

LWVAB Board Meeting – Zoom, May19, 2022
Submitted by Patricia Hearron, Board Secretary

In Attendance: Suzanne Fisher, President; Nicole Wheeler-Schumacher, Vice-President; Patricia Hearron, Secretary; Board members: Sue Casey, Julia Coward, Nadine Hamby, and Sharon Withrow; Visitors: Kelly Carlson, Carol Moulton.

Meeting was called to order at 5:05.

Minutes of April 21 meeting were approved with a motion by Julia, seconded by Nicole.

Finance and Budget Update: Treasurer's report submitted by Lynn indicated that both LWV-AB and the Florence Ryan Education Fund resources are at about the same level as a year ago.

Membership Committee

- Annual Meeting: Julia reported that preparations for the May 22 event at Patton Parker House are complete and there are plenty of volunteers. Wessel Awards will be presented. Several members of Helen Morris Lewis' family will be in attendance. Suzanne mentioned that there has been good coverage of the event in local media sources.
- Business component will be conducted electronically. **Suzanne will send the following documents on May 23:**
 - Minutes from 2021*
 - Nominations Committee Report*; have all bios and photos
 - FREF Budget*
 - LWVAB Budget*
 - Treasurer's Report*
 - Priorities*

The ballot will be emailed on May 30, with voting ending on June 13.
- LWVNC Environment Group: Nadine reported that the next meeting will focus on reduced use of plastics and is scheduled for June 6; **she will send a list of the scheduled speakers.**
- Voter Services Committee Update
 - Voter Registration events will be scheduled before the general election in November. Team members will also be monitoring Canvassing sessions at the Board of Elections.
 - Vote 411: Suzanne suggested that we print "business cards" with information about LWV-AB and Vote 411 for distribution prior to the general election. Another suggestion was to include a QR code. **This will be added to the agenda for discussion at the June meeting.**
 - ERA Action Team Update (Suzanne): Activities included a table at Women UP Chamber of Commerce Event on May 19, where the entrance fee was waived because they "love having" us. Roberta Madden published an editorial in the Asheville-Citizen Times on May 8 and Jimmie Cochrane Pratt spoke at the May 14 rally for Women's Rights in Asheville, encouraging attendees to contact President Biden directly and urge him to act since our congressional representatives have been unresponsive.

- National Popular Vote Action Team Update: Suzanne reported that she has given talks at a Rotary meeting and Deerfield Retirement Community. Future presentations are scheduled for an upcoming Ox Creek Potluck, OLLI UNCA, and OLLI NC State.

She is shared a resolution to restore National Popular Vote to the League's Making Democracy Work agenda that she hopes to present at the LWVUS Convention in June. A motion by Patricia, seconded by Nicole, in support of the resolution was approved. Suzanne hopes to have the support of LWVNC as well.

- Communications Update: Julia asked that **action teams submit their reports for the June/July issue of the newsletter by June 20**. Suzanne reported that Facebook and Twitter posts about the election and National Popular Vote are getting good responses. (There are 1100 followers on Facebook.)
- Carol suggested the formation of Communications Committee to coordinate efforts, perhaps meeting quarterly or semi-annually. Julia proposed designating a person to send email blasts via Constant Contact. **The concept will be put on the agenda for discussion at the August retreat.**
- Old Business: Lynne Joshi and Nicole presented on volunteer opportunities at an event hosted by Congregation Beth HaTephila. They recruited 4 potential new members and invited the 40 people in attendance to attend the Helen Morris Lewis event on May 22.
- New Business
 - In lieu of token gifts, we will make a donation to Manna, Habitat for Humanity or other local charity in the name of guest speakers.
 - Suzanne has been working on an LWVNC trifold brochure which includes a space for LWVAB information to be inserted. Samples will be available at the May 22 event. We can decide whether to allocate funds for printing a supply at a later meeting. (We received a stack of these brochures from LWVNC and will not need to print more for a while.)
- **Kelly Carlson volunteered to monitor LWVAB phone. Sue Casey will arrange to transfer the phone.**
- Next Meeting will be held June 16, 2022 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50.