

LWVHC Board Minutes October 9, 2025

Members Present: Liz Hill, Marcella Leshner, Nancy Pellegrini, Ernest Mowell, Myra Woods, Mary Landry

Members Excused: Pam Pazoles

Observers:

Minutes prepared by: Lynn McFarland

Start Time 11:03

Adjourned: 12:15

Consent Agenda

Previous Minutes: LM

Leadership Team: LH/MCL/NP/LM/

Treasurer: NP

Education: ML

Home Observer Team: RP

Immigration: MCL

Nominating Committee: NJ/CK/PR Nominating Committee will be talking first with current board members.

Voter Service: MW Myra stated she gave member Barb Jackson who lives in Transylvania a Voter Engagement Bag to use as needed. Voter Services has made a connection with the Literacy Connection via Caren Kessler.

Membership: NJ/SB Nan has also had roster issues with Chapter Spot

Communications: LH

Motion to adopt previous month's minutes with correction to description of hosting team for Oct 28 program from Immigration and Education to just Education (Ernie moved to adopt the minutes as amended, Motion was Seconded, and the motion passed)

Any discussion of team reports

President's Report: Liz read from the Board Memorandum of Understanding to communicate about the LWV and recruit new members. She shared a Thank You from the Hunger Walk. She then said the monthly President's meeting had not yet been held but that there was a governance webinar tonight hosted by LWVNC.. She also reminded people that there is an Observers Corps Huddle on October 14.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy reported that the Henderson County Community Foundation detailed quarterly report was unavailable but the total in our account is correct. She also reported that we paid the Per Member Payment to state and LWVUS this month. We are hopeful that US will reimburse for any lost income due to new dues structure. Also Renee is meeting with Marian Lowry's children regarding the current pause on Students Voting for Democracy.

Comments from Observers and Announcements

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws committee and review of changes to standing rules (Marcella, Lynn) Marcella provided a copy of the Wake County League's document retention schedule to all the board members. Liz and Nancy will review it and this topic will be pushed to November.

Do we need a rule regarding sponsorship/support of local charity events? This is tabled to November, perhaps adding a standing rule that board approval is required.

Sound system /Microphone purchase Ernie will test the current system with Liz to determine if a change is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Oct 18 - No Kings 2 Rally. The National League is a sponsor.

October 28 4:30-6 Program Ed team at the Library. Civics Unlearned: How Politics and Not Caring Enough Have Led to a Disengaged North Carolina. Sarah Michels, Carolina Public Press. Frank Taylor will also attend and the timing helps teachers attend. The audience will be surveyed as to how they found out about the program by a show of hands at the beginning. Mary is sending flyers to social studies teachers and a radio interview with WHKP is possible. It will be in local church and action groups newsletters. Bettie Liebrecht will introduce the speakers

November 18 5-6:30 Immigration & Citizenship: Where We Are Now & How We Got Here, Giovanny (Gio) Pleites-Hernandez UNC Asheville (Marcella) at the Library. Marcella is doing a press release and using the speakers Curricula Vitae for the biographical introduction.

Dec 14 Holiday Gathering 2 pm Historic Courthouse to include Holiday Trivia. No alcohol can be served. The room has a piano and there has been a suggestion for a sing along.

January - possible Zoom presentation. Citizens Initiatives and/or NPV? (Sandra/Marcella /VS Contacts) National Popular Vote is supported by the State League. LWV HC Priorities will be a member program.

Do we do any candidate events for March primaries? No

Cindy Ballaro survey on ideas for democracy - ok in the Update? We agreed yes.

Nonpartisan policy-need to update VP position description? Lynn and Marcella will check.

Coffee opportunities at Dandelion will be October 16 at 9 AM and November 13 at 9 AM

Marcella has a checklist for organizing events. Not all apply to all venues.

Several board members have requested a copy of the current roster. Liz will send it to team leads with a request to mark it as to which members are active on the teams.

Mary Landry announced that the Henderson County Board of Elections will be assisting with the I voted Sticker contest by having the winners design made into stickers.

CALENDAR REVIEW

Program Ideas Pending

- Making Public Statements at meetings / combine with advocacy 101? (utilize Dianna Wynn presentation from State)
- ABCs of Zoning or Planning Board and Land Use
- What is Affordable Housing?
- What is the Process to Run for Office
- Chris Cooper on any topic about NC elections, voting

- Save Our Swimmers (SOS) 20 minute presentation on swimming ideas in HC
- Voting Rights (Bob Orr?)
- Possible Program - How a Bill becomes a Law - possible Julie Mayfield?

October

VOTE411 for Transylvania County
10/28 Civics Unlearned (Ed Team, at Library)

November

Election - Transylvania County only
11/18 Program at Library History of Immigration (HOT Team)

December

14 - Holiday Gathering, Historic Court house 2 pm

January 2025

Program priorities meeting (along with survey)

Bob Orr Fair Vote NC Redistricting /
Ellen Reckhow (Durham) Citizens Initiative /
NPV - Zoom?

February

Program-Crimmigration (Immigration Team)

March

Sunshine month / Women's History Month
3 - Primary Election

April

Board approves next year's budget
Nominating slate to Board for next year
Possible Program Earth Day - Katie B?

May

12 - Second Primary Election May 12 (if needed)
Budget, slate, priorities to members - 30 days before annual meeting
Possible Ed Team Program - ideas Mo Green (perhaps via Zoom); Speaker from Public Schools First NC (good contact Mary Hardvall); HCPS Superintendent

June

16 - Annual Meeting - at First Congregational Church. Hendersonville Mayor Barbara Volk who is celebrating her 50th year of membership in the LWV Henderson county will be recognized.

