

**Board Meeting: 2 to 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2020**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

# Minutes

Attendance: BOARD MEMBERS-Peggy Dellinger, Evelyn Murphy, Robert Grove, Dallas Grove, Annette Scott, Wilma Pfeffer, Diane Hara, Susan Sferas, Judy O'Malley, Lois Kiely, Marie Curtis. MEMBER GUESTS-Cori Falco, Rosemary Venter, Sherri West, Corinne Truax. NONMEMBER GUEST-Emmy Montgomery

**Standing business:**

- Lois Kiely Volunteered to take Meeting Notes
- Treasurer's Report from Robert Grove:**
  - Latest membership count : 95
  - Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$5668.89, Dedicated funds \$1970, Available balance \$2748.26, Outstanding checks \$1110.63
  - Membership reminders and 2020 NJ Citizen's Guides were sent out at the end of July.
  - PayPal status is still being reviewed.
  - Whether or not the 500 from the Re-entry-Register-Vote award is restricted to the Reentry Project is not yet clarified. Robert has a call into LWVUS.
  - **A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was proposed & carried.**
  
- Motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting was proposed & carried.**
- Minutes of August meeting will be posted on LWVSMC.ORG, "members only page on left of Home Page, password: league1920 "meeting documentation."

**LWVNJ Gala:** Susan reported that the gala, which is celebrating the League's 100 anniversary, will honor living NJ Governors and Secretaries of State. It will be held virtually on September 16, 2020. Honorees will submit taped videos of their accomplishments related to voting rights. The event is free, but it is a fundraiser (contributions accepted) and there will also be a silent auction.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Update:**

Diane introduced Emmy Montgomery whom she met at the LGBTQ Caucus. Emmy is pressuring Manasquan High School Manasquan High School (her alma mater) to address inequities in its policies and practices toward students who feel marginalized based on gender identity, ethnicity, race, or other factors. She spoke about the issue of schools and organizations who currently have people (e.g. Native Americans) as mascots. This practice is viewed as negative as the people are objectified. Contact her if interested in signing her petition to bring diversity Education to Manasquan High School, [emilymontgomery7@gmail.com](mailto:emilymontgomery7@gmail.com) .

Evelyn and Diane are planning a Team DEI meeting on Sat., Aug.22 at 10:00 a.m. with Annette, Wilma, Diane, Emmy, Evelyn, Krysten. Call or contact them if interested in joining the team.

**Energizing Young Voters (Including Fighting for the Vote):**

Peggy summarized the content of the three modules in the Fighting for the Vote project.  
Pat Supplee is working on a video that will be accessible on the Cloud for schools and interested groups. A brochure has been developed that explains the project. Funds have been raised (\$6600) to support the program. Peggy stressed the need for members to recommend the program (or League webinars) to groups and provide her or Pat Supplee with their contact information.  
Based on the donations coming in for "Fighting for the Vote," LWVSMC is looking into the pros and cons of securing its own 501 status (rather than going through the state). We're also looking into Trademark in the name "Fighting for the Vote."

## **Voter Service**

### **What we know about the General Election:**

Evelyn reported that LWVNJ has taken a position with recommendations for the General Election and has been meeting with state election officials.

She recommended obtaining vote by mail ballots (if one is not signed up already) and using vote drop boxes for ballots. Drop boxes should not be located near a police station. Standard mail boxes are also an option for sending in votes.

Mail in ballots will be sent out starting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Wilma asked about how to find out if your vote was counted. Evelyn recommended setting up an account on the state election website to track your voting record. The state and county phone numbers we listed in our Primary Webinar were problematic (1 877 658 6837 or 431 7802 7150).

On-line voter registration is scheduled to begin September 4 for those who have a State I.D. or NJ driver's license.

The League will provide support (signage, forms, etc.) for groups who wish to register voters.

Susan reported the State League will donate \$100 for COVID safe materials (wipes, etc.) to be available for in person voting (Western Monmouth League is taking the lead on this issue)

**Voter Registration Workshops** : Regularly scheduled and delivered via Zoom by Evelyn and Polly Dell'Omo up to the voter registration deadline (October 13).

**General Election Webinars**: Country-wide team (Marianne Kligman, Carole Beyer, Evelyn Murphy, Pat Supplee, Luisa Paster, Peggy Dellinger) is working on a Powerpoint, "The 2020 General Election: What to Expect and How to Prepare". Will be completed as soon as Governor Murphy issues his executive order describing how the election will be run (expected September 17).

- The General Election Webinar to Shalom Club, Temple Shalom, Aberdeen (8/9) ( positive feedback)
- The Unitarian Congregation, Lincroft (scheduled for 10/6)
- CASE (Citizens Advocating for Safe Elections) date TBD (Rosemary Venter is a member and spoke of concerns for ballot delivery, etc.)
- AAUW (Am. Ass'n of University Women) date TBD

### **Candidate Forums:**

- Asbury Park Board of Education
- Neptune Twp. BOE (pending)
- Belmar Boro Council elections (pending)
- Township of Ocean Board of Education
- Monmouth County Freeholder and Clerk (headed by W. Mon. League)
- CD4 (pending)

(Fee of \$125 will be charged for arranging and facilitating the forums.)

## **Membership**

-Wilma and Diane are proposing a revision to the procedure in place for new members. Robert Grove volunteered to assist them in simplifying the number of people involved in the intake process.

-Peggy requested a list of mentors and mentees in order to have a pool of volunteers for various projects.

- Mentors are requested to send emails to mentees re: special League activities.

- List of mentors-mentees to be available in a Google Doc accessible to the Board

**Motion to appoint Judy O'Malley Budget Chairman was proposed & carried.**

**Motion to appoint Judy as onboard director was proposed & carried.**

### Old Business

- Hot Topics: Polling 7:30, August 13 via Zoom
- “Suffragists Speak” Aug.18 (highly recommended, but not for children), suggested age – 16 and older.
- VOTE411 Workshop: rescheduled to August 27  
(Nancy Clark & Anne Torre, co- chairs); making a video to send to candidates
- Press releases: Dallas sent two releases to the Coaster and CoStar.

### New Business

- Evelyn reported that the Union of Concerned Scientists will awarded our League access to its ZOOM account to share with two other organizations. (The down side of the shared account is that other organizations could change settings.)
- **A motion to sign the UCS agreement was proposed and carried.**
- We can use it for a trial period to test its viability.
- The ZOOM platform funded by the ILO has been upgraded to 500 participants and webinar capacity.
- Annette reported that she has been contacted by the Katie Couric news team – more information to follow.
- Observer Corps & Moderator Training: postponed until after the election.
- It was suggested that we re-activate the Voter Service Team

### Close

- Review of Action Items
- Next Board meeting: 2 p.m., Wed., Sept. 9 via Zoom