Riham Ben Amer, Raya Cupler, Beth Strohl, Mary Austin-Palmer, Lillian Cavanaugh

**Staff in Attendance:** Elizabeth Grieser

## **Approval of Past Minutes:**

Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

## **Treasurer report:** Ben

- Income – sending out membership due letters early because PMP payment is coming due at end of month
- \$1600 restricted grant to send 1600 letters to voters in Franklin County jails
- Unrestricted \$5000 grant for voter services will be doing in the Fall

Motion to approve. Seconded. Passed.

## **Operations Manager Report:**

Elizabeth - Redistricting commission has held hearings, the democrats have submitted their Ohio Senate and Ohio Legislature. Once the republicans and commission submit theirs, they will be public and open for feedback. Jane Henderson has been doing a lot of work on it. Encourage people to read the emails, show up to the meetings, enter the map drawing competition – deadline sept 15th.

## **Committee Reports:**

*Voter Services:* Elizabeth

- Voter guide is going well. Deadline to respond is Friday. About 300 candidates being surveyed. Sept 30<sup>th</sup> online version will be up. Dispatch version in early Oct. We have a new contact at the Dispatch.
- Have a letter stuffing event to stuff envelopes for Franklin County jails. Had 125 people vote last year, up from 0.
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> national voter registration day. We are mostly working with other non-profits that serve underserved populations. Have some work with schools.

- Election Day phone bank is on this year. Virtual again. Thinks the phone connection will be better this year.
- Sept 21 fair maps day rally at the state house – anyone who can be there should attend.

#### *Development/Democracy in Action: Kitty*

- Want to honor Lee Leonard with lifetime achievement award. Also want to honor a factual news organization Gongwer. Please don't share names yet since none of this is confirmed. Still deciding on official coordinator.

#### *Voter Services: Ellen*

- Trying to get additional info on the Energy issue. No one knows much about it. Meeting again Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Volunteer sign up for candidate forums in e-voter. They are masked, in-person events and also live streamed.
- State- wide voter rights groups are paying attention to things happening in places like Texas. There are some sitting in Ohio, but no current action. Trying to make some plans if they do pass and get the word out about them.

#### *Education and Advocacy: Bridget*

- Broken into some sub groups- exploring how to work with food advocacy groups in Ohio.
- Jackie spearheading 21 day challenge, it is different from last year, so if you did it last year you will still learn this year.
- Franklin County Public Health – reached out to see if we can get involved in vaccine outreach. Thinks it's good to at least see what they're asking us to do.
- Columbus City Council site has sample maps for City of Columbus and you can give feedback.

#### *Membership: Elizabeth*

- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> new member orientation virtually. Committee chairs will all be asked to attend.
- Have been getting fairly steady stream of new members, a lot from redistricting efforts.
- Want to use the data collected from new members in a more useful way instead of just sitting in survey monkey. Have some members in mind that could help with the project.

#### *Communications:*

- Have volunteer consultant to give initial feedback on social media. Working with Ohio league on joint budget.

#### *By Laws:*

- Every 2 years we are required to look at by-laws. Start in Nov with goal to approve new by-laws at membership meeting in June. Let Elizabeth or Cheryl know if you're interested in getting involved.

*Presidents Report:*

- Next book club is continuation of discussion on 1619 project. Can join even if you weren't part of the first discussion.
- Dinner meeting will be a good meeting.

*New Business:*

*Motion to adjourn.*

Seconded.

Passed.