League of Women Voters Board Meeting December 10, 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: Nadine Hamby, Mary Ann Roser, and Linda Weldon.

Suzanne called the meeting to order at 6:00.

A motion by Kathy, seconded by Nicole, to approve Minutes from November 19, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.

Finance and Budget Update: Kathy has begun transferring funds from the Self Help Credit Union to Home Trust Bank. She will send a thank-you note to Mr. and Mrs. David McGuirk of Asheville, who donated \$250 through the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina. Suzanne suggested we let them know we will use those funds for purchase of children's books on elections to be donated to area libraries.

- New Treasurer(s) for LWVAB: Kathy reported that she has contacted three bookkeeping services and heard back from two. She plans to follow up; however, she said that based on what she has learned from contacts with other League treasurers, the cost may be prohibitive. Linda will send Kathy contact information and Kathy will contact Chris Politsky (bookkeeping service).
- Receiving Calls on Flip Phone: Because we have been unable to locate the
 actual phone, Kathy will check with AT&T to explore options and ask about
 messaging services without having a physical phone. In the meantime, she will
 add money to the current account so we can continue to receive messages.

Membership Committee

- Linda provided a list of members who joined in the previous month. She is compiling a list of those whose memberships have expired and will get the template for a reminder letter from Sharon. Kathy asked that she include directions for renewing on the LWVUS website rather than sending checks.
- Holiday Gathering scheduled for January 13: Nicole will look into possible library locations and follow up with Donna regarding use of Weaverville Center; Mary Ann will contact Kenilworth Presbyterian Church.
- Citizen's Initiative presentation scheduled for February 18, 2026 at 7 pm. for members only; will advertise in January.

LWVUS

• National Convention is June 26 – 28, 2026 in Columbus, Ohio (hybrid)

LWVNC: Suzanne noted the following events:

- Suffs the Musical March 15 in Charlotte (also in Greenville February 24 March 1)
- Regional Meeting February 28 Hickory; Let Suzanne know if you plan on attending. Suzanne will share information with other active members when available.
- April 21 Advocacy Day in Raleigh
- May 2 Council in Durham

VOTE411: Patricia mentioned that she had included a summary in the December newsletter; candidate participation in our three counties was slightly above the state average and site visits were significantly higher than in 2023.

Election of the President by Popular Vote Action Team Update: Suzanne reported that the petition currently has 1023 signatures.

Observer Corps: Suzanne will send guidelines from NC Observer Corps website to Mary Ann; Linda will search for an old League Observer Corps booklet and send it as well. Patricia explained that the purpose of including observer reports in the newsletter is to encourage League members to volunteer as observers of other community boards.

Communications Update: The group consensus was to send a short newsletter in January focusing on Holiday Party details. Patricia asked that members help by submitting items for the calendar with name of event, date, time and location. Patricia will ask cartoonist to do one on voting for February.

<u>Charity Navigator</u> and <u>Guidestar</u>: Mary Ann requested additional information about FREF in order to expand descriptions on the sites. Kathy will send her the name and purpose clause from the FREF bylaws; Suzanne will complete the LWVUS survey in January and provide data from that for Mary Ann to include.

Schedule of Meetings – all at 6 pm via Zoom 2026: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10

Meeting adjourned at 7:04