

League of Women Voters of North Carolina Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Call to Order - A board meeting of LWVNC Inc. was held via Zoom on Thursday June 13, 2024. The meeting convened at 1:03 p.m. President Jennifer Rubin presiding and Sandra Mowell, secretary

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

Absent: Tiffany Canaday

1. Agenda. Approved by consent.

2. Minutes for LWVNC Inc. 4/17/2024 board meeting approved as corrected by consent.

3. Treasurer's Report. Filed in the shared drive folder for Advocacy June board meeting. There was discussion concerning our tax filings. Thompson stated the last tax return filed is for 2022. June 2024 is the end of fiscal tax year for 2023. The fiscal year filing was explained so everyone is clear on our deadlines.

Unfinished Business:

4. Review of Books. On track to do review in July.

5. Council review. Baysinger noted we have received some good feedback and she will share the results with the board from the survey sent to participants. We had 81 registered for Council and on both nights we had over 50 participants. The winners of the auction have been sent their swag. Cash rerecorded the public education spot due to some sound issues.

6. Update on Gubernatorial Debate. Rubin reported the only candidate to respond to our invitation to date is the Libertarian candidate for governor. Strategy for further contact was discussed. Rubin and Thompson will attempt to follow up with the campaigns in person. Rubin will share the invitation with the board. PBS has not been all that responsive either. We hope to receive replies one way or the other by mid July.

7. Office Space. Our lease expires at the end of December 2024. Possibilities include finding a larger space to share with Wake County (their lease expires in July 2025), putting our stuff in a storage space if necessary, foregoing an office totally. After discussion, Rubin will investigate our options further with our current lessor.

8. Statewide Issues Program. Klase and Baysinger will work on a draft proposal for these programs and share with the board by Sunday evening to solicit feedback.

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9. LWVNC State Convention. Discussion concerning moving the dates (May 2-3-4 2025) or location (Raleigh area) due to conflicts raised when Rubin discussed Wake hosting with President Tung. After discussion, it was decided to investigate Durham as a location and Rubin will approach ODC about hosting.

10. Schedule for next year - regional meetings/board meetings. Consensus was to hold regional meetings again. Mowell asked that we consolidate board meetings with regional meetings to use our time and travel more efficiently. The following dates were agreed on January 25, 2025 time/place to be determined; February 22, 2025 time/place to be determined; March 22, 2025 time/place to be determined; April 9, 2025 at 5:00 pm via Zoom; May - convention; June 21, 2025 via Zoom time to be determined.

New Business

11. Intern. Klase has put Aduddell in contact with Tori Kelleher. Aduddell reported they have a Zoom meeting scheduled for Monday.

12. Grant Process. Lewin requested the small grants form be removed from the website which has been done. A \$50,000 grant from Common Cause is expected and we want to share equitably with local Leagues and make our grant process more deliberate. This involves removing the small grants as an option since there is no dedicated funding source for these grants. A recent request from Catawba has been filled but those funds will be subtracted from the amount it will receive with all other Leagues for fall election activities. Thompson will draft a statement on this board's grant management philosophy - grant requests need to be tied to a funding source and to our mission- to share with all local Leagues.

13. Andrea Cash - rate change/use of time. Rubin noted Cash's hourly rate is changing to \$45 on July 1. Baysinger and Cash have met to discuss ways for our board to absorb more routine things a volunteer can do. One area is the Zoom scheduling and starting of meetings and Baysinger will attempt to sort out a more efficient way.

14. Comments/Announcements. Mowell noted she is receiving information from local Leagues to update leaders list for 2024-2025 and is sending an invitation to secretaries for a Zoom call July 11.

15. Motion to Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

All documents received have been filed within the LWVNC_shared drive.

August 17, 2024

Sandra Mowell, Secretary

Approval Date