

# League of Women Voters of Southern Monmouth County

## Board Meeting: 2 to 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Dean's Meeting Room, Rte. 35, Ocean

### Minutes

<p><b>Attendees:</b> Peggy Dellinger (Chair), Evelyn Murphy (Secretary), Annette Scott, Robert Grove, Dallas Grove, Wilma Pfeffer, Susan Sferas, Sol Hara, Diane Hara, Marie Curtis, Tina Behr (Guest - Member of LWVGRBA)</p>
<p><b>Standing business:</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> by Robert (Copy Appended): Revenues – Dues \$160; Member Contributions \$10. Expenses include \$175 Socials (to Deans for Receptions). 83 active members as of meeting date. (4 members were dropped in January for lack of payment and 1 new member has been added in February.)</p> <p><b>Minutes of January meeting</b> approved unanimously on motion by Evelyn and second by Marie</p>
<p><b>Membership Process Update:</b> Wilma and Diane reported.</p> <p>The February 2 New Member Reception was an excellent vehicle to gather and present information on our League activities to new members who attended. All signed up for specific activities. However, only 5 of 29 were able to attend. It appears that an Annual Reception is not the best way to welcome and engage new members so Wilma and Diane have revised the New Member engagement process and distributed a sheet outlining the process. (Copy appended)</p>
<p><b>Fighting for the Vote Update:</b> Peggy reported that 22 people attended the January 22 Training Workshop. We have subscribed to the SignUp.com volunteer management software and Pat Supplee is now using that software successfully to manage FfTV volunteers.</p> <p>Pat has established partnerships with Ryder and Georgian Court, training education students to deliver FfTV.</p> <p>Upcoming deliveries are Red Bank Regional (2/26), Neptune Middle School (3/27), Brookdale CHHange Colloquium (5/13), Brookdale (Ave Latte class), Hoboken (3/11 and 3/13). Pending: APHS; Manalapan.</p> <p>Pat has submitted a letter of inquiry to The Nicholson Foundation and is investigating the potential to apply for funds through the NJ Council for the Humanities. She has been invited to submit an application to the NJ State Bar Association.</p> <p><b>The application to NJSBA will request \$5,000 for FfTV program during the fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. NJSBA requires the application be authorized by our Board and signed by our President and Treasurer. The Board voted unanimously to authorize the application to NJSBA, upon motion by Evelyn and second by Marie.</b></p>
<p><b>Voters Service:</b> Evelyn reported that we have established a formal collaboration among Voters Service Directors of the three Monmouth County Leagues. All three participated in a "How to Register Voters" workshop at the Eastern Branch Library, Tuesday, February 11 attended by 10 people. Another workshop is scheduled Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 pm at the Twp of Ocean Library Turner Gallery Meeting room.</p> <p><b>Forum Moderator training.</b> The Monmouth County ILO will request that LWFVNJ offer a training Monmouth County in April. We already have received inquiries about Forums for the June Primary Elections. No forums will be scheduled until after the March 30 Nomination Petition Filing Deadline.</p> <p><b>Voter Registration Drives Upcoming:</b></p> <p>Saturday, February 15. Neptune Township Black History Month Celebration. Neptune High School.</p> <p>Saturday, March 21. 10 am – 2pm. First French-Speaking Baptist Church, 412 Asbury Ave, Asbury Park.</p> <p><b>Voter Girl:</b> A League program for Girl Scouts (created by a Local League in Ohio) will be offered in all four NJ Girl Scout Councils on Saturday, March 7. We have 6 members helping with the program for Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore (Monmouth and Ocean Counties) which will be held at Brick Township High School.</p> <p><b>Long Branch Housing request for election support:</b> Marie reported on a request we received from the Long Branch Housing Authority for assistance with election support for tenant associations. Marie and Evelyn met with Housing Authority Executive Director Gloria Wright and two members of her staff in January and are waiting for details. At this time, it is not clear whether this project will move forward.</p>
<p><b>PR:</b> Dallas reported.</p> <p><b>LWVUS Day of Action:</b> Dallas coordinated members requesting congratulatory signs at the municipalities in our area. We anticipate 8 to 10 signs will bear the message: "Congratulations League of Women Voters 100 Years of Defending Democracy 2/14/20". Letters to the Editor have been submitted to The Coaster and The Coast Star. A display ad will appear in The Coaster. The Twp of Ocean is issuing a Proclamation and other municipalities are</p>

recognizing the League in Newsletters.

