

LWVHC Board Meeting Minutes August 14, 2025

Members Present: Myra Woods, Lynn McFarland, Liz Hill, Ernest Mowell, Nancy Pellegrini, Mar
Pam Pazzoles

Members Excused: none

Observers: none

Minutes prepared by: Lynn McFarland

Start Time: 11:00

Adjourned: 12:15

Consent Agenda

Previous Minutes: LM Liz made a motion to accept the minutes of the June Annual Meeting. Motion was seconded and with no discussion unanimously adopted.

Leadership Team: LH/MCL/NP/LM/ This is a new report. Liz reported on the Presidents Meeting which centered on governance paperwork. There will be a webinar on Protecting Nonprofit Status in October and there is a \$350 Unite and Rise grant in the [bill.com](https://www.bill.com) account with proposed activities completed by May. There is a push for Board of Elections observer teams and reports. Andrea Cash, the communications expert, is leaving LWVNC..

Treasurer: NP

Education: ML

Home Observer Team: RP

Immigration: MCL

Nominating Committee: NJ/CK/PR

Voter Service: MW Myra reported that the turnout for Back to School Fest was not great.

Membership: NJ/SB

Communications: LH

Any discussion of team reports

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Comments from Observers and Announcements

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting follow up. The simple format was good and Liz stated we may have a speaker next year.

Board Retreat follow up - any action items to be started from the list of ideas/priorities from the retreat notes. A sheet at each event as to how the attendees found out about the event. We will not be sharing the roster with all members. There will be new emails set up for the President and Voter Services so they can keep them separate from their personal emails for legal reasons. Should there be a new onboarding form in googleforms linked to chapterspot?. The new members are not filling in the current form. Marcella is working on a welcome email with team descriptions and meeting dates and times.

Ears on Main follow up- There are 8 members doing this in teams of 2. This helps to develop relationships and visibility for the League and is happening randomly. The interactions are about 50/50 supporting the current political environment and fearing it.

T shirt update Jane DeMartini has placed an order for 30 tee shirts.

Apple Festival or other volunteer needs. Need 1 more volunteer for Apple Festival. Will have handouts for the September 3 program available at the booth.

NEW BUSINESS

August 17 program Get On Board 2 pm JHistoric Courthouse - final planning. Ernie is bringing water, others bringing snacks. There will be a door prize, a WOmEn Vote puzzle. The program will start at 2:15. Nan and Mary will be greeters. There will be a brief ice breaker asking people to state why they joined the League or will join the League. Each team will have 3 minutes to describe what they do.. The event will end at 3:30 pm. Marcella advised that a newspaper banner ad is now \$150 per week. Liz also advised that Bill Moss is selling the Hendersonville Lightning and moving.

Sept 3 Program Ted Volskay and the Co-op "How Food Choices Affect the Environment" 11:30-1:30 First Congregational Church
Attendees to bring sandwiches. Coop will provide healthy side dishes. H/OT Team with Katie Breckheimer to organize.

October Program-Possibly Education related. Mary is working on it. A Carolina Public Press journalist asked why Students Voting did not happen in an article. It was due to the State Parents Bill of Rights and it was stressed that the school runs it with the League's assistance.

November History of Immigration - Giovanny (Gio) Pleites-Hernandez UNC Asheville (Rachel, Marcella). This will likely be at the library.

Monthly Coffee at Dandelion. Dandelion is currently closed but will reopen on September 25 and plans are being made to have a coffee gathering there when it reopens.

Sharing our roster of members. We will not be sharing our roster with all members. Liz, Nancy, Nan and Marcella will have access.

Bylaws committee and review of changes to standing rules. Changes were made to reflect the change in location from Blue Ridge Community College to the Henderson County Historical and Genealogical Society. Lynn and Marcella to work on adding details such as which records are to be archived and for how long.

Hunger Coalition Walk LWVHC participation on Sept 20. Several board members and team leaders are participating. Liz has already provided the required \$250. Others will continue to reimburse.

Member scholarships- Board must approve these.

Cost and use of USPS PO Box-Cost has gone up from \$170 to \$185 and we get one piece of mail per month but need a legal address for bank and legal forms. There do not seem to be any cheaper options.

Liz is traveling from 8/24-9/15.

Next board meeting is September 11. Liz and Nancy are excused.

CALENDAR REVIEW

Program Ideas Pending

- 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?)

Ideas for Casual gatherings:

Monthly coffee (Dandelion or other) - invite elected officials? Good time and place to write postcards on issues to elected officials.

Bowling (Rachel)

Service Days as volunteers - Apple Valley Wood? Other?

August

17 - 2 pm - Historic Court House - All Aboard! (Board)

30 - 31 - Apple Festival Main Street Booth (Voter Services)

September

3 - 11:30 lunch and learn Ted Volskay and the Hville Co-op-

Benefits of Plant Based Eating - First Congregational

(Katie Breckheimer point person)

16 - National Voter Registration Day (VS if we choose to participate)

22-24 Rosh Hashanah

October

1-2 Yom Kippur

VOTE411 for Transylvania County

Possible Program - How a Bill becomes a Law - possible Julie Mayfield?

November

Election - Transylvania County only

Program - History of Immigration in US /Birthright Citizenship - Dr Giovanny D. Pleites-Hernandez, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina-Asheville - 5 - 6:30 pm Library (need to book) (Rachel/Marcella)

December

Other options besides a holiday party, such as service project, singing, music.

Holiday Party to be planned for December 14 or December 7. Possible locations are the Historic Courthouse or the Veterans Service Center or the Carriage Park Clubhouse (Jan Allen must reserve)

January 2025

Program priorities meeting (along with survey)

February

Possible Zoom program (weather)

- Possible - Making Public Statements at meetings / combine with

advocacy 101? (utilize Dianna Wynn presentation at State)
Marcella is looking at a possible Immigration Program on the 287G
Agreement between Sheriffs and ICE by Felicia Abriata who has written a
book on this issue. Possibly at First Congregational Church.

March

Sunshine month / Women's History Month

3 - Primary Election

Possible program - Carolina Public Press Sarah Michels (Ernest)

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 - FCCH

