

League of Women Voters of North Carolina Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Call to Order - A board meeting of LWVNC Inc. was held via Zoom Wednesday, September 20, 2023. 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, Rebecca Klase, and Velvet Scoggin. Mary Thompson joined the meeting at 5:32.

Guest: Andrea Cash

Absent: Marian Lewin

1. Agenda items added and agenda approved.

2. Minutes for LWVNC Inc. 8/13/2023 board meeting approved.

Unfinished Business:

3. Wayne/Twin Counties Leagues. Rubin has asked Jo Nicholas to work with Wayne and Scoggin is also trying to make contact to assist. Anna Snyder is the member in Wayne who will be working to reorganize. Rubin is sending the records back to them and will ask Thompson to send the money back also. Rubin will follow up with Melanie Goff Bradley re: Twin Counties status.

4. DEI Board commitment. Mowell shared the information which the previous board had agreed to and the present board agreed to continue the efforts listed. Canaday volunteered to submit the DEI item for the November State Newsletter.

5. Local Leagues survey. Canaday reviewed the current draft and made requested additions. Cash will help transfer information to a Google form and work on updating the leaders list in mail chimp. Mowell noted that she never heard back from Granville on any kind of leaders information and Rubin will follow up with Hope Taylor. The goal is to find out how Local Leagues can better utilize the resources provided by the State League with the deadline of October 5 to have results.

6. Treasurer's Report - Thompson submitted her reports on the shared drive and noted we have received the grant money for Democracy in Truth. Aduddell is working with Thompson on the requests from the Local Leagues for the grant money.

7. Review of Books. Thompson would welcome any referrals for a qualified person to do the review. The costs for the company she has been in talks with are excessive and we need to find an alternate source for the review.

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8. Local League Visit. Klase reported on the arrangements and lunch plans. There was discussion on the lack of registrations for the meeting. Cash will work on adding emails to the mail chimp league leaders list and Rubin will send additional emails. The eastern region meeting is October 7 in Greenville and the invited Leagues are NENC, Dare, Carteret, LCF, and Onslow MAL. This led to discussion of plans for the other two regional meetings. The middle region is Granville, Moore, ODC, PT, Twin Counties, Wake, and MidSandhills MAL. The middle region meeting will be planned for January 26, 2024 in conjunction with the Power the South event. Rubin and Klase will look into the possibilities for meeting space for Friday afternoon. The western region is CM, Asheville-Buncombe, Catawba Valley and Henderson County. That meeting is being planned for April 27, 2024. Canaday is working on arrangements for a location. This led to discussion on Council. It was decided to hold Council via Zoom with tentative dates of May 20 and 21, 2024.

9. Power the South. Rubin stated this will happen in Greensboro on January 27, 2024.

New Business:

1. Appointments to Nominating Committee. Klase and Baysinger volunteered and were appointed as the State Board representatives to the Nominating Committee.

2. Dare membership issue. Rubin dealt with an inquiry from Dare County concerning a vice-chair for a political party wishing to become a member. Klase suggested this might be an issue for the future bylaws committee to consider and Mowell suggested that new member orientation issues would be a good workshop for Council. Canaday's League is working on a member behavior policy that she will share with us.

3. Common Cause opportunity. Rubin reported on a call she and Aduddell were on with Common Cause where some ideas for 2024 collaborations were discussed. It is a possible opportunity for voter engagement in the 2024 election cycle and she will continue to explore.

4. Comments/Announcements. Rubin reported that the Wake County grant application to Z Smith Reynolds had been rejected. So far there are 75 registrations for the virtual viewing of "No Time to Fail" and she will check with Demetrius Fisher about expanding the capacity. LWNVC and LWWUS are joining an Amicus brief on behalf of Justice Anita Earls. Redistricting hearings have been newly scheduled for next week and we are scrambling to get in person statements arranged. Canaday is able to appear at the Hickory hearing and Thompson volunteered to speak at the Raleigh hearing.

Motion to Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p..m.

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All documents received will be filed within the LWWNC_shared drive.

November 15 , 2023

Sandra Mowell, Secretary

Approval Date