Peggy will send a message to our members asking them to mark the anniversary on their personal Facebook and Twitter pages.

**Hot Topic: "Polling"** Dallas will prepare and distribute a Press Release once she has presenter biographical information from Susan.

### Old Business

**2/9 LWVUS Program meeting:** 15 members participated in the meeting and 2 members who were unable to attend submitted comments. We learned that we need a better process to keep track of our activities with a running tally. Mary Johnson indicated she would be willing to maintain a record if we can develop a process to make sure she is aware of everything. It was suggested that perhaps she could attend Board Meetings.

**Social Justice—NJ Reentry:** Annette reported that our work with NJ Reentry continues to expand throughout the 8 Reentry locations with weekly trainings handled by LWV members and interns she has trained. All 8 sites are participating in our March 17 "Citizen Voter Registration Day". We are holding a Press Conference at the Neptune Reentry office on Wednesday, February 19 to announce our Citizen Voter Registration efforts that will begin on March 17. The Press Conference is timed to occur close to the LWV Centennial Day of Action.

Annette also was invited, as a guest speaker, by Fresh Start in Long Branch (a non-profit) and has instructed a voter education class for GEO Reentry Services (a for-profit company).

**Facts and Issues:** Marie reported that she completed a Facts and Issues segment on the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom (which pairs Jewish and Muslim women to promote mutual understanding) with Diane Hara. She has additional programs planned as soon as our videographer is available.

**Pink Tea Reception February 6.** 10 of our League members participated in this event in Manasquan celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NJ passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, hosted by Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hamlin. Speakers included NJ Secretary of State Tahesha Way and LWVSMC President Peggy Dellinger.

**Hot Topic "Polling"**, Sunday, March 15, 2:00 – 3:30, West Park Recreation Center, Twp of Ocean.

**Update:** Meeting with state legislators on non-partisanship has not taken place. Peggy and Marie will work to draft a letter instead of scheduling a meeting.

### New Business

**Covering LWVSMC Board positions (secretary and budget director):** Wilma and Diane will look over new member bios to see if anyone in that group may be interested in these positions.

**Ad in LWVNJ Anniversary Celebration Journal:** Anniversary Celebration will be a sit-down luncheon, Sunday, March 22 at Forsgate Country Club. Tickets are \$75 and will be available soon. The Board voted unanimously to authorize purchasing a \$250 half-page ad, upon motion by Evelyn and second by Susan. The plan is to use the ad for a memorial to Bill Madden and thank you to Sally (who will have moved to Albuquerque by then).

**Possible Fundraiser – Axelrod Theater:** Susan presented a suggestion to organize a theatre party fundraiser with a group of tickets to the October 17 performance of 19. She anticipated we could purchase prime tickets at \$75 and sell them at \$100. The group consensus was that a theatre party fundraiser would be a good idea and 19 an appropriate performance but the \$100 price point probably too high. Susan will continue to explore.

**Suffragists Speak: The Fierce and Flawed Battle for the Vote.** Sunday, March 1, 2:00 – 3:30 pm at Eastern Branch Library. Collaboration between LWVSMC, AAUW, T Thomas Fortune Cultural Center and Monmouth County Library.

Living history interpreters bring the words of five women and one man to life. Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass reveal the strain on their friendship that followed passage of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul and Ida B. Wells take us to the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1920. Their dialogue explores the racial tensions that continued to test the moral compass of the movement. Finally, Fannie Lou Hamer carries the story through the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Peggy Dellinger is the narrator.

**Long Branch Rotary:** Susan has been asked to speak. No date has been set.

**NAACP Long Branch:** Saturday, March 7. Annette and Pat Supplee will be speaking to share information about our work with NJ Reentry and FfTV. This invitation was arranged by Sol and Diane.

Next Board meeting: 2:30, (NOT 2), Wed., March 11 at Dean's

Action Items: Were emailed by Peggy. (copy appended)

*Minutes by ECM 2-13-2020. Revised. 3-5-2020.*