

League of Women Voters of North Carolina Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Call to Order - A board meeting of LWVNC Inc. was held via Zoom on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. The meeting convened at 5:02 p.m. President Jennifer Rubin presiding and Sandra Mowell, Secretary

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

Absent: Mary Thompson

Guests: Andrea Cash arrived at 5:18 p.m.

1. Agenda. Constitutional Amendment discussion added to new business by Baysinger.

2. Minutes for LWVNC Inc. 8/17/2024 board meeting approved as corrected by consent.

3. Treasurer's Report. Deferred due to Thompson's absence.

Unfinished Business:

4. Review of Books. Deferred due to Thompson's absence.

5. Office Space. Our lease expires at the end of December 2024. Owner of the building's answer to possibly going month to month was NO. There was discussion to decide whether to keep the office or give up the office at the end of December and investigate other options. **Canaday moved that we let the lease expire in December and make arrangements for storage. Motion passed.** Rubin will continue talks with LWV of Wake County about the possibility of sharing space with them when their lease expires in June 2025. ***The board will meet at the office at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 16, before the noon board meeting to go through the items in the office and decide what items can be trashed, what items can be donated, and what items need to be stored. We will then decide on size and location of storage unit, how to get items there, and what to do about the mail—either rent a PO box or ask Wake about forwarding our mail to their address temporarily. We will continue to look for the best option for any needed office space.***

8. Statewide Issues Program. After discussion of the current plans by Klase, Baysinger and Aduddell it was decided to ask to co-sponsor the October 16th LWV of Wake County program on the judiciary rather than plan a separate event. With the LWVNC financial assistance as a cosponsor it is hoped a recording of the in-person event can be added to the state youtube channel. Baysinger had a commitment from a speaker for a public education program for September 25 which she will try to change for an October date in order to promote it properly. It was decided that reproductive

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rights is being covered by other groups and an LWWNC program is not needed. For the constitutional amendment we would like to make a five to ten minute video, possibly animated or interviewing a constitutional scholar type.

9. LWWNC State Convention. Mowell informed the board that the planning committee has a meeting on November 15 to see the space in Durham and further discuss all the details of the convention. She noted that the February board meeting will be very important for reviewing, recommending, and/or approving all of the business items due to the notification timeline set out in our bylaws. **The February board meeting was set for Friday, February 21 at 4:00 pm in-person in conjunction with the regional meeting in Greensboro.** Mowell has been contacting possible parliamentarians and would like Rubin to have a short conversation with them to help decide who she would be most comfortable working with. There have been a few members stepping up to volunteer for the business committees but it is largely going to be up to the chairs of each area to contact members to serve.

New Business

11. 2025 Regional meetings. Rubin requested a date change for the January meeting. **The eastern Regional meeting will be Saturday, January 11, 2025.** Since all board members are not able to attend, Mowell asked that we set a Zoom board meeting if needed for January. **Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 4:30 pm via Zoom was selected for a board meeting if needed.** Klase and Canaday continue to work on arrangements for the hotels, meals, and meeting rooms.

12. Request from LWWHC. Mowell passed on a request from LWW of Henderson County. LWWHC requested the state thank the North Carolina State Board of Elections for their attention to the inappropriate communication from Henderson County Board of Elections member, Linda Rebeck. Lewin said no to request, just continue to observe, it would appear too partisan to respond.

13. Catawba Valley candidate forum. Rubin received an email from LWW of Catawba Valley president Priya Palmer concerning attendance to a planned forum. While there are four candidates from two different parties for two slots for the elected position, only candidates from one party responded “yes” to invitation to participate. LWWNC interprets this as an “empty chair” situation and advises against conducting such an event.

14. NC Constitutional Amendment. Baysinger wanted to note several communications she has received from members concerning the matter that will be on the ballot. Asher Hildebrand, Chris Brooks, and Chris Cooper were suggested for the planned video and Rubin and Klase will do some follow up on this.

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15. Comments/Announcements. Rubin asked about Common Cause concerts and whether we should buy some tickets to support the event. Wake County concert went well, LWV of Asheville-Buncombe and LWV of Charlotte-Mecklenbug are making efforts to promote and attend. Inquiry was made if board members had contacted their Leagues assigned for grant support. Aduddell needs help from LWV of Piedmont Triad or there will not be a booth at the NAACP state convention. Canaday left meeting at 6:32 p.m. Rubin noted she had received requested revisions to the public education position to review from the PE LAT.

16. Motion to Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

All documents received have been filed within the LWVNC_shared drive.

November 16 , 2024

Sandra Mowell, Secretary

Approval Date