

LWVAB Board Meeting Minutes August 24, 2021

Submitted by Patricia Hearron, Board Secretary

In Attendance: Suzanne Fisher, President; Patricia Hearron, Secretary; Lynn Lederer, Treasurer; Board members Sue Casey, Julia Coward, Kelly Fowler, Nadine Hamby, Ruth O'Donnell, Nicole Wheeler-Schumacher, and Sharon Withrow.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 at Haw Creek Park

Approval of minutes from June 17, 2021 Board meeting (Julia)

Lynn moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried unanimously

Board Update

Suzanne circulated a list of contact information for current board members and asked that corrections be entered, either on the paper copy or directly in Google docs: (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mFjrhEZluzG-b4brPNo65AGG-1F7zAC7/edit>).

Finance and Budget Update (Lynn)

As of 8/14/21 we have 91 members, including 12 households, 1 student, and 2 life members. Lynn noted that she had already paid the PMP for LWVNC, but that a new rate for LWVUS in combination with PayPal fees results in only one cent per membership remains in our account, meaning that we essentially exist on donations. We discussed finding a way to include a request that new members add an amount to cover PayPal fees, but decided not to do so as then PayPal would just take more out and in any event we would get just \$1.99.

Membership Committee Update (Ruth)

Ruth emphasized the need for someone to take over as chair of the committee. Julia agreed to do it as chair of a committee. Nicole and Sharon agreed to work with her. Ruth will send them a document she created outlining duties and a timeline for accomplishing them.

Sue provided information about *Club Express*, an LWV member management tool. The consensus was that it was too expensive and that we are satisfied with using Constant Contact for now.

September 20 membership meeting: Will be held at Lake Tomahawk Park in Black Mountain (401 Laurel Circle Drive). "Save the Date" announcement was sent via Constant Contact on July 12. **Suzanne will send an email reminder after Labor Day.** Consensus was that we will provide (non-alcoholic) beverages and ice, and food will be "pot-luck" style. The event will be a social gathering without any formal presentation beyond welcoming members.

The next general membership meeting will be in December, with a brief presentation on the National Popular Vote campaign if we are unable to have an in-person holiday social event. Another possibility discussed was a presentation on health care inequities. Depending on what happens with COVID numbers, the meeting may be on Zoom.

Voter Services Update (Kelly)

Redistricting: We need to keep folks informed about the process and how they can make their voices heard. **Suzanne will send a message with this information via Constant Contact.**

Voter Registration: September 28 event will include tabling (perhaps on campuses). **The committee will reach out to local businesses who might want information for their employees and send an email blast with voter registration information.**

Voting Restrictions: **Kelly will send Ron Katz's summary for inclusion in our Facebook page and Newsletter.**

ERA Update (Suzanne)

ERA meets on the third Monday of each month at 11:00 am. Unfortunately, there is no news to report on this front.

National Popular Vote Action Team Update (Suzanne)

Suzanne had a presentation scheduled which was cancelled because organizers thought the topic was "too political." The committee would like to hold general

information sessions at one or more libraries in Buncombe, depending on what happens with COVID. Presentations are scheduled for AAUW and DAR; Givens Estates and Highland Farms are likely to be scheduled. Suzanne contacted all members of the congressional delegation for Buncombe County to request a meeting and received only one response from Chuck Edwards who listened politely but declined to co-sponsor the legislation.

Old Business

A motion by Kelly, seconded by Julia, that minutes of our Board Meetings be posted on-line passed unanimously.

The idea of posting dates of Committee/Action Team meetings on the website calendar was discussed, with the conclusion that **we will post only Action Teams meetings as Committee meetings are not on a regular schedule and membership is fluid.**

New Business

- Decided not to add names of committee chairs and members to website because they fluctuate too frequently.
- The "phone tree" established for each board member to contact a specific list of members is no longer in effect.
- Local advocates: Suzanne and Kelly noted that we had had a good response to the specific request for volunteers, and that in fact LWVAB was the only local group to respond to the request so far.
- Representative to LWFNC DEI Committee: **Kelly volunteered to assume this role.**

Board Logistics

- September 16 meeting will be outdoors at 5:00. **Kelly will try to arrange use of Haw Creek Pavillion.**
- October and November meetings will likely be held via Zoom

Other Items

According to our by-laws, we need to recruit a replacement for the board member who withdrew this month. **Nicole will write up a request for volunteers to be included in the September newsletter.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.