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LWVHC Board Minutes August 12, 2026

Members Present: Mary Landry, Melissa Veasey, Laurie Watt, Peri David, Jane DeMartini, Nan Jennings, Pam Pazoles, Marcella Leshar, Linda Morris, Lynn McFarland.

Many were on Zoom.

Members Excused: Liz Hill, Myra Woods

Observers:

Minutes prepared by: Lynn McFarland

Start Time: 10:05

Adjourned: 11:04

Consent Agenda

Previous Minutes:

Leadership Team: LH/MCL/NP/LM/

Treasurer: NP

Education: ML

Home Observer Team: RP

Immigration: MCL

Nominating Committee: NJ/CK/PR

Voter Service: MW

Membership: NJ/SB

Communications: LH

Marcella explained Liz's absence was due to family matters.

Motion to adopt June 2026 board meeting minutes was passed.

Any discussion of team reports

President's Report

Treasurer's Report-Lynn forwarded during meeting because they were only provided to her due to email error.

OLD BUSINESS

Review- July Board Retreat. Considered very successful. Lots of good ideas.

September Program - Immigration Film and Speaker - Without Shade

10/13- 7pm AAUW Brevard - their publicity is needed by mid-Sept. Liz is speaker.

8/26 - New Member Orientation - board involvement. Marcella will speak on a topic to be determined. Sharon and Nan will supply lemonade and ice tea and cookies.

Representatives of teams are needed. Voter Services needs a representative. Nan and Sharon will check the tech setup to see if the website can be displayed.

NEW BUSINESS

NC Center for Nonprofits/Governance issues–Ernest Mowell presented. There were handouts titled “Board-Led Nonprofit Resources” which is geared toward small nonprofits with volunteer boards. There is a lot of information for the Secretary and Treasurer positions as well as topics of governance, leadership policies and advocacy. There are also training sessions online, some at a cost. Ernest stressed there was a lot of information on the website and the State League is paying for access. He can be contacted with any questions on the login process.

Henderson County Community Foundation room on 2nd floor of Wells Fargo building will be used for future board meetings, 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 AM. It has facilities for a combination Zoom and in person meeting.

Governance Committee to update documents including MOU and Bylaws - Nan Jennings will lead with support from Mary L and Lynn M.

Candidate forums planning

- Sept 29 Board of Education forum is at the Hendersonville Theater at 5:30 pm.

- Meet and Greet - 10/4, VS team working on location and invites

Donations to FCCCH and Co-op for meeting space - Delayed until September meeting.

Hunger Walk Sponsorship \$500. A motion was made to do this and it passed. This level of sponsorship has benefits such as our name on the t-shirt and signs.

Update donate web site for QCDs/Legacy- Jane. These are nontaxable donations from IRAs. Peri agreed to help with graphics and background on the website to make it more visible

Calendar change - 2027 Annual Meeting will be on June 15 at the First Community Church. June 17 was not available. (Note: this may change again before June)

CALENDAR REVIEW

August

26 4:30 New Member Orientation, Flat Rock Village Hall

September

4-7 Apple Festival- Myra still needs volunteers.

10 - Screening of Without Shade, Without Rest and Panel discussion (Immigration and partners) 5:30 pm at St James Episcopal. Dinner provided. Screening starts at 6:30.

11-13 Rosh Hashanah (do not schedule)

15 - National Voter Registration Day (Library events)

19 - Hunger Walk

20-21 - Yom Kippur (do not schedule)

29 - Board of Ed Candidate Forum at Hendersonville Theater

October

3- Candidate Meet and Greet

13 - talk at AAUW Brevard- Liz or Ernie?

15 - Early voting begins

Possible program on election integrity - Common Cause, NC Newsline Election Integrity

November

3 - Election Day

Possible social before Thanksgiving/ post election

19 - 10 am New Member Orientation, Flat Rock Village Hall

December

January 2027

How to Run for Office -previous candidates? Dir of Board of Elections? (Laurie W /HOT team)

Program priorities meeting (along with survey)

Possible social with an advertised weather alternative (BYOB on Zoom)

February

Planning for February 24, 2027Immigration Stories, in conjunction with Literacy Council

March

Sunshine month - Sharon B has invited Tom Campbell, columnist (Sharon B)

April

Board approves next year's budget

Nominating slate to Board for next year

Program Earth Day - Katie Breckheimer

May

Budget, slate, priorities to members - 30 days before annual meeting

June

24 - Annual Meeting - FCCH (Marcella has reserved)

Program Ideas

- Election Integrity Rachel? Common Cause-Liz
- ABCs of Zoning or Planning Board and Land Use
- What is Affordable Housing?
- Michael Bitzer (rec by Chris Berg) or Chris Cooper on NC elections, voting
- Mo Green via Zoom, or Superintendent Garrett
- Check Your Ballot before you leave the Voting Machine video with Director of Board of Elections
- Michael Bitzer, Catawba College (rec by Chris Berg) or Chris Cooper on NC elections, voting

Ideas for Casual gatherings:

Ongoing socials

Bowling (Rachel)

Apple County Wood Crafters tour / volunteers?

Boys and Girls Club Tour

Kate Stockman - collage or other fun art activity

Book Night - what are you reading? Bring it to share.

Hike or picnic

Ideas for Social Media-

Voter ID

Early Voting

Provisional Ballots (what are they?)

Vote at Your Polling Place

Other-

Civil Rights Trip-suggested by Sharon Burlingame, Civil Rights museum

Education Team work with Girl Scouts on Civics