

LWVHC Board Minutes May 14, 2026

Members Present: Peri David, Jane DeMartini, Pam Pazoles, Mary Landry, Myra Woods, Nancy Pellegini, Liz Hill, Lynn McFarland, Linda Morris

Members Excused: Lois Pasapane, Ernest Mowell, Marcella Leshner

Minutes prepared by: Lynn McFarland

Start Time 11:03

Adjourned at 12:30

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

Motion to adopt previous month's minutes made by Mary and seconded with no discussion. Passed.

Any discussion of team reports or updates since they were sent.

- President's Report - Liz gave out copies of a letter from Mayor Barbara Volk who donated the remainder of her campaign account to the League since she is not running for office. She also reported that Ernie went to Advocacy Day where they talked about Voting Rights Legislation in NC . He met with Representative Jennifer Balkom for 20 minutes. Liz will be

presenting the Francee Sherman award to Wendy Villa-Allejos on May 15.
Welcome new members. Need bios and headshot for web site.

OLD BUSINESS

April - Earth Day program (Katie Breckheimer, HOT team) April 22 at Veterans Center-review. Good turnout. About 53 people attended. There was a recommendation to state on the advertising for programs at the Veterans Center about the parking behind the building for handicapped access.

May - 5 - 12 pm Agudas Israel - Judiciary Program, Athena Brooks and Russ Burrell (HOT/ Peri/ Rachel) -review. Some people said was hard to hear. There was a suggestion to attach lapel microphones to the speakers since there is an issue with them speaking into the handheld microphone.

June social gathering - After discussion, decision to hold it at a local brewery with good parking Dry Falls on June 7 from 5-6 pm. Activity will be writing postcards for Resolves petition to fully fund education in NC. Also discussed future locations at Guidon or Bold Rock.

ACLU Evan Mahaney Champion of Civil Liberties Award- May 17 awards luncheon at Guidon Brewing, 1-2:30pm. Approx twelve members are going.

Annual Meeting June 23 - icebreaker, food, other plans. Order Bingo icebreaker from Amazon. Marcella and Mary are handling food (details at the June meeting) and Nan Jennings will be our parliamentarian. We will vote on the budget , program priorities and officers. We will honor Barbara Volk for reaching her lifetime member status.

Chris Cooper for Summer program status. No update, not likely to happen.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership - new member gatherings Aug 26 time TBD later in the day,, Nov 19 10 am Flat Rock Village Hall - dates are fine with the Board.

August program-Lynn passed along information from Marcella about a program she is proposing for August on the movie "Without Shade, Without Rest" about Agricultural workers. The board supports the program.

2026-2027 Budget Approval - Nancy presented the proposed 2026-2027 budget. Lynn moved to accept it and Pam seconded the motion. It was approved. June 12 will be a zoom meet at 4 pm to preview the annual meeting.

Retreat Date and future meeting plans. There may be more zoom meetings in the evening this year as we have working members of the board. The board retreat will be in late July. Possibly July 23.

Aug 8 Day of Action. The National League is promoting this as it is the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. No specific activity planned as we support voting rights through our Voter Engagement activities.

Liz stated that the National Convention will be presenting the program priority for the next year, theme is Defending Democracy Under Siege. Washington State League will present Defending Rights of Immigrants as a possible new program position.

CALENDAR REVIEW

Program Ideas Pending

Michael Woodson from Catawba College was suggested by Chris Berg

- Mountain Aging Partners (MAP)
Laura Baker-Seseika, Business Development Manager
Cell: 828-358-8300
Web: www.mapnc.org (Idea from Sally and Marcella)
- 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 or Michael Blitzer
- Voting Rights (Bob Orr?)
- How a Bill becomes a Law - possible Julie Mayfield?
- Health Care for All WNCWeb: <https://healthcareforallwnc.wordpress.com/contact-us/>
- Possible Ed Team Program - ideas Mo Green (perhaps via Zoom); Speaker from Public Schools First NC (good contact Mary Hardvall); HCPS Superintendent

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

June

23 - Annual Meeting - FCCH

September

15 - National Voter Registration Day

