

Board Meeting: 2 to 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

Standing business

- MINUTES: Minutes of December meeting submitted by Lois Kiely approved. Bank Balance \$7752 and available funds \$4819.
- TREASURER’S REPORT:
 - (Note: Robert Grove is retiring from the position; Judy O’Malley has been appointed by the Board to fill the position [e-motion and ballot, January 2021] and will work with Robert to complete transition. He was congratulated for his hard work and service to the League for many years.
 - Robert confirmed that the \$500 award from LWVUS for REENTER-REGISTER-VOTE is not dedicated to expenses associated with the initiative and can appropriately considered general funds.
 - Payments from two sponsors of 2020 general election candidate forums are still outstanding.
 - Education fund has over \$10,000 in EYV account. Board agreed that LWVSMC members can be reimbursed from our Treasury for expenses covered by our funds in the LWVNJ Education Fund to ensure timely payment; our Treasurer would apply for reimbursement from the LWVNJ Education Fund.
 - Latest membership count and update on “lapsed” memberships: 27 unpaid; 18 sent notes from president; personal contact with remainder
 - We are working on a system for electronic payment for dues.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

- LWVSMC DEI Policy has been revised to add categories, e.g. gender expression, intellectual or physical ability status. A motion was made to accept the revisions and passed. It will be posted on the website by Peggy and on FaceBook by Nancy Clarke.
- The changes to the LWVUS bylaws relating to DEI automatically apply to local League bylaws.
- Monmouth University TED talk on anti-racism was recommended.
- The Board will pilot holding Board Meetings in the evening to accommodate working members. The meetings will be held the 2nd Thurs. of the month 7:00 p.m. Feb.- May. The efficacy of evening scheduling will be evaluated following the evening cycle.
- Recommended Board members register for and attend the Jan 21 LWVUS Webinar on DEI and nonpartisanship.

Membership

- Confirmed that members will be removed from the LWVNJ and LWVUS databases and from the LWVSMC membership lists if dues are not received by 1/31 (date of “official” count used by LWVNJ and LWVUS).
- Personalized reminders from League president (Peggy) to members who have not rejoined were sent (approximately 20).
- Peg, Wilma, Robert, and Diane will update membership lists based on renewals following 1-31-21.
- Discussion was held regarding one member who may sent membership check to state educational fund and thought she joined our local League – Wilma volunteered to pay for this person (a friend), but all agreed to ask Robert to follow up on this issue to see if funds can be transferred to cover LWVSMC membership. Issue pending.
- Student category of membership discussion – it was decided that potential members would be trusted to self-identify to be eligible for that category. There is no PMP for students.
- A motion was made and passed not to offer “Young Leaguer” category at this time.
- Mentors are now listed on membership form available on website.

- Membership “gift” idea revised: Offer Gifts to LWVSMC in a person’s name with an invitation for that person to apply the gift to become an active League—rather than give the membership as the gift.

Governance

- Peggy reviewed the Bylaws article on nominations and explained that we did not follow the bylaws requirement to appoint two non-Board members to the Nominating Committee (one to serve as chairperson) at the last Annual Meeting. The Bylaws also call for one member from the Board. Peggy asked for a volunteer; hearing none, she requested the Board consider the request before the next meeting.
- She reviewed the positions to be filled:

POSITION	CURRENTLY ...	Term to be filled
President	Peggy Dellinger	7/1/2021-6/30/2023
1 st VP	Evelyn Murphy	7/1/2021-6/30/2023
Elected Director	Annette Scott	7/1/2021-6/30/2023
Elected Director	Wilma Pfeffer	7/1/2021-6/30/2023
Elected Director	Diane Hara	7/1/2021-6/30/2023
Secretary (vacant)	Vacant	7/1/2020-6/30/2022
Nominating Committee Chair		7/1/2021-6/3-/2022

Upcoming meetings Recommendations

- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: LWVNJ Program Planning, 7 PM, Tuesday, January 19. Susan Sferas and Nancy Sabino will lead.
- HOT TOPICS: “County Government: Everything you didn’t know you needed to know,” 3-4:30 PM, Sunday, January 31. Evelyn is overseeing. County Administrator Teri O’Connor is speaker.
- WORKSHOP: “Rebuilding the League’s Observer Corps,” 7 PM, Wednesday, February 24. Marie Curtis is leading.

Energizing Young Voters (Fighting for the Vote)

- Website: EYV site under development by a professional web design firm that has volunteered its services through LWVSMC member Eileen Michaels. The EYV site will be linked to the LWVSMC website.
- Deliveries: 12/2—Civics club in Edison, via Nancy Hedinger; 12/8—Citizenship Class, Burlington County College
- A meeting with Jesse was planned to move EYV to bigger platform under LWVNJ auspices, Pat stressed the need for younger members/leaders to be a part of the program for it to continue.
- Scheduled: 3 remote classes at Asbury Park Middle School (possible remote class with students in Ghana!); 4+ classes at Ocean Township Intermediate School
- Two interns from Rider signed up to update slides based on 2020 election turnout, etc.

Old Business

- Reenter-Register-Vote – Annette will follow up with Parole Office in Neptune City to register parolees & probationers and obtain information about where to send donations of clothing for returning citizens.
- Facts and Issues- two shows were completed with former director of the NJ Environmental Commission & another with Diane and Evelyn discussing DEI issues. A new one is planned with the O.T. Mayor re: how the pandemic affects municipalities. Pat Supplee will be scheduled to talk about the Energizing Young Voters program.
- Peggy sent E-newsletter to members (sent January 3)

New Business

- UN Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women, March 15-26: Evelyn has applied to be an LWV delegate
- Zoom training session for members: Evelyn is to set up to broaden the pool of members who can set up and host Zoom meetings and webinars.