

League of Women Voters of North Carolina Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Call to Order - A board meeting of LWVNC Inc. was held via Zoom on Wednesday April 17, 2024. The meeting convened at 5:03 p.m. President Jennifer Rubin presiding and Sandra Mowell, secretary

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

Absent: Marian Lewin, Mary Thompson

Guests: Andrea Cash

1. Agenda. Approved by consent.

2. Minutes for LWVNC Inc. 3/16/2024 board meeting approved as submitted.

3. Treasurer's Report. Deferred to Board strategic planning session in Hickory due to Thompson's absence.

Unfinished Business:

4. Review of Books. Deferred as above.

5. Western region meeting plans. Canaday reported 26 people are registered (including 8 board members) and we will convene at the Hilton Garden Inn in Hickory from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 27. She has made arrangements for gluten free and vegetarian dining options and a projector will be available. A non League member has registered and Fisher will continue to try to make contact with him. Klase requested any items for packets be sent to her ASAP for copying. Cash requested any slides be sent to her by Wednesday (April 24) and she will close the registration form. Canaday will send a reminder to registrants and will have a check-in table and requested name tags. Rubin will revise the agenda and send to Klase ASAP. Aduddell left the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

6. LWVUS survey date. Rubin asked that League data from another state included with NC data be removed, but doesn't have anything else to report about the questionable numbers.

7. Council planning. Baysinger will forward the registration communication to the Council planning team and would like to get this out Friday or Monday at the latest. Some LWVUS staff have been confirmed to participate. There will be no business meeting needed. She has received most of the short videos and is compiling. She expects a couple of longer videos to be part of the sessions. The registration fee is proposed to be \$15 per person. Baysinger will get together with Lewin to discuss her

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portion. Baysinger will determine meeting time for the Council planning team in Hickory between the regional meeting and dinner.

8. Strategic planning session plans. Rubin asks that all Board members participate facilitating these sessions and has divided the topics as follows: Values: Baysinger and Klase; Strategy 1-Strengthen Democracy: Lewin and Thompson; Strategy 2-Membership & DEI: Aduddell and Canaday; Strategy 3-Increasing Capacity & Support: Rubin and Mowell. She will send a follow-up email.

9. Statewide Issues Program reports. Board members shared research on the topics that were agreed on at the previous board meeting. Public Education, Immigration and the Courts were discussed as the most likely issues to take up. Rubin would like board members to give special thought to organizations we could partner with. She doesn't want this to be "talking to ourselves" but an outreach effort. Mowell wants us to stay focused on what will motivate voters. After much discussion, Rubin suggested we schedule a meeting specific to planning these presentations possibly while we are in Hickory.

10. Update on Gubernatorial Debate. Rubin reported that the three candidates have been invited to a debate LWVNC and PBS-NC TV are co-hosting to be broadcast from Research Triangle Park at a date and time convenient. The Libertarian candidate has responded "yes" and the Democratic and Republican candidates have not responded yet to date.

11. Disbanded League members communications. Canaday sent emails, 4 of which bounced, trying to connect with these members to let them know there are options for remaining involved with LWV. Rubin received notice from Jo Nicholas that the person who had been interested in starting a League in Fayetteville has moved out of state so that effort has come to a stop.

New Business

12. Rep. Nickel Fair Maps Presentation. Rubin has scheduled a Zoom June 4 for Representative Nickel's presentation. Cash is meeting with Gaye Williams, our liaison for redistricting. Date is flexible at this time.

13. Citizen Initiative Zoom meeting. Mowell reported the CI team has scheduled a Zoom for May 14th with Asher Hildebrand, Associate Professor at the Duke Sanford School of Public Policy, to explain the topic and then members will meet in breakout rooms to discuss the need to develop a CI position. She requested board members help with the note taking in the breakout rooms, but no board members are available to attend.

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14. Request for DC statehood resolution support. Rubin received a request from LWWUS for state Leagues to sign on with their support. Fisher moved that LWWNC be added to LWWNC resolution to support DC statehood. Motion carried.

15. Smithsonian Democracy Exhibit. Baysinger requested \$1000 sponsorship via email for the “Voices and Votes” exhibit. Rubin stated the motion passed 5 to 4. Baysinger will work with Cash to promote the tour, and ask local Leagues to promote as they are able. The exhibit starts in Iredell County and continues throughout the state through the end of the year.

12. Federal Advocacy Opportunities. Fisher asked if LWWNC was supporting and Rubin reported we have signed on to the ERA request and she will follow up with Lewin and Aduddell concerning the data requests for the John Lewis legislation.

13. Comments/Announcements. Rubin noted we were not encouraging local Leagues to apply for Democracy NC grants. Baysinger reported she is hearing chatter among local Leagues concerning the cash infusion LWWNC will receive under the new dues structure. Rubin asked that we address that concern during our strategic planning sessions. LWWUS should hopefully have some more answers on the transition in general for Council. Fisher left the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Rubin requested we put discussion of convention committees on our next agenda. Klase noted the budget committee will be especially important and should be constituted as early as is feasible.

13. Motion to Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

All documents received have been filed within the LWWNC_shared drive.

June 13, 2024

Sandra Mowell, Secretary

Approval Date