

LWVTO 8-29-17 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Lois Kiely (Chair), Dallas (Presenter) and Robert Grove(Hosts), Marie Curtis (Presenter), Wilma Pfeffer (Secretary), Peggy and Ted Dellinger, Anne Freedman, , Sally and Bill Madden, Louise Usechak, Justine Cook, Ann Torre, Susan Sferas, Grace Chen, Janice McGowan, Barbara Chaudery, Betsey Watley, Harriet Cook, Justine Cook, Pamela Renee, Pamela Herzenberg, Elynn Shapiro.

All attending were introduced and welcomed.

A Bit of History: Marie Curtis and Dallas Grove

Marie and Dallas presented a wonderful, comprehensive history of League history and philosophy. Included was information about the Suffragists, growth from grassroots to national organizations, the separate parts of League (political and educational), and the methods for arriving at consensus on various policy positions.

Current positions include using the popular vote to elect the President and Vice President, Transparent Government, Reproductive Choice, and Protection of Voting Rights. The League provides many voter services including voter registration, candidate forums, and position fact sheets. It was emphasized that all league members, and especially Board members must be very careful to remain non-partisan.

Discussion: Susan Sferas, Lois Kiely, Peggy Dellinger,

We reviewed the upcoming list of Voter Service opportunities, including registration drives and candidate forums, and discussed the recently instituted Monmouth County Policy to require a Public Information Records Act Request to learn the names and addresses of candidates for local and county office. The League secured a workaround to expedite this year's voter service commitments and at the same time is researching the legal grounds for such a requirement with an eye to taking action to have it withdrawn.

Candidate Forums: Lois Kiely, Susan Sferas

Lois and Susan presented their efforts and progress in organizing this year's candidate forums.

Please see attached calendar of events.