

LWVTO 06-12-2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Peggy Dellinger, Lois Kiely, Marie Curtis, Dallas and Robert Grove, Diane Hara, Evelyn Murphy, Annette Scott, Mary Gerard

Minutes: Mary Gerard

The minutes from the 05-07-2019 meeting were accepted.

Treasurers Report: Robert Grove

Having delivered a budget report and financial statement at the June 1 Annual Meeting, Robert did not deliver a treasurer's report at the Board meeting. He will provide an end-of-year budget/treasurer's report at the July Board meeting.

Organization of the Board: Peggy Dellinger

Wilma Pfeffer and Diane Hara will be co-chairing the Membership committee. The Secretary position is currently vacant. Mary Gerard was asked to assume the Secretary position. A motion was made and passed to appoint Mary as Secretary and Wilma and Diane as Membership co-chairs. Mary's previous position as PR Director is now vacant.

There was a discussion about possible members to appoint to the Board. Peggy suggested Marian Warshauer to take Mary's place as PR director. Evelyn suggested asking Harriet Bernstein, Luisa Paster and Pat Surplice. Lois suggested Rosemary Vantor for Voter Service. Motions were made and passed. It was decided that Peggy, as President, would reach out to Marian, Harriet and Luisa and invite them to join the Board as Appointed Directors. *[Update: Though honored to be asked, Marian, Harriet and Luisa declined the invitation to join the Board at this time as appointed directors.]*

Name Change Update: Robert Grove

The LWVUS was meeting this week about our name change. We need National's approval before the name change paperwork can be completed and the bank account updated.

LWVSMC Annual Meeting Review: Lois Kiely

35 members attended the Annual Meeting. Everyone liked the venue and would use it again. Sally Madden awarded Annette the 1st Bill Madden Award. The Board spent approximately 100.00 on food, drink, ice and paper goods. Everyone enjoyed the speakers, Brian McGillivray from NJ Re-entry and State Senator Vin Gopal.

Annette will follow up with Senator Gopal's office to arrange a meeting with two or three members to discuss various issues. Possible participants for the meeting are: Annette, Marie, Evelyn and Mary. Evelyn will get in touch with Jesse at LWVNJ to find out their legislative agenda.

It was suggested that we establish an Annual Meeting Committee in February to plan for next year's meeting.

Peggy suggested developing a calendar of events for next year. Lois and Evelyn will develop a draft calendar and present it at the July Board meeting.

Membership Update: Robert Grove

We now have 63 members with the potential for 3 more. There are 12 renewing members. Robert will send out a dues letter next week. There was a discussion to let members know what the full cost of membership to LWVSMC is. Though we ask for \$40.00 per year dues for an individual and 62.00 for a couple, when the portion that is sent to LWVNJ and LWVUS is factored in, the full cost of membership is actually \$55.00 for an individual and 82.50 for a couple. Peggy to add the full cost of membership to the membership application and to the new member brochure being developed by Diane and Wilma.

Membership Committee: Diane Hara

Diane and Wilma have met twice to restart the new-member process. They have developed a New Member Brochure and a draft was distributed to the Board. New members are first contacted by email and phone, welcoming them to the LWVSMC and finding out what their interests are. The new members are then assigned a mentor from the Board, who would reach out, give them support and invite them to different events and to Board meetings. Peggy suggested having a quarterly New Member meeting to make the new members feel that they are part of the chapter. Peggy will also send Wilma and Diane the process for prospective and new members from the By-laws.

Voter Service: Evelyn Murphy

Tent: Our old tent broke during the Gay Pride Parade in Asbury Park. Evelyn ordered a new 11x10 white tent for \$127.94.

Gay Pride Parade in Asbury Park: 4 new voter registrations, 1 address change and 1 name change. Most people attending were already registered to vote but all participants were glad that LWVSMC attended the event. Plans were made to attend next year. Evelyn paid the \$30 participation fee as a donation to the League.

Neptune Community Day: No new voters were registered, but 15 membership forms were given to people who were interested in joining LWVSMC.

Ocean Twp July 4th Celebration: To be held on July 3rd. Dallas to get the information about the event and forward it to Evelyn.

Voter Registration Training: Evelyn, assisted by Annette, to arrange for training at different venues and at different times to accommodate the new areas that our League covers. Peggy proposed combining the Voter Service Training with a presentation by the Superintendent of the Board of Elections.

LWVUS VAN Pilot: 5 of our members participated in the pilot of an automated phone system to call registered voters available through LWVUS and 788 voters statewide were reached to remind them to vote in the June primary.

Fighting for the Vote: Rider University would like to incorporate Fighting for the Vote into their curriculum. Peggy is to meet with Long Branch to discuss bringing it to their schools. Red Bank Regional was contacted.

NJ Re-Entry: Annette

Middlesex Re-Entry: The Middlesex County LWV observed Annette's presentation at the Middlesex County Re-Entry program and will now present the program weekly.

Newark Re-Entry: Annette to meet with Montclair LWV. They will observe Annette's presentation to the Newark Re-Entry and then present the program in Newark.

Ocean County Re-Entry: Located in Toms River. Annette found an individual willing to learn and present the program in Ocean county.

Facts and Issues: Marie Curtis

Marie interviewed Annette about NJ Re-Entry and a representative from Lunch Break.

OT Recreation Dept. to speak about new recreation programs.

Community Hope Fund Awards: Trying to get the award program onto Facts and Issues.

Workshops:

2 to 4, August 21st: Fighting for the Vote at Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library in Shrewsbury.

How to Run a Candidate's Forum: Outreach to new towns where we have members to run forums with the goal of having a forum in every municipality. The Board will make a final decision at the July Board meeting.

Vote 411: Harriet Bernstein and Luisa Paster will be asked to take a leadership role in running Vote411. There was a discussion on whether we should go ahead with Vote411 in this election cycle. There will be further discussion of the issue at the July Board meeting.

Drexel University Vision 2020 Alliance: A motion to join the Alliance was passed. Peggy will forward information about the Alliance to LWNJ.

To Do:

Peggy Dellinger:

- Non-Partisan policy-July meeting
- Email Wilma and Diane new and prospective member process

- Ask Ted to footnote name change on the website.
- Invite new members to join the Board
- Add to membership form and new membership brochure the full cost of membership dues
- Add a link about Vision 2020 to the website

Diane Hara and Wilma Pfeffer:

- Revitalize new member process including welcome email and invitation to attend the Board meetings.
- If a new member is interested in Voter Service, send the information to Evelyn.

Annette Scott:

- Call Vin Gopal's office to arrange a meeting

Evelyn Murphy:

- Call Jesse Burns at LWVNJ regarding their legislative agenda.
- Draft year calendar and present at the July meeting
- Fill out the Vision 2020 form.

Marie Curtis:

- Send the straw hats to Diane

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Dean's