Mon., January 21, 2025, 5 p.m. LWVFC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Board Members:
Leadership Team: Kate Jones, Nanette Onley Hobson, Patti Connor
Secretary: Rosanne Roe
Treasurer: Sue Kunkel
Membership Chairs: Sue Krause, Jill Griffith
Additional Board Members: Rosemary Orthmann, Michael Bunitsky, Jill Griffith, Suzanne Beal, James Filson, Janette Goodman, Lauri Gross, Mary Beth Coker, George Carroll, and Ellen West

1. Acceptance of the minutes from the November 2024 and December 2024 Board Meetings
2. Committee Reports
   - Membership (Jill/Ellen/Sue Krause)
   - Events – Patti
     - Annual Legislative breakfast: We need volunteers. We missed the legislative breakfast we usually do in December before the session, and after the election, but we can do one after the election, say in May, to have our legislators tell us what happened, why, and how we can achieve a better result next year. Volunteers are responsible for securing a date and our legislators' attendance on that date, selecting a venue where we can serve breakfast, and securing food for that breakfast. We need a lead to organize this, and some volunteers to help make it happen.
     - LWV Calendars:
       - **LWVofFC Board Calendar**.
       - **Events Calendar for LWVofFC**. Voter Services
     - Nannette
     - Lauri: Voters' Guide meeting
     - Kate: programs at the library:
       - City Government primer - why it is important to vote in city elections
       - Immigration primer
   - Publicity (Lauri)
   - Ethics (Norma Diaz)
   - LWVNCA (Sue Krause)
0. Treasurer's Report (Sue Kunkel)
   - Monthly Report
   - Update re: IRS status
0. Website (Kate)
   - League Survey. Please review this copy of the annual league survey containing my current anticipated responses to the questions. When you see numbers, those are just placeholders, I made them up. It is the checkboxes and the text I need for you to review, to make sure I did not forget anything. Sue is getting the budget numbers for me, and I am working on the others from the summer's activities that you all faithfully reported to me.
     Kate's version of the survey
   - LWVUS ChapterSpot Toolkit, Questions for Members on ChapterSpot.
   - Member information about ChapterSpot. PowerPoint version of the info with pictures of how to sign up.

- I am instituting office hours for ChapterSpot and all things technology. These will be on demand Zoom meetings. You demand and I will start a Zoom to help you out. You can also call, and I can walk you through a lot of what you need help with, including getting on a Zoom so I can help. Email: axelkjz@msn.com, or call me at 301-401-2686. Email is a good way to start so you can tell me when you are most available for a meeting to handle your issue. I'll also find an appropriate place on our website to post my schedule of availability.
- New social media accounts: Instagram, BlueSky, TikTok …

Other reports/topics

- What do we do next?
  - 2025 MD legislative session: Is anyone interested in monitoring and reporting back about legislative activity as it comes up in this year's session?
  - Ranked Choice Voting: The City Council will be discussing RCV probably in early Spring, and well before that discussion, Margaret Hindman, with whomever else she can recruit, would like to meet individually with council members and the mayor to let them know our League's position, and offer to provide info on RCV if they have questions. Proposed Motion: go ahead, Margaret!
  - Annual Meeting: we need to secure a speaker. Volunteers for doing so? Suggestions for who we should ask?
  - City elections.
    - We need someone to monitor and report important dates about city elections for the following cities:
      Brunswick
      Burkittsville
      Emmitsburg
      Frederick
      Middletown
      Mount Airy
      Myersville
      New Market
      Rosemont
      Thurmont
      Walkersville
      Woodsboro
      - **About City Elections:** The City of Frederick's next election for the mayor and seven-member City Council, run every four years, is this year. The primary is scheduled on September 9, 2025, and the general election is scheduled for November 4, 2025. City staff are currently working to develop a process for city-only voter registration. More information will be forthcoming regarding these initiatives.
  - Collaborations with other organizations. George, Intro to LWVofFC PowerPoint. See spreadsheet of potential opportunities to collaborate. List of organizations.
  - Please review these documents to vote at this meeting on how to complete the forms. I will complete them for our local, combining all the Board wants to select. But that means you all must direct me how to complete the forms at this board meeting this month. ***The forms are due February 14, 2025, before our next Board meeting.***
    - 2025 Board documents\January 2025\Program Planning Form for 2025-2027 (2).docx
    - 2025 Board documents\January 2025\LWVMD Positions High Level.docx

    - 2025 Board documents\January 2025\LWVMD Program Planning Information 2025-2027.docx

  Be prepared, please, to propose any changes, additions, or deletions you want to add to the LWVMD state priorities for this legislative session. I will be proposing a motion to be voted on to add, if it is not already there, the ERA, abolishing the electoral college, and ranked choice voting.
- Federal Judiciary Study by LWVUS: https://www.lwv.org/league-management/advocacy-litigation/2024-2025-federal-judiciary-study-process-committee-and?utm_source=SalsaEngage&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=FJSWebinar&utm_content=12.21.24&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=45e26c34-a67b-4f91-860e-ee3b1f0cfb12
- Board Members list (for Board Members only)