

Minutes from Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: *Peggy Dellinger, Evelyn Murphy, Marie Curtis, Nancy Sabino, Annette Scott, Diane & Sol Hara, Lois Kiely, Wilma Pfeffer, Dallas & Robert Grove, Sue Sferas, Judy O'Malley, Nancy Clark* **Guest:** *Ketsie Beaubrum*

2:00	<p>Standing business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer’s Report - 105 Members, 67 paid memberships, \$6825 in bank, \$4945 available; no clarification from state LWV as to \$500 LWVUS prize as of this date. Motion to accept treasurer’s report was proposed and carried. • Paypal and the bank don’t link up for dues payments – Robert will follow up. • Robert and Nancy will confer re: Ven-mo (like Paypal) as a method of transferring funds from one bank account to another • Motion to accept the minutes of August meeting was proposed and carried
	<p>Energizing Young Voters (Including Fighting for the Vote) (Peggy)</p> <p>Pat Supplee is working tirelessly to promote voting material for students and has provided support/information for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapted for virtual classroom; Materials on Google Cloud • Central Jersey Club-LWV collaboration: Voting from Home to Youth Club 9/21 • Hope Academy • Mercer Co. Citizenship Class • All material will be on Google Cloud and can be used at home
	<p>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Update (Evelyn, Diane)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DEI team reviewed LWVUS DEI policy and discussed the long list of characteristics based on which there will be no barriers to full participation in LWV activities • The DEI team is open to interested members • Diane suggested posting relevant information on Facebook page
	<p>Voter Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voter Registration events: Katsia was introduced as a guest. She had reached out to Evelyn for League support for an Asbury Park voter registration drive she organized. She described her success and experience registering voters on the West Side. • Peggy was quoted in the Press in an article by Andrew Goudward on the decline in the number of new voter registrations relative to other years. Peggy talked in the article about the effects of the pandemic and related shutdowns on people’s access to registration materials and drives. • Wilma registered 8 voters at the Jewish Family Service Food Bank in Asbury Park and will return at least once more before moving to the Neptune Shoprite. • Rosemary Venter is available for English-Spanish translation of voting materials • Candidate Forums (Bradley Beach Mayor 9/23; Neptune BoE 10/1; AP BoE 10/6; Belmar Council 10/7; CD4 10/8; OT BoE 10/15 , Freeholders/Clerk 10/14; see list on website that Evelyn prepared) • Voting information will be handed out at several Head Start locations in an initiative spearheaded by LWVNJ • Protective shields have been donated for volunteers during registration drives and public events. Evelyn has put together a kit of masks, shields, sanitizer, etc. The LWVNJ will reimburse local Leagues up to \$100 for COVID—protective expenses. • The Monmouth County Leagues purchased a Zoom platform that supports webinars and up to 500 participants for the upcoming candidate forums and hot topics. • Online voter registration available in NJ as of 9/4. Evelyn created a QR which we’ve made into a poster to use with smart phones to go directly to the online form.

	<p>General Election Webinar (2020 General Election: What to Expect. How to Prepare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monmouth County Leagues developed a webinar on the General Election. Scheduled deliveries: Manalapan Dems; Central Jersey Club 9/28; Greenbriar, Manalapan 9/30; Unitarian Congregation, Lincroft 10/6; • Vote-by-Mail video made by LWVSMC (Pat Supplee, Peggy and Ted Dellinger) that is incorporated into the webinar, posted on the website, and available as a stand-alone resource.
	<p>VOTE411</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held a workshop 8/27 for Monmouth County LWVers and interested public: 54 registrants, 36 participants. Covered all competitive Monmouth Co. races—24 volunteer Champions, 47 races in 35 municipalities + Freeholder and Clerk • Dallas Hlatky is working with Jesse Burns on How to Vote material geared to a young (ish) audience • Nancy Clarke discussed league “champions” who call and text candidates to encourage them to participate in VOTE411 • Ted Dellinger and Ann Torre have developed a five-minute video that explains what VOTE411 is about • Peggy suggested putting promotion for VOTE411 on municipal signs and capturing sign information • Dallas Grove will write a press release explaining VOTE411 in local newspapers. <p>(Red button discussion)</p>
	<p>Reenter-Register-Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette explained the challenges of securing permission from the Parole Board to register citizens at halfway houses around the state • Fresh Start – Annette is on the team working to put together a support/voter registration program for returning citizens through the librarian • Discussion of activities Annette has been involved in, e.g. Radio interview 8/24, Katie Kurek Podcast, Gala testimonial, etc. Annette will alert board as to when podcast is available
	<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mentor/mentee data base is on hold until after the election
	<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLWVNJ Gala-9/16 – Susan encouraged all to join Gala hosted by Nancy Hedinger for exciting events and special guests, including Gov. Murphy • Hot Topics: Polling--7:30, August 13—Monmouth U. Polling Institute (Carolyn Lau)—74 registrants; 51 participants • Peggy delivered the Hot Topic Electoral College Webinar for Holmdel First 7/23 • Marie wrote a “Get Out the Vote” article for a NJ environmental publication
	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Topic: The Truth about Vote-by-Mail,” 7 PM 9/22 (Speakers from NYU Brennan Center and Robin Major, Administrator of the Monmouth Co. Bd. of Elections) • PR: VOTE411 publicity: Municipal signs; press releases; Hot Topics • Science Rising Zoom grant from Union of Concerned Scientists (through May 2021) Evelyn explained the shared platform • Board members should enter events, appearances, lwv voter information on Google Doc – https://docs.google.com/documents/d/1T6GJi1Q

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosemary will translate press releases into Spanish and Diane will check deadlines for Spanish publications.• Send Dallas information for press releases
4:11	Close- Next Board meeting: 2 p.m., Wed., October 14 via Zoom