

LWVHC Board Minutes September 11, 2025

Members Present: Ernest Mowell, Myra Woods, Pam Pazoles, Mary Landry, Marcella Leshner, Lynn McFarland

Members Excused: Liz Hill, Nancy Pellegrini

Observers: Sandra Mowell

Minutes prepared by: Lynn McFarland

Start Time: 11 am
Adjourned: 12:11 pm

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

Voter Service: MW

Membership: NJ/SB

Communications: LH

Motion to adopt previous month's Minutes (Mary Landry, Seconded)

Any discussion of team reports

President's Report- Marcella attended the President's Meeting online on September 8 and reported that on October 9 from 5-7:30 pm there will be a meeting with the Governance of Non Profits as the topic. There will be an Observer Corps Huddle on October 14 at 7 pm on Zoom. There was discussion of the USCIS ban on 3rd party registering voters at naturalization ceremonies and Marcella was working on an opportunity to do it at the Literacy

Connection or El Centro after each ceremony. There is also a \$750 grant available to each league for administrative costs.

Treasurer's Report

Comments from Observers and Announcements

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws committee and review of changes to standing rules (Marcella, Lynn). Tabled to October meeting as will need Liz and Nancy to weigh in.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of September Program How Food Choices Affect the Environment. Most heard by word of mouth, others the biweekly update and Lightning and Individuals and Church bulletins.

September 20 Make Billionaires Pay: Climate Change Rally in Hendersonville. The NC League says even if the LWV is not a sponsor it is okay to wear LWV tee shirts. (Note - rally was canceled).

September Hunger Walk. LWVHC is a supporter. Several are walking on 9/20 and it starts at 8 am at Lennox Station. Inquiry as to whether we need a standing rule on promoting or sponsoring events like this.

Reserving the Library for Programs-we can only hold one program at the library every 30 days. They made an exception for us as we were not aware of the rule.

October 28 4:30-6 pm Program Ed team at the Library. They are working on a shorter title something like Does a Lack of Civics Education Causes Voter Disengagement. A press release will be drafted.

November 18 5-6:30 Program History of Immigration - Giovanni (Gio) Pleites-Hernandez UNC Asheville (Rachel, Marcella) at the Library

Date and Place for Holiday gathering December 14 at 2 pm at Historic Courthouse Community Room 2nd floor. The AAUW has also been invited as they would like to co-host a candidate event.

Membership and Welcoming-Sandra and Marcella. Sharon is meeting with Nan on Saturday to see if she is still sending welcoming emails. Sandra would like to match new members with League advisors (mentors) to go with them to 3 events in 6 months. The membership team also recommends thanking people for renewing as well as asking members who don't renew why they don't renew. Sharon plans a new member orientation maybe at Dandelion or by Zoom and would like to send notecards to new members.

There will be a Community Forum retreat for local organizations on 9/30 at BRCC. Cost is \$95 This is a mission accelerator program to strengthen organizations and plan for success. Marcella made a motion which was seconded by Pam to send Myra.

Marcella recommended developing a checklist for Organizing Events

Sandra mentioned a Quarterly Governance Program for Leaders which would go over Roberts Rules, How to Run and Efficient Meeting and membership in the Center for Nonprofits which LWVNC pays for.

Myra recommended including something on the SAVE act in the next update. National had it on their FB page in May.

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

Citizens Initiative Program in NC on Zoom

September

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

22-24 Rosh Hashanah

October

1-2 Yom Kippur

VOTE411 for Transylvania County

10/28 Program

November

Election - Transylvania County only
11/18 Program

DECEMBER

14 HOLIDAY GATHERING

January 2025

Program priorities meeting (along with survey)
Fair Vote Redistricting Bob Orr possible Zoom

February

Possible Zoom program (weather)

- Possible - Making Public Statements at meetings / combine with advocacy 101? (utilize Dianna Wynn presentation at State)
- Immigration Team “crimigation” late February

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

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