

**LWVAB Board Meeting – Zoom, April 21, 2022**  
**Submitted by Patricia Hearron, Board Secretary**

In Attendance: Suzanne Fisher, President; Nicole Wheeler-Schumacher, Vice-President; Patricia Hearron, Secretary; Lynn Lederer, Treasurer; Board members: Kelly Fowler, Nadine Hamby, Ruth Planey, and Sharon Withrow; Visitors: Kelly Carlson, Donna Mann, Carol Moulton.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00

Minutes of March 17, 2022 were approved unanimously with a motion by Ruth P. and second by Lynn.

Finance and Budget Update (Lynn): We have received donations totalling \$6461, including an anonymous donation of \$850 from Your Cause. 14 members have renewed since the reminder letter was sent. Our Website has been renewed for 3 years.

Membership Committee (Julia, Nicole, Sharon)

- Annual Meeting
  - May 22 at Patton Parker House (in conjunction with Helen Morris Lewis event)
  - Refreshments will be Girl Scout cookies and water or ice tea.
  - Awards: Sharon will handle purchase of plaques.
  - Publicizing: reminder to be sent via Constant Comment; press releases sent to Mountain Express; invitations to local politicians
- Nominations: Kelly Carlson, Carol Moulton and Donna Mann accepted; Carol Moulton would be most interested in pursuing grant opportunities to fund publicizing league efforts.
- Business component: **Voting on budget, new board members, program priorities will be handled electronically.**
- Suzanne said it would be good to have a general membership meeting in summer or fall; Ideas for topics include Medicare for All/Expansion of Medicaid; Demonstration of Vote 411 website; local efforts to aid Afghan immigrants (member involvement)

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- Diversity/Equity/Inclusion: Kelly still planning to pursue possibility of hosting Brenda Mills, Director of Asheville Equity and Inclusion office.
- Healthcare Team: Nadine has attended 3 meetings focusing on historical background of issue; anticipates that next meeting will address actions.
- Environment: Nadine has attended 1 meeting; most representation from eastern NC counties; major issue is hog waste; a hearing on HB 951 regarding reduction in emissions of carbon dioxide by electrical generating facilities is scheduled for July 27 at the Buncombe County Courthouse.

Voter Services Committee Update (Kelly)

- Redistricting: group is currently trying to determine next moves; no action expected until after 2022 General Election.
- Voter Registration: kudos expressed for Ella's video on registration process; one training session for volunteers was recorded and has been posted on YouTube with a 10-point follow up quiz; intention is to engage interested volunteers.
- Civics Education: a state-wide repository is being created to consolidate and share materials developed by local leagues.
- Voting Restrictions: no new restrictions expected before general election; committee will monitor and alert membership if any develop.
- Vote 411: Kelly Carlson has been sending email reminders to candidates who have not responded; estimated response rate to date is 75%; responses can still be posted after site goes live.

ERA Action Team Update (Suzanne): no progress to report.

National Popular Vote Action Team Update (Suzanne): continue to book talks; minimal response from primary candidates; there will be a booth and caucus session at the LWVUS convention in Denver.

#### Communications Update

- Website and Instagram (Nadine): a new page ("2022 primary election") has been added to our website, creating a one-stop link for voting information
- Newsletter (Patricia): **contributions due by end of month.**
- Twitter and Facebook (Suzanne): decline in interest of late may be due to distraction caused by events in Ukraine.

#### Old Business

- Junior League event had more than 300 participants.
- April event with Asheville Choral Society: Sharon was unable to participate due to schedule mix-up but requested that we be kept in mind for future opportunities.

#### New Business

- Suzanne asked members to review list of highlights from the LWVNC Council Meeting for ideas to follow up on in future planning.
- Volunteers needed for May 22 event at Patton Parker House to staff league table and help with refreshments. **Board members asked to let Suzanne know if they can be there. Kelly has the League Banner, microphone and one pop-up tent that she will transport to Suzanne.**

Next Meeting – May 19, 2022 via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.