

Program Planning Meeting Minutes

LWVSFC Feb 09, 2022

Via Zoom

Members present: Debbie Helper, Jody Larson, Judy Williams, Chris Furlanetto, Sally Sabo, Joann Volinski, Hannah Burling, Marcy Litzenberg, Susan Haase, Stephanie Schlanger, Irene Epp, Kelly Davis, Danis Kelly, Kelly Finnerty, Bernadette Garcia, Katharine Clark, Christa Hazlett, Pawel Kozlowski, Virginia McCallum, Andrea Slade, Gail Hull

- The meeting was called to order by Debbie Helper, VP Administration at 10:05 am. The meeting was recorded for purposes of review for accuracy of minutes. It will not be shared or saved.
- The agenda was reviewed and an additional item was inserted. A and A Chairwoman Chris Furlanetto will give a summary of that committee's work.
- The LWVUS positions were read aloud and reviewed. Opportunity for comment and discussion was given and encouraged. All LWVUS positions were approved unanimously. We discussed Meredith Machen's written request to elevate immigration as a priority within the Campaign to Make Democracy Work, but it was decided we did not wish to have it elevated to the level of the other priorities within the Campaign (Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Redistricting and Money in Politics). We agreed to insert into the survey our request that immigration policies be closely watched and that LWVUS remain vigilant to situations/legislation which should be challenged or acted upon in line with its positions. The Board will decide if the response drafted by Meredith will indeed be our response (see attached).
- Comment was made by Jody Larson that she appreciated the intentional inclusion of the position on reproductive rights under Representative Government rather than Social Policy.
- LWVSFC positions were read aloud and reviewed. All positions were approved unanimously.

- No studies were proposed, but Jody suggested we consider studying local immigration issues, land use, affordable housing and/or homelessness. Jody may be interested in leading such a study on land use or affordable housing. However, no one is ready to take that on this year. We will consider it for 2022/23. Debbie Helper expressed interest in participating in (not leading) a study group when the time comes.
- Chris Furlanetto described the Action and Advocacy Committee's work particularly in the areas of Santa Fe City Council good governance, the Midtown Campus Project and the Las Estrellas sale/development and referred us to the website for review of letters (to the New Mexican, to the mayor and to Daniel Hernandez) and actions taken in those areas. She thanked Jody and Judy for helping draft and edit the letters. In addition, she and Jody are going to attend (as individual citizens) two separate CHART sessions and have asked the leaders of the CHART project to lead one of the sessions involving LWVSFC members. They will determine the topic and timing of the session – hopefully later this month or early March.
- Finally, topics for presentations were solicited along with suggestions for speakers. Judy Williams is looking to get a speaker to present current water issues, local issues with respect to immigration was a topic of interest and presentations on what is currently being done about affordable housing and homelessness were also of interest. Reaching out to LWVSNM (Las Cruces) for speaker on immigration was recommended. Susan Haase noted our calendar for this year is almost full, so these topics will be planned for June of 2022 and beyond.
- Everyone was thanked for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Reported by,
Debbie Helper