

LWVAB Board Meeting – Zoom, October 20, 2022
Submitted by Patricia Hearron, Board Secretary

In Attendance: Suzanne Fisher, President; Patricia Hearron, Secretary; Lynn Lederer, Treasurer, Board members: Kelly Carlson, Nadine Hamby, Linda Kinsinger, Carol Moulton, Ruth Planey and Sharon Withrow.

Meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Fisher at 6:00.

Minutes of September 29, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed (motion: Ruth; second: Lynn).

Finance and Budget Update (Lynn): We currently have 109 members including 14 households. Invoices for VOTE 411 ads have all been paid. IRS E postcard successfully submitted!

Membership Committee: Report submitted by Sharon indicated that 4 new members joined in October. The general membership meeting will be conducted via Zoom at 6:00 on November 17, featuring Dr. Ellen Kaczmarek and Dr. Marsha Fretwell speaking on “Medicare for All.” Suzanne will make introductory comments and Sharon will contact the speaker to ask about preferred format for audience questions.

Suzanne will send a poll (Google survey) after the election to gauge members’ comfort level with an in-person holiday gathering sometime in early January.

LWVUS: Suzanne noted that national provides a number of resources for promoting voting.

Voter Services Committee: Deborah Britt is coordinating and maintaining a listing of events at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bh5qq2A74faA9kwqaMMLW1yWccFzWjEkJEZfhjQ2z7Q/edit#gid=0> Suzanne will request that she submit a final report.

Donna Mann reported a successful event at Reynolds High school with about 30 students under 18 preregistered and a few actually registered. The principal is anxious for the League to come every year.

Voting Restrictions: There is no voter ID requirement during this election.

Volunteers to cover Board of Elections Meetings

Buncombe County: Linda and Carol have attended meetings and noted careful scrutiny of mail-in ballots. See sign-up sheet at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zgjywZmXsWunOZBJWk3x3mqteRULa2NG/edit#gid=490459419>

Madison County: Cheryl Williams is covering

McDowell County: Suzanne Fisher, Marshall Fisher and Terry Hash are covering; nothing out of ordinary noted.

Vote 411: Kelly noted that approximately half of the candidates have not responded to the questionnaire. She plans to send reminders from her personal email address to encourage greater participation. Suzanne indicated that members would be willing to do follow-up calls if desired.

ERA Action Team Update

LWVAB members Lynne Joshi, Roberta Madden and Jimmie Cochran Pratt discussed the ERA with host Patricia Furnish during the October 16th episode of Southern Reckoning on Asheville 103.3 fm.

National Popular Vote Action Team Update

Suzanne has a presentation scheduled for 11:30 on Friday, November 11 for a lunch and learn session hosted by OLLI at UNC Asheville. Participation via zoom is also possible.

Communications Update

- Nadine regular updates website.
- Patricia asked members to submit items for November newsletter to be published before election.
- Suzanne – nothing new regarding Facebook and Twitter

Old Business: After discussion of costs and benefits, group decided not to pursue rental of a storage facility for League materials but to continue using individual members' homes and arranging meeting points for transferring as needed. Lynn Lederer volunteered to be the storage depot.

New Business:

- Suzanne suggested that Cheryl Williams of Madison County be invited to become an appointed board member. Approved unanimously.

Next Meetings

- November 17 – All member meeting
- December 15 Board Meeting
- Holiday gathering – January date TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:00