

League of Women Voters of North Carolina Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Call to Order - A board meeting of LWVNC Inc. was held via Zoom Saturday, December 2, 2023. The meeting convened at 12:04 p.m. President Jennifer Rubin presiding and Sandra Mowell, secretary

Present: Jennifer Rubin, Marian Lewin, Sandra Mowell, Mary Thompson, Regan Aduddell, Sara Baysinger, Tiffany Canaday, Suzanne Fisher and Rebecca Klase.

Guests: Andrea Cash, Jo Nicholas

Absent: Velvet Scoggin

1. Agenda approved by consent.

2. Minutes for LWVNC Inc. 11/15/2023 board meeting approved as submitted by consent.

3. Treasurer's Report. Thompson mentioned the \$40,000 anonymous donation received and that a few donations have been received from the fundraising letter. Mowell suggested we do some sort of thank you in the state newsletter for the anonymous donation since there is no one to write a thank you note to. Rubin will write a general thank you for the newsletter in February. Rubin had a question concerning the Advocacy treasurer's report and Thompson reminded us that 10% of operating expenses are charged to Advocacy.

Unfinished Business:

4. Review of Books. Thompson is working with the new executive director of the Executive Service Corp and expects a referral for someone to work with her on the review. Hopefully it will be done by the end of January.

5. Power the South/Central regional meeting plans. The regional meeting is planned for the morning of Friday, January 26. Power the South will begin at lunch time. There will be an overlap in attendees and Rubin will ask LWWUS how flexible they will be on allowing extra attendees from the regional meeting to stay for the LWWUS program. Klase asked about registration being combined for both meetings with LWWUS handling things. The consensus was for LWVNC to do the registration for the regional meeting. Klase asked to confirm the regional meeting program and Rubin will be locking the details down but the program will largely follow the eastern regional meeting.

6. Scheduling remaining board meetings/retreat for 2024. Dates and times agreed to as follows: June 13, 2024 via Zoom at Noon. July will be executive committee meeting if needed—the date to be determined. August 17, 2024 Retreat in Raleigh 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. September 18, 2024 via Zoom at 5:00 pm. October 23, 2024 via Zoom

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at 5:00 pm. November 16, 2024 in person at Noon. December 18, 2024 via Zoom at 5:00 pm.

A recess was taken at 1:13 pm to convene the Advocacy meeting. Inc. meeting resumed at 2:32 pm

7. MAL/GEO/Cumberland County. Jo Nicholas reported on contact with Tiffany Taylor in Cumberland County who is interested in starting a MAL unit. There was discussion on several items Nicholas wanted to convey to Taylor. Dues for joining as a member at large in NC is \$44 and there is an application form on our website. **MAL Committee moved that 5 paid members are needed to form a MAL unit. Motion passed.** Lewin moved that upon recognition by the state, a MAL unit will receive \$500 for startup expenses. After discussion clarifying that the funds would be disbursed to the responsible MAL unit party and they would not be restricted or need to be accounted for, the **Motion passed.** Thompson moved that LWVNC will pay any dues expenses owed to LWVUS for student members under the new dues structure for three years. After discussion noting that local leagues will also have to forgo their portion of the dues so that student members might still join without cost to them and that roster managers need to keep close watch that students are actually still active members, the **Motion passed.** MAL Committee submitted a job description for State MAL Advisor and a Checklist for MAL formation, operation and dissolution for review. The checklist needs an addition concerning the dissolution procedure if a MAL falls below the 5 members required. MAL Committee will update the checklist, contact the nominating committee to be on the lookout for members to join Nicholas's efforts as a MAL advisor and make sure Nicholas has the information she needs to advise Cumberland County. There were several suggestions of how to help Taylor get informed including inviting her to Presidents' Calls, inviting her to join the Voter Collaboration Team, getting her in touch with Lewin and Aduddell for voter service best practices, participating in voter registration training Aduddell is planning, inviting her to Power the South training, and having our Communications Team send email to former Cumberland County League members with contact information for the new MAL when it is recognized by LWVNC. Nicholas will request recognition if and when the requirements for formation of the unit as listed on the checklist are complete.

New Business:

8. LWVUS Survey. Rubin will complete the survey for LWVNC.

9. Comments/Announcements. Lewin noted the \$6000 fee for Vote411 should be invoiced soon. Rubin commented that LWVUS is going to invest more in NC but doesn't know what that means exactly. Rubin, Lewin, Aduddell, Baysinger and Cash had a good meeting on messaging for 2024 - Vote and Make Your Vote Count - with

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several ideas including Voter ID information cards and a statewide voter registration training video.

Motion to Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

All documents received have been filed within the LWVNC_shared drive.

February 21, 2024

Sandra Mowell, Secretary

Approval Date