

**“Quasi” Minutes in lieu of LWVAB Board Meeting – December 16, 2021
Compiled by Patricia Hearron, Board Secretary**

Treasurer’s Report (November 19, 2021---December 15, 2021) (Lynn):

PayPal: \$1,575.74

Income	
LWV A-BC	FREF
\$100 – non-member donation	\$100 – non-member donation
\$25- member donation	\$50 -- member
\$100 – member	\$200—non-member
\$25 – member (Giving Tuesday)	\$500 -- member
\$100 – member	
\$50 – member	
\$10 – non-member	
\$100- non-member	
Expenses	
\$25 – Junior League Booth	

Membership (through 12/15/21): 115 including 14 households, 1 student, 2 life members

Checking + Money Market Account Balances	11/31/21	(6/30/21)
Total LWV of Asheville-Buncombe County:	\$ 15,871.19	(\$16,323.31)
Total Florence Ryan Education Fund:	\$9,515.98	(\$10,735.82)

Fundraising:

FREF		LWV A-BC	
Member	\$675	Member --	\$650
YourCause/Network for Good	\$154	Non Member --	\$510
AmazonSmile	\$6.40		
Non Member	\$300		

Other:

IRS filing for Tax Year 2020: After talking with a person at IRS in Ogden, Utah on December 15th, I found out that, though the LWVNC note re-instating us was noted as delivered by the USPS, it is unlikely that it will be processed for many weeks and that they should re-send it by FAX following a specific wording. The bottom line is that the only way to re-file for the 2020 tax year is to set up a new (albeit temporary) set of

passwords, person, etc. There is no penalty, however, in not doing it. The penalty comes after not doing it for three consecutive years. For the 2021 tax year I should be able to coast through with no problems. Keep your fingers crossed! What a saga.

Citizen Times Billing:

We got another bill from them with a past due fee added. I called again and stayed on line until I was automatically sent to a voice mail. Left still another message saying this wasn't our bill and that we would need a copy of what was produced to pay it. Another saga. We'll see whether we get another bill in January!

Good news! I wanted to say that a number of people (members and non-members) have sent in PayPal donations in response to *"Make a Difference for Democracy"*.

Voter Services (Kelly)

The state DEI has been completely silent since the initial meeting this past summer. For our league, I'd like to find a speaker on diversity or racism/ equity and will try to have a proposal for the board after the holidays.

Voter Services and Fair Districts are taking a hiatus until January, although everyone on both teams (many of whom overlap) will be monitoring the court cases on the maps that the NC Supreme Court has ordered adjudicated by January 11.

Linda Kane has finished the video on Voting History in NC. I'll edit it slightly then it's ready to post on our YouTube Channel, Facebook, and website.

Voter Services will resume its monthly meetings in January. The first order of business will be to map out our plan for 2022, since it's an election year. We now have a little more time if the Primary date remains in May.

Fair Districts WNC will also resume regular meetings in January, but the agenda is really tbd depending on how the court cases turn out.

Vote 411 (Ruth):

Nothing to report due to delays related to primary election.

Communication (Nadine):

I attended a zoom meeting of the Healthcare League Action Team meeting on November 9th. I didn't get word of a meeting this month, so I assume we're taking December off.

I was hoping to report on interesting stats from the website for December, but no one is looking at the pages I was hoping they'd look at. Still, folks are looking at the donation page and hey, that's a good thing.

The one lively spot is Instagram. We now have 409 followers. This year I started following more league chapters and those chapters then started following us. I've found

that some chapter Instagram posts are absolutely brilliant so, of course, I repost those to our account, with credit to the original chapter.

Membership (Julia and Sharon):

The Membership committee is working on getting the holiday postcards out to members; should be out by the end of next week. The newsletter will take its usual Jan-Feb break, publishing around Jan 25 instead of the first week of Jan. Since the primary is moved out to May, that issue will cover January and February .However, If there are events that call for an issue sooner, we will adjust the schedule.

Six members have renewed and one new Household membership has been added since the last meeting.

National Popular Vote (Suzanne):

A presentation for the Asheville Unitarian Universalist Church is scheduled for February 10, 2022.

The resignation of a State Senator and the three State representatives not running for re-election puts a damper on contacting legislators. Will be contacting Julie Mayfield and perhaps legislators from other nearby counties (not Henderson of course).

Equal Rights Amendment (Suzanne)

No change on the national level; one of the court cases will be heard in January . In North Carolina events are being planned for January 27, 2022; two years since the 38th state ratified the ERA. February 17, 2022 at noon there will be a virtual talk by Dr. Rebecca DeWolf who wrote *Gendered Citizenship: The Original Conflict over the equal Rights Amendment, 1920-1963*.