LWVHC Board Minutes January 8 2025

Members Present: Liz Hill, Marcella Lesher, Ernest Mowell, Myra Woods, Mary Landry, Pam Pazoles, Nancy Pellegrini, Lynn McFarland

Members Excused: Ernest Mowell

Observers: Patti Rogers, Chris Berg

Minutes prepared by: Lynn McFarland

Start Time: 11:05
Adjourned: 12;12

OLD BUSINESS

Note: While finalizing these minutes Lynn realized that approval of December minutes was not on the agenda and so was not done at the January board meeting.. With Liz's approval a vote on the minutes for the December meeting was done via email. They were approved.

Approval of updated job description to include nonpartisan requirement for President, Vice President and addition of job description for Voter Services Chair to include nonpartisan requirement Marcella made motion to approve and Mary seconded.

Dec 14 Holiday Gathering 2 pm Historic Courthouse - Weather was really cold but the decorations and organization were great. Everyone enjoyed the holiday trivia.

January - Zoom on Citizens Initiatives Jan 20 4 pm
Presenter will be Dr. Jennifer Bremer Bremer.jennifer@gmail.com 301 955 6333
LWV NC does not want it recorded. Citizens Initiatives are specifically prohibited by the NC Constitution. There is a movement to get that changed.

February 24– Immigration Enforcement Policy in North Carolina and Beyond, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, First Congregational Church. This is co sponsored by El Centro.
Presented by Dr. Felicia Arriaga (Hendersonville native and Assist. Prof. at Baruch College)

NEW BUSINESS

Possible budget increase for Vote 411 for primary - Patti Rogers. Patti requested additional funds for Vote411 for the upcoming primary. Her team met in December and suggested that we purchase 3 new large banners for a total of 4 at a cost of $1107.75. A change of wording was approved for the banner from Nonpartisan Voter Information to Nonpartisan Election Information. Two of these banners will be stationary at the former Buzz location on Grove St and at the Hendersonville YMCA. The other locations may be at Johnson Family Farm, Trailside Brewing, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation and the Lutheran Church in Brevard. She also requested $900 for advertising in local papers. Mary moved to approve the funding for the 3 new banners and Myra seconded it. The board approved the purchase of the 3 new large banners with the new wording. Patti also brought up funding for Vote 411 digital advertising for the general election. She was advised to include that in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Set date for LWV National program planning meeting and put out survey via Update Note - input due to LWVUS by March 10. The meeting will take place on Zoom on February 11 at 5:30 pm. Per our bylaws our local program priorities are announced at our June Annual Meeting.

Idea from Matt Matteson at Lightning - 250th USA Anniversary - bipartisan event or competition. The board is denying this request as the result will not be bipartisan. We are happy to participate/have a table at another activity.

Indivisible Polk - requesting speaker for Feb/March meeting. Need more information. (Lynn's note:Indivisible is not a 501 c 3 and participates in partisan activities)

March 16- Sunshine Week - (Rachel/HOT)
5 pm at the Library

John Boyle of Asheville Watchdog and
Ruth Birge, former NYT reporter. Moderator: Renee Kumor

April - Earth Day program (Katie Breckheimer, HOT team)

Myra will be requesting funding for the Resolves Education Funding initiative. She and others have been sending postcards to 24 counties every month. Peri has designed a Valentines postcard. It is unknown if the postcards have had any impact to date.

CALENDAR REVIEW

Program Ideas Pending
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 on any topic about NC elections, voting
- Save Our Swimmers (SOS) 20 minute presentation on swimming ideas in HC
- Voting Rights (Bob Orr?)

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

Health Care for All WNCWeb: https://healthcareforallwnc.wordpress.com/contact-us/

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20 Jennifer Bremer Citizens Initiative Zoom

February
Program priorities meeting (along with survey)
24 - Immigration Felicia Arriaga

March
16 - Sunshine month Program (HOT Team)
3 - Primary Election

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
23 - Annual Meeting - FCCH - NOTE NEW DATE