

## Board Meeting Minutes: May 13, 2021

Attending: Peggy Dellinger, Evelyn Murphy, Annette Scott, Dallas & Robert Grove, Marie Curtis, Wilma Pfeffer, Lois Kiely (minutes), Susan Sferas, Lisa Ianucci, Janice McGowan, Polly Dