

League of Women Voters November 19, 2025; Zoom at 6 pm

Submitted by Patricia Hearron

In Attendance: Suzanne Fisher, President; Nicole Wheeler-Schumacher, Vice President; Patricia Hearron, Secretary; Kathy Schofield, Treasurer; Board members: Mary Ann Roser, Linda Weldon, and Cheryl Williams.

Suzanne called the meeting to order at 6:00.

A motion by Kathy, seconded by Cheryl, to approve Minutes from October 8, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.

Suzanne noted that the following items had been distributed and approved via email voting after the October meeting: Update of FREF Bylaws, Gift Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, and Dividing Role of Treasurer.

Finance and Budget Update: Kathy reported that the largest expense for the first quarter of the fiscal year was \$4400 for PMPs. This will be the last such payment since the rollover to the Chapter Spot system. She has transferred interest on a CD from the FREF account to the LWVAB account and has already sent in the tax form 99N.

She described the difficulty of maintaining four separate accounts (two each at Home Trust and Self Help Credit Union). She proposed closing the Self Help accounts and transferring those funds to Home Trust Bank. A motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Cheryl, to approve the proposal was approved unanimously.

New Treasurer: There have been no responses to the announcement in the newsletter. After discussion regarding splitting the treasurer's duties into two jobs, it was decided to wait until a replacement for Kathy assumes office. Kathy will send job descriptions for the two roles. Another suggestion for simplifying the treasurer's duties was to hire a professional bookkeeping service. Cheryl agreed to send Kathy the name of a CPA and the treasurer of the Friends of the Library group. Kathy will make inquiries and get cost estimates.

Membership Committee

- Three members were enrolled in October and one in November.
- Nicole asked that members send her suggestions for venues to host a January membership meeting and to let her know which dates they would NOT be able to attend.
- Suzanne reported that there were 3 attendees at each session of LWV101 on October 3. All were sent evaluation form; one response was received (positive). She shared a link to the observation form.

- Suzanne proposed scheduling another LWV101 in late March, with an in-person midday session and an evening session on Zoom. It was agreed to have one in the spring.
- Coffee Chats: Nicole will host one on December 2 at the Yellow Mug in Weaverville and another in January with date and location TBD; Suzanne will host one the second week in February at the Dripolator Biltmore Village; Cheryl will host one in March in the Weaverville area.
- A presentation on the Citizen's Initiative project is scheduled for February 18, 2026 at 7 pm.

LWVUS: National Convention is June 25 – 28, 2026 in Columbus, Ohio (hybrid)

LWVNC:

- Governance – need a point of contact for NC Center for NonProfits
- Several board members are planning to attend the performance of **Suffs the Musical** on March 15 in Charlotte.
- April 21 Advocacy Day in Raleigh

Voter Outreach Cheryl suggested scheduling post-election get-together for observers to share their experiences.

VOTE411 Patricia reported that state-wide candidates' participation in the voter guide during the recent election was 32% (higher than in previous years, and that broad recognition of VOTE 411 as a resource for voters is valuable even if some candidates choose not to participate. The possibility of sending physical invitations was raised, but that was deemed too costly in terms of postage and volunteer hours required.

ERA/Gender Equity Given that no volunteers have stepped forward to lead this effort, we will probably remove it from our priorities list for the next year.

Election of the President by Popular Vote Action Team: Suzanne reported that the petition currently has 924 signatures and that the team will make another push after the holidays.

Observer Corps

- Introduction Letters: Cheryl has sent Mary Ann guidance from the 2006/2007 Madison County project.
- Boards of Education Asheville City and Buncombe: Mary Ann is observing the Buncombe County Board; Alida Woods is covering the Asheville City Schools Board. Mary Ann will share information from a meeting of LWVNC Public Education Observers with Alida.

- Health and Human Services: Linda will attend a meeting on Friday, Nov.21 and submit a report.

Census/Redistricting: Suzanne volunteered to be the point of contact when requested.

Communications Updates: Suzann will follow up with request for Wake County video of National Popular Vote presentation for Jeannie Bowers. **Post meeting note: this has been received and sent to Jennie.**

Board Retreat Outcomes – Cheryl and Suzanne will pursue possible book donations to local libraries, schools for 2026 election after the holidays.

Mary Ann agreed to update descriptions of FREF for [Charity Navigator](#) and [Guidestar](#).

Schedule of Meetings – all at 6 pm via Zoom

2025: December 10

2026: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.