

**League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 1, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**

**Present: Cheryl Roller, Barb Hykes, Jackie Nielson, Rolnecia Carolina Albert, Kitty Burcsu, Ellen Rapkin, Sally Morgan, Mary Austin-Palmer, Raya Cupler, Beth Strohl, Jill Lukshin-Hoff, Bridget McDaniel, Elizabeth Grieser, Lilliana Cavanaugh**

**Absent: Mary Helen Hart, Riham Ben Amer, Lindsay Kauffman, Andrea Nadolny, Carla Hicks**

**Approval of October Minutes:**

Elizabeth noted changes to board members present at October meeting. Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Ben reported on some changes to the Treasurer's report including a bullet point list of important updates, attachment of the fund report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2021 of the Endowment Fund and in the future the treasurer's report will focus general ideas about how the League is doing financially instead of specific line items. We are also considering moving from Quickbooks desktop to Quickbooks online which will allow the Treasurer and other board members to easily log in and view LWVMC accounts. A few other notes on the October numbers:

- Membership dues are coming in as expected
- We are expecting a \$5000 grant check from Nonprofit Vote/COHHIO this coming month
- PMP numbers are not lining up with the budgeted amount. Elizabeth will contact LWVO to get an explanation
- \$400 expense in October to renew our contract with LWV California for hosting our website
- Cheryl requested information on insurance to be included in the January report.

**Development Committee:**

- Kitty reported on the Development Committee's selection of honoring local journalism for the 2022 Democracy In Action. Both Lee Leonard and Gongwer News Service have accepted the honoree position. Grace Hunter is on board to be the DIA coordinator.

- Lucy Buzzee has agreed to succeed Kitty as one of two Development Committee Chairs. Lucy will focus on DIA. The other Development Chair will focus on ongoing donor relationships, Endowment fund, etc..
- The Holiday brunch is scheduled for December 5. Invitations will be sent out this week. This is a fundraiser, but we expect to make less than the budgeted \$1500.
- The Development Committee will explore getting funding for a fundraising consultant.
- Giving Tuesday and the Friends Letter are also moving forward for end of year giving.

### **Voter Service**

- Ellen and Elizabeth reported on what the Voter Service committee worked on this election season. Candidate forums are taking more of Elizabeth's time than usual due to the dissolution of the Franklin County Consortium. Candidate forums provided an important nonpartisan platform for local candidates this year – especially contentious school board races.
- Election Day Phone Bank will be held with WBNS tomorrow from 6:30am – 7:00pm. Beth Taggart is organizing.

### **Education and Advocacy**

- E&A has many activities coming up: Source of Income Forum, Nov. 4; 21 Day Challenge – in progress; Phone Banks for COVID Vaccines in partnership with Franklin County Public Health on Nov. 15 and Dec. 7; volunteering at Mid Ohio Foodbank on Dec. 9.
- E&A is also working on a food insecurity subgroup and expect additional volunteer opportunities to come out of this group

### **Membership Committee**

- The membership committee is planning a virtual New Member Orientation for Nov. 9.
- Membership renewals are coming in at about the same rate as usual

### **Communications**

- The 2020-2021 LWVMC Annual Report is completed and has been sent out electronically to our contact list. Elizabeth will order 10 hard copies of the report to pass out to potential donors.

### **President's Report**

- Cheryl gave an update on the guidelines for voter registration at potentially partisan events – we should take the widest possible view of what events the League can be involved in. LWVO is working on some written guidelines to address this topic

### **New Business**

None

**Old Business**

None

Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be on January 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM.