

# League of Women Voters of North Carolina Inc.

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, August 16, 2023**

**Call to Order** - A board meeting of LWVNC Inc. was held via Zoom Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The meeting convened at 5:04 p.m. President Jennifer Rubin presiding and Sandra Mowell, secretary.

Present: Jennifer Rubin, Mary Thompson, Sandra Mowell, Regan Aduddell, Sara Baysinger, Tiffany Canaday, Rebecca Klase, and Velvet Scoggin.

Absent: Marian Lewin

**1. Agenda items added and agenda approved.**

**2. Minutes for LWVNC Inc. 7/12/2023 board meeting approved.**

**3. Treasurer's Report** - Thompson submitted report for July. She discussed the status of the two grants we have for 2024 and there is some money left for the three grants for 2023. Aduddell will check with local leagues working with new citizens to see if anyone else wants to apply for the remaining funds. Rubin had a question about the Ford Foundation grant and Thompson will look up the information and get back to her on it. **Treasurer's report accepted.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**4. Nonpartisan policy.** Rubin reviewed the policy with the board and it was agreed to change "spouse" to "domestic partner" and the policy was approved as amended for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

**5. LWVUS Council.** Rubin, Thompson and Aduddell attended in person in Las Vegas. They reviewed the three big items discussed at Council - we are one League; Moonshot 50 year goal of abolishing the Electoral College; and the proposed new dues structure which is still in the works. The first step of the Moonshot goal is to make Leagues aware by sharing the informational video and pushing out the information to all members.

**6. State Newsletter.** Baysinger sent out the notification for this new newsletter earlier in the week and briefly discussed the items it would include. It is on track to publish September 8.

**7. Review of Books.** Thompson is still working out the details and the goal is to complete it to report by the November board meeting.

**8. Wayne League.** Rubin reported that she and Jo Nicholas met with a member from Wayne county who is enthusiastic about reorganizing. Rubin will get Canaday and Scoggin in touch and Nicholas will help too. Rubin also noted a message she had just

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received concerning Lincoln County interest in forming a League. Mowell informed the board that the request to LWVUS concerning Wayne League had been withdrawn, but would like us to clarify their status as far as the State League is concerned. This clarification was deferred until later.

**9. Twin County League.** Mowell reported on information received from Andrea Cash about Twin County struggles. Rubin will ask Nicholas to contact and get an idea of what can be done to help them.

**10. DEI Board commitment.** Mowell briefly reviewed for the new board members the commitment made by the previous board including the agreement to include a DEI item in our newsletter. Rubin asked Mowell to send the information to all board members so we may see if we need to adjust it.

### **New Business:**

**1. Local Leagues Survey** Canaday and Scoggin reviewed the draft and asked board members to submit their suggestions by August 24 so they can get a final draft prepared.

**2. Power the South 2.0 LWVUS Program.** Rubin reviewed the information she sent to the board via email. The board is enthusiastic about participating. We need to determine dates in January 2024, locations and material we would like to cover. Needing a more in depth discussion it was deferred to a brainstorming session to be scheduled next week.

**3. Local League visit in October.** Rubin will send an email to the coastal Leagues to see where they might like to gather and when.

**4. Wake County League Z Smith Reynolds grant application.** Rubin reported that Wake had applied for a sizable grant with statewide activities proposed. She had a discussion with Wake County President Cheryl Tung concerning the application and LWVNC is now a partner in the grant application.

**5. Education partnerships.** Baysinger raised a question concerning training being offered by Public Schools strong who contacted her to ask about LWVNC getting the word out statewide. It was recommended that the Education LAT include information in their newsletter article *informing* members about the training if they want to, but the state does not have the resources to do anything further on this.

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**6. Days for Girls.** Thompson informed the board that she would like to find out more details about how we can support this effort concerning period products. There was no objection to her continuing to find out more details.

**7. No Time to Fail documentary.** LWVUS is licensing viewings of the documentary and Rubin has applied in case we would like to plan for this. Aduddell, Baysinger and Scoggin volunteered to help her on this effort and it was also decided to add to the brainstorming session planned for next week if time permits.

**8. Raleigh Office.** Rubin informed the board that she is in discussion with the Wake County League about a possible office share in the future.

Comments/Announcements - Rubin shared that Lewin will be participating in a Redistricting event on August 30th.

**Motion to Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p..m.

All documents received will be filed within the LWWNC\_shared drive.

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Sandra Mowell, Secretary

September 20 , 2023

Approval Date