

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

In Attendance: Suzanne Fisher, President; Patricia Hearron, Secretary; Board members: Kelly Carlson, Nadine Hamby, Linda Kinsinger, Donna Mann, Carol Moulton, and Ruth Planey.

Meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Fisher at 6:00. Minutes of August 3, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed (motion: Ruth; second: Linda).

**Finance and Budget Update:** Lynn is out of town and will send updated report upon her return. Meanwhile, Suzanne noted that we had received checks from LWVNC and were in sound financial shape.

**Membership Committee:** Sharon was unable to attend but emailed an update indicating that current membership stands at 99. She and Julia are working on a “last-chance” email which they will send in early October to members who have not renewed for 2022-2023. General membership meeting will be conducted via Zoom on November 17, featuring Dr. Marsha Fretwell and Dr. Ellen Kaczmarek from HealthCare for All WNC (<https://healthcareforallwnc.wordpress.com/contact-us/>)

**LWVUS:** Suzanne noted that availability of lots of resources for social media (e.g., images and items in both English and Spanish).

**LWVNC:** Both of our grant applications (for stickers and VOTE 411 bookmarks) were approved. Donna reported that she had obtained several hundred stickers and will put some in the suitcases for distribution during a voter registration events. Suzanne plans to attend the unveiling of a second historical marker (for Gertrude Weil, founder of LWV in North Carolina) in Greensboro.

### **Voter Services Committee Update**

- AAUW canceled a presentation scheduled with Suzanne and Kelly; currently waiting to hear about proposed meeting to explain how votes are counted.
- **Vote 411:** Kelly has emailed reminders to all candidates who have not yet responded to the questionnaire—under 50% (the same number who did not respond in the primary). The site goes live on 9/30, but candidates can still respond after that date. Funds from the “Making Democracy Work” have been used largely for ads in Mountain Xpress, TribNews and *La Noticia*, with lesser amounts used for bookmarks and posters.
- **Voter registration:** Deborah Britt is tracking events. Suzanne requested help in compiling information on results of each event for reporting to LWVNC. Ruth suggested scheduling registration events at UNC Asheville and Warren Wilson College. Ruth, Donna and Suzanne reported that they have found that while most people encountered at events are already registered, they can still provide information about Vote411 and help check current registration status.

- **Voting restrictions:** We are waiting a court decision regarding the law requiring Voter IDs.
- **Board of Elections meetings:** Aiden is tracking this for Buncombe County; Sheryl Williams is covering Madison County; Suzanne and a neighbor are covering McDowell County.
- Suzanne emphasized that Kelly, Deborah and Aiden are currently doing well with the three components, we do need someone to take responsibility for chairing the Voter Services Committee.

**National Popular Vote Action Team Update:** Suzanne noted that a recent Pew Center poll showed that 52% of Americans favor direct election of the president. Karen Ward has had letters to the editor on the issue published by the *Black Mountain News* and the *Asheville Daily Planet*.

### **Communications Update**

- Nadine regularly updates the website.
- Newsletter will be ready to publish in next few days.
- Twitter has only 92 followers; Facebook page has 1115 with reach and page visits increasing.

**Old Business:** The discussion regarding rental of a storage facility was deferred to the October meeting.

**New Business:** Brainstorming goals for the coming year is postponed until October.

Next Meeting will be October 20 at 6:00 via Zoom. Suzanne will attend from out of state. Patricia will monitor [info@lwvab.org](mailto:info@lwvab.org) as needed in her absence.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00.