

## LWVHC Board Minutes February 12, 2026 on zoom

**Members Present:** Liz, Myra, Marcella, Mary, Lynn, Nancy, Pam

**Members Excused:** Ernest Mowell

**Observers:** Linda Morris, Peri David, Jane DeMartini

Minutes prepared by: Lynn McFarland

Start Time: 11:07

Adjourned: 11:56

### **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 Marcella made Motion to approve January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion was seconded and approved no discussion.

Any discussion of team reports

President's Report-

Liz reported that the annual league survey was sent and thanked board members for providing needed data. She reported that the small Vote 411 signs and the large banners are out. The banners are at the YMCA, and Johnson Farm and a location in Saluda. Facebook interactions are up 500%. She also reported that Chapter Spot is working and gift

memberships are now available. She said board members have assisted those not comfortable with Chapter Spot to become members and renew their membership. June is our annual meeting and summer programs will likely be candidate events. There is a NO KINGS march on March 28 and we are able to wear our LWV shirts and participate. We cannot sponsor local rallies per our insurance.

Treasurer's Report - Nancy reported that we recently received a donation of \$1000 and Liz is now handwriting thank you notes for donations. A recent donation helped fund the purchase of another large Vote411 banner. There is no new info on making local leagues "whole" as promised due to reduced dues income with the use of Chapter Spot. Nancy says we netted \$2294 in dues in 2024 and \$1895 in 2025 so making us whole would mean we get another \$400. Luckily our donations have more than made up for the deficit.

Announcements. Voter Services has an idea to collect voting experiences at our events.

Comments from Observers - our guests introduced themselves and spoke of their League experience.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

January Citizens Initiatives Zoom review-Liz reported that the Citizens Initiative (State team working on change to NC constitution to allow Citizens Initiatives) Zoom in January had 9 attendees. Info was shared if anyone wants to be involved in the state initiative.

February 11 Program Priorities Zoom and survey - Liz

The program planning meeting required by National was held on Zoom. The Zoom covered the background and basics on how the League develops its positions on issues. Liz and Marcella will complete the LWVUS survey.

February 12 Coffee at Dandelion -should we continue after March

The coffee at Dandelion was held prior to the board meeting and 3 new members attended. There was a total of about 8 members there and lots of good conversation. The next 2 coffees are scheduled for March 12 and April 9 at 9 AM at Dandelion

February 24 Immigration program planning-Marcella

Liz will get paper products to Marcella. Marcella will organize set up etc.

March 16 Asheville Watchdog Sunshine Week program 5 pm at Library (Rachel/HOT)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Regional LWV NC Meeting in Hickory February 28 9:30am-3pm 10 people can go. A couple of board members will attend along with Peri and Melissa.

April - Earth Day program (Katie Breckheimer, HOT team) April 22 at Veterans Center. Katie has this underway,

May - date TBD possible 5/13 or 20 - Judiciary Program (HOT/ Peri/ Rachel) The May program is being led by the H/OT team and they have contacted the Judiciary Speakers Bureau for the Federal Circuit Court but there has been no response to date.

WNC ACLU Evan Mahaney Champion of Civil Liberties Award - May date for award ceremony. The Western NC ACLU has informed us that our League will be presented with their Civil Liberties Award in May. Location Date and Time are to be determined. Liz will contact them. Past winners of this award were mostly individuals.

**Next Meeting: Thursday March 12 11 am at the Co-op**

## **CALENDAR REVIEW**

Program Ideas Pending

- Mountain Aging Partners (MAP)  
Laura Baker-Seseika, Business Development Manager  
Cell: 828-358-8300  
Web: [www.mapnc.org](http://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
- Voting Rights (Bob Orr?)
- How a Bill becomes a Law - possible Julie Mayfield?
- **Health Care for All WNC** Web: <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

### **February**

#### **24- Immigration Enforcement Policy in North Carolina and Beyond**

February 24, 11:30-1:00 First Congregational Church

Presented by Dr. Felicia Arriaga (Hendersonville native and Assist. Prof. at Baruch College)

**March**

16 - Sunshine month Program (HOT Team)

3 - Primary Election

**April**

Board approves next year's budget

Nominating slate to Board for next year

22 - Earth Day - Katie B

**May**

12 - Second Primary Election May 12 (if needed)

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

XX - Judiciary program

**June**

23 - Annual Meeting - FCCH -