

League of Women Voters of North Carolina Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Call to Order - A board meeting of LWVNC Inc. was held via Zoom Wednesday, February 21, 2024. The meeting convened at 5:37 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

1. Agenda approved by consent.

2. Minutes for LWVNC Inc. 12/2/2023 board meeting approved as submitted by consent.

3. Treasurer's Report. Thompson has been attending the LWWUS meetings on new dues structure and has conducted a meeting with local treasurers to keep them informed. They have decided to meet every three months and then more frequently as we get closer to the rollout date which is currently Jan/Feb 2025. We should also be aware if dues information is included in our bylaws, we may need to review to amend to be in line with the new structure. She has received the general liability insurance policy information on each participating league's cost and will invoice in March.

Unfinished Business:

4. Review of Books. Thompson has met with an accountant to review the books, but due to an error with the Quickbooks concerning our 501c3 and 501c4 division of accounts any review will be delayed until Quickbooks is corrected. At that time the accountant will do an assessment as to how many hours will be involved at her nonprofit rate of \$60 an hour.

5. Power the South/Central region review/Western region plans. Rubin remarked that many who attended appreciated the opportunity to interact with LWWUS staff. She and Klase have a meeting to get more feedback on the PTS event from US. Canaday has 10 rooms blocked at the Hilton Garden Inn Hickory for Friday, April 26 and if we book the rooms our meeting room on Saturday, April 27 for the western region meeting will be free. She has also made some food arrangements and needs to confirm by February 28 with a credit card to go ahead with the plans. Four members from each Western region League may attend (we have defined the western region as Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Asheville-Buncombe, Catawba Valley and Henderson County).

6. Withdrawal of recognition/disbanding/struggling leagues. Mowell confirmed she needed to resubmit the request to LWWUS to withdraw recognition for Wayne County. She will work to develop a form for local leagues to submit to the state league when

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they disband and make clear the state should submit to US to keep the three levels all informed. After some general discussion about struggling leagues, Rubin agreed to reach out to Granville to try and visit and Canaday volunteered to contact any members from the disbanded leagues who may want to associate with another league.

New Business

7. Council planning committee. Baysiner has agreed to lead the effort. Rubin, Mowell and Aduddell agreed to help. Discussion of topics included orientation help for members along the lines of join/train/retain for membership efforts and hands on technology use. Mowell noted there will need to be a business meeting concerning the nonpartisan school board issue and our bylaws lay out the league representation for Council.

8. Statewide membership meetings. Aduddell would like to pursue quarterly meetings of membership chairs/committee members, etc., to exchange ideas on things that are working/not working for recruiting and retaining members and have nominating committee members also participate as a way to get to know who are good prospects. It was suggested to include this idea at Council.

9. ELON intern. Klase met with the student who expressed interest in interning with us, but would also like to intern with a candidate. Klase asked for further information on how many hours the intern needed and whether compensation was expected. To date she has not heard back from the student. If we move forward there is potential for the intern to help with developing materials for younger voters and Aduddell shared many good ideas with Klase on how we could utilize the intern.

10. Partisan candidate events. Baysinger asked to discuss the boundaries of member participation in partisan events past board policy for certain members (presidents and voter service). Advice included err on the side of caution, find out who has been invited to an event, find out if electioneering will be happening at event, and generally use best judgment to decide if the "League" should be in the room.

11. LWNVC delegates to US. Rubin, Lewin and Thompson intend to attend as delegates for LWNVC.

12. Comments/Announcements. Mowell noted Velvet Scoggin is a candidate for office and per our nonpartisan policy is not eligible to continue on the board at this time. Rubin received grant information from Canaday that we will add to agenda next month. Rubin will be meeting with an AP reporter from Washington DC. Baysinger mentioned Leandro event in Raleigh.

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Motion to Adjourn. The meeting adjourned by consent at 7:04 p.m.

All documents received have been filed within the LWVNC_shared drive.

March 16, 2024

Sandra Mowell, Secretary

Approval Date