

LWVHC Board Meeting Minutes September 12, 2024

Members: Ernest Mowell, Liz Hill, Nancy Pellegrini, Mary Kay Krokowski, Marcella Leshner, Mary Landry, Lynn McFarland, Brenda Sherrer		
Members Excused:		
Observers: Sandra Mowell, Sharon Burlingame		
Minutes prepared by: MKK	Start Time: 11:00 am at the Coop Adjourned: 12:50 pm	
Consent Agenda Previous Minutes: MKK Leadership Team: EM/LH/NP/MKK Treasurer: NP Education: ML Student Engagement: KT Home Observer Team: RP Immigration: MCL Nominating Committee: LH/SM/GL Voter Service: LM Membership: NJ/SB Communications: GL	<u>Mary moved to approve August Minutes. Liz seconded. Adopted.</u> Treasurer's report for August accepted. No questions or revisions Presidents Report: President's call The Public Education Team at the state level is setting up a page on the LWVNC website for education advocacy. Looking for local League input. Sandra requesting participation in planning for the State Convention May 2-4. This is a leadership development opportunity and the need is great since the State Board is only 9 persons. . <u>Email vote 8/11/24 Mary moved to approve an additional \$300 for the Vote411 expenses. Unanimously adopted via email. Budget doesn't change.</u>	
	UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
	Calendar Review: Agudas Israel is available for a League event for a public meeting 1x with synagogue supplying security. Consider this when reviewing the calendar.	Identify a program where we can utilize Agudas Israel as the venue - ? March 2025

	<p>August</p> <p>19 L WVNC sponsored Carter Center “Trusted Elections Town Hall” at BRCC - Our BOE attended and participated, plus State level and several local BOEs.</p> <p>20 Building Bridges: Lynn and Ernest’s presentation on voting was very successful. Spanish speaking attendee, Nancy Diaz, has offered future help.</p> <p>September</p> <p>2 Apple Festival - 52 registrations completed. LWV member from Greenville, SC participated with information for SC.</p> <p>15 “Take the Plunge into L WVHC” Veterans Bldg 2-3:30</p> <p>17 VS National Voter Registration Day - YMCA reached out for a voter engagement table. Lynn has arranged a registration table and volunteers.</p> <p>21 12-2 Candidate Meet and Greet in Patton Park - 16 candidates coming. Signs can be set up at 11.</p> <p>25 Candidate Forum for contested County Commissioner position in District 2. Sheila Franklin vs Eric Weber. First Congregational Church. 5:30-7 p.m. Jay Egolf will be there for a Meet and Greet. Open door at 4:30</p> <p>30 Hendersonville City Council Candidate Forum. 6th candidate has agreed to participate on recorded Zoom call 8 - 10.</p>	<p>with Rachel and H/OT Team</p> <p>Marcella will send pictures from Building Bridges presentation to L WVNC newsletter</p> <p>Ernest to make phone calls to 2 candidates who have not responded to Mills River Forum</p> <p>Liz to set up Zoom call for City Council Candidate Forum. Ernest to introduce. Lynn will ask Caren or Renee to moderate.</p>
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	<p>October</p> <p>13 Mills River Town Council Candidate Forum at Mills River Community Center 2:30-3:30pm. One candidate is sending a statement. 2 candidates will speak and Ernest will make calls to 2 others who have not yet responded.</p> <p>20 Henderson County Board of Education Candidate Forum at City Ops 2-4 p.m.</p> <p>November</p> <p>4 Election Heroes Day</p> <p>5 Election Day</p> <p>December</p> <p>8 Holiday party at Carriage Park 1:30 set up. 2-4. Mary Kay coordinating. Theme?</p> <p>Smithsonian exhibit at Library - "Voices and Votes" Docents needed. Rachel is on the library Board and Renee is contact there.</p> <p>The rest of the calendar discussion was deferred at this meeting due to time constraints but is left here for Minutes continuity.</p> <p>(January 2025</p> <p><u>Program</u>: Annual State level program priorities meeting. Ernie to lead discussion</p> <p>Possible regional meeting - date to be set</p>	<p>Ernest will call 2 non-responsive candidates for Mills River Forum, asking for participation.</p> <p>Lynn will get picture for Election Heroes Day - BOE recognition</p> <p>Ernest to follow up with library as to what help is needed for "Voices and Votes"</p> <p>Possible Program: VS Better Ballot and Ranked Choice Voting</p> <p>Possible Board sponsored Mental Health Program to fulfill Program Priority commitment - Chris Berg is</p>
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	<p>February</p> <p><u>Program:</u> Immigration (Marcella) - True Ridge attorney</p> <p>March</p> <p><u>Program:</u> H/OT Team (Rachel) - Juvenile Crime Prevention Council presentation</p> <p>April</p> <p><u>Program</u> - local effects /climate action (Nan/ Ted Volskay/Suzanne Hale/Katie)</p> <p>10 Board to approve 2025-26 budget</p> <p>May</p> <p><u>Program</u> – Education Team with Immigration - ?ESL</p> <p>2-4 LWWNC Convention - need planning volunteers</p> <p>11 Budget, slate, priorities to be sent to membership - 30 days before annual meeting</p> <p>June</p> <p>17 LWWHC Annual Meeting - sandwiches 5:30-7:30</p> <p>27 National Council)</p>	<p>reaching out to contacts on mental health/unhoused in Asheville.</p> <p>First United Methodist offers use of their facility for a future presentation.</p>
	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	
	<p>LWVUS "Make a Plan to Vote" promo - LWWHC plan is: Confirmation that the ability to check registration is on VOTE411 and in Update.</p>	<p>Ernest will send Op Ed re: photo ID</p>

	<p>Ernest will also send OpEd to Lightning about required picture ID and to check registration online or at BOE prior to voting.</p> <p>“I Voted” SVFD committee sticker design contest. “Future Voter” sticker - Sharon - Principals to meet to ask how to do this because parents must give permission for kids to vote. But all kids will receive “Future Voter” stickers.</p> <p>Lynn has arranged time keepers and runners for Sept. Forums and working on Oct. Paul Goebel agreed to MC 4 of these, except 25th. Caren will be asked.</p> <p>Discussed HCBOE letter from Linda Rebeck to Karen Bell of NCSBE. LWVHC President - “Our role is to do our job for our voters, encourage learning about candidate’s positions, registration and voting.” We will continue to act as observers of BOE meetings.</p> <p>Ranked Choice Voting - Possible Program. Information and contact info given to Lynn.</p> <p>Rapid Response Team for the election was discussed. Ernest is lead contact for the League. Sub-committee to discuss details: Liz, Ernie, Mary, Lynn - Tuesday 17th 2 pm</p> <p>Marian Lowry bequest of \$5000 for students voting - teachers are committed to this education on voting. <u>Liz moved that \$5K, from Marian Lowry for the express purpose of student voting, should be given to Students Voting in HC at the Community Foundation. Mary seconded.</u> CF administers the funds for this school program. <u>Unanimously adopted.</u> Liz will write a letter of thanks to Tom Lowry and the church who forwarded the funds.</p>	<p>requirement and to check registration prior to voting. Only place to vote early is at BOE Spartanburg Hwy. Communications will draft a “Plan to Vote” ad for Lightning.</p> <p>Ernest will write to State League asking for them to respond to inappropriate BOEHC Board member letter to legislators and thanking LWVNC for quick response to issue</p> <p>Sandra will check with State as to their response to BOEHC issue</p> <p>Rapid Response sub-committee to plan for</p>
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	<p>Next meeting October 10 11 a.m. Coop</p>	