

## **League of Women Voters Asheville-Buncombe County Board Meeting June 12, 2025; Zoom at 6 pm**

**In Attendance:** Suzanne Fisher, President, Nicole Wheeler-Schumacher, Vice-President, Kathy Schofield, Treasurer, Board members: Nadine Hamby, Donna Mann, Mary Ann Roser, Linda Weldon and Cheryl Williams

Suzanne called the meeting to order at 6:05

**Minutes** of May 27, 2025, Meeting were approved by acclamation.

**Finance and Budget Update:** Kathy noted that our financial situation is still strong. She will have a quick summary to present at the annual meeting.

**Membership Committee:** Suzanne observed that there has been a surge in membership with new members joining every week; 34 have registered for the Annual Meeting. Kathy requested a list of those names.

- **Coffee Chats:** Mary Ann will host in August; Cheryl in September
- **Roster Manager:** Linda Weldon volunteered to take on this role. Nicole explained that the duties of Roster Manager have been greatly reduced with the adoption of the Chapter Spot system. She will ask Sharon to email her to set up a time for orientation and training. Kathy would like to be included in that meeting so that she can learn more about the Chapter Spot system. Suzanne mentioned that there might be future zoom meetings so that Roster Managers for all the NC leagues can share information and ideas.
- **LWV101:** Suzanne proposed scheduling one daytime and one evening session in late August or early September, with one via zoom and one in-person. Nicole expressed reservations about summer dates, but Suzanne felt that we should not let too much time pass before getting our 20+ new members involved. In response to the idea that we schedule one session each quarter, Nicole reminded us that it might be an untenable burden for the membership committee.

**LWVNC:** Suzanne reminded us that the Public Education Action Team would like a representative from each local league to attend a Zoom meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm.

Cheryl mentioned that we are still seeking volunteers for an Observer Corps to monitor other meetings (County Commissioners, Board of Education, City Councils, etc.); LWVNC would like a contact for each local league.

**Annual Meeting June 19 at Weaverville Community Center:** Plans are all in place; Sharon will email the information that Kathy will need to bring two checks (one donation to the Red Cross for the speaker and one to reimburse the cost of catering).

**Voter Outreach:** Cheryl clarified that Vote Riders (<https://www.voteriders.org>) helps people get IDs; they do not provide rides to the polls. She also reported that she had checked with public libraries about donations and was told that we should contact individual libraries regarding their preferences. Malaprops may provide a discount.

There have been no tabling events since May, but the outreach team will be at the “No Kings” rally on June 14, at Juneteenth events and a Pathways to Leadership Conference on June 16-19.

**Election of the President by Popular Vote Action Team:** Suzanne reported that the group is trying to form a coalition with other organizations (e.g., Common Cause) to join them in meeting with legislators, possibly during LWNVC’s Lobby Day in April or May. Suzanne will contact Hope Franklin about the eligibility of election-related bills for the short legislative session.

## **Communications**

Suzanne noted that responses to posts on Facebook and Bluesky have been uneven with no discernible reason regarding content.

Kathy volunteered to partner with Patricia in producing the monthly newsletter.

## **Board Retreat Outcomes**

Scholarship arrangements are in place at UNCA. Suzanne will send a press release to the media list. Suzanne noted that although the idea of a video contest had been proposed, it would need someone to step forward to lead the project. She said she had included a reference regarding a similar project in Henderson County as an example, not as a proposal for collaboration between the two leagues since that would be too cumbersome.

**Old Business: How Long to Keep Federal Tax Returns.** Nicole relayed the recommendation of an accounting professional that we keep them for 10 years, although the actual requirement is 7 years. Kathy assured us that this would not be a problem since the record in question consists of a single small page.

**New Business:** LWNVC recommends that there be separate Boards for 501c3 (FREF) and 501c4. Suzanne suggested that Officers serve as the 501c3 Board for purposes of voting although all board members will be involved in discussions.

**Future Meetings** will be held at 6:00 on the second Wednesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00.