

LWVHC Board Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2025

Members Present: Liz Hill, Mary Kay Krokowski, Marcella Leshner, Mary Landry, Lynn McFarland

Members Excused: Ernest Mowell, Nancy Pellegrini

Observers: None

Minutes prepared by:
Mary Kay Krokowski

Start Time: 11:00 am at the Coop
Adjourned: 12:05 pm

Consent Agenda

Previous Minutes: ML

Leadership Team: EM/LH/NP/MKK

Treasurer: NP

Education: ML

Student Engagement: KT

Home Observer Team: RP

Immigration: MCL

Nominating Committee: LH/SM/GL

Voter Service: LM

Membership: NJ/SB

Communications: GL

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to adopt the April 10, 2025 Minutes by Liz. Mary seconded. Approved Treasurer's reports for March 2025 - Accepted

President's Report: L WVNC Convention report. Four members from L WVHC attended. Noticed that there was more diversity of ages and race. Chris Cooper and Dianna Wynn were speakers. Priorities chosen for L WVNC were: National Voting Rights, Public Education, and Quality of Opportunity/Dismantling Inequality.

2025/26 Budget approved as amended at April meeting

CALENDAR REVIEW

April

22 Program: "Local Environmental Advocacy, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" Feedback: 55 -60 attended, many not League members. Looping in other agencies related to Speakers provided the bulk of attendees.

28 Bird Walk feedback: Six enjoyed the opportunity. Consider other social events.

MAY

14 Program: Education Team. Lunch and Learn: "Henderson County Pathfinders Program," Wednesday, May 14 at 11:30 AM, First Congregational Church, 1735 Fifth Ave W, Maggie Gilliam, Director of the program will be the speaker. Arrive between 10:30-11 for set-up. Mary is handling food.

23 Budget, slate, priorities to be sent to membership to meet the deadline of 30 days before Annual Meeting

May 27 4 pm Open Zoom meeting for general membership, Q&A on proposed budget, and any Chapter Spot questions.

ACTION ITEMS

Consider other Social Activities during the new year, i.e., coffees or breweries

Mary Kay will send out Budget, Slate and priorities to general membership on May 23 with need for RSVP to Annual meeting

June

24 LWVHC Annual Meeting—sandwiches, finger foods 5:30-7:30 RSVP requested by June 15th. Mary Landry to organize food. Ernest and Liz confirm panel speakers.

27 National Council

28 Crystal Cauley Recognition Event at BRCC. Lynn will organize LWV table

July

Board Retreat - date TBD, late July early August. Suggestion that the Board meet in the morning and Team Leaders in the afternoon. Request that more structure be taught for Team Leaders, such as: visibility and advocacy with our priorities, plugging in non-active members, understanding of methods for advertising for Programs,, how to access banners, mics, etc.

August

26-28, or 9/3-4 - In cooperation with Coop, Ted Volsky, “How Food Choices Affect the Environment” H/OT Team with Katie Breckheimer to organize. Rachel to help with this program being presented at Agudas Israel.

NEW BUSINESS

Directors and Officers insurance (D&O) Note that it does not cover Board if we sponsor a large activism event. This is included in the 2025-26 budget. **Motion:** Liz moved (Mary second) that we can pay \$698 for D&O insurance if it is billed before July 1. Lynn seconded. Approved

Slate as presented to the Board - Liz Hill - President, Marcella Leshner - VP, Nancy Pellegrini - Treasurer, Lynn McFarland - Secretary, Ernest Mowell - ex-Officio,

Liz to compose Retreat Agenda and include training for Team Leaders.

Ernest to confirm with Carolina Public Press speaker re: Sunshine presentation.

Myra Woods and Pam Pazoles- Board members. Additional Board nominations can be made from the floor in accordance with the bylaws.

Priorities to be approved:

1. Public Education: to include state and local funding, vouchers, civics education, school board elections and more.
2. Representative Government: focusing on communicating with elected officials, redistricting and the recent actions aimed at consolidating power in only one branch of government.
3. Immigration: impacting our entire community: agriculture, healthcare, construction, law enforcement, etc.

Standing Rules revisions for Chapter Spot changes and to align the rules with current practice for finance and document retention. **Motion:** Marcella moved to adopt revisions to Standing rules. Mary seconded. Approved.

Annual Meeting Program: “How to effectively communicate with your elected officials” moderated by Renee Kumor. Lyndsey Simpson (Hville City Council) will participate. Jay Egolf County Commissioner,, Rep from the Governor’s office, Possibly Chuck McGrady or Barbara Volk. 30 minute max presentation.

Francee Sherman Award to be chosen tomorrow. If the winner is willing, winner will read their essay at the meeting. 11 submitted applications.

Annual Meeting Moderator is Ernest and Parliamentarian, Nan.

Communications Team - Assistance needed with someone who knows or can learn Canva. Some names were suggested.

Proposal by H/OT Team: Table on Main Street/ talking to people on Main Street to hear their thoughts on Democracy/ the country/ the future. Lynn has contacted Greenville League because many South Carolinians are in H’ville in the Summer. Need trained people to do this and provide generic info. Lynn has Advocacy 101 flyer. LWV rack cards for “Democracy Talk on Main Street”

Liz to arrange for new Standing Rules to be uploaded to web site.

Ernest or Liz to create Agenda for Annual Meeting and confirm panel of speakers.

Mary will ask Francee Sherman Award winner to read winning essay on Voting at Annual Meeting. Also will contact Tamara E to update web site.

Liz to contact Rachel with Board approval to create “Democracy Talk on Main Street”

Possible future programs:

1. ABCs of Zoning or Planning Board and Land Use
2. What is Affordable Housing?
3. How a Bill becomes a Law
4. What is the Process to Run for Office
5. Public Statements at meetings / combine with advocacy 101? (utilize Dianna Wynn presentation at State)

Next Board meeting is June 12. **Need someone to take Minutes**

**LWVHC Annual meeting, June 24, 5:30 p.m. First Congregational Church
**** Need someone to take Minutes and have them reviewed by committee
for next year's Annual Meeting booklet**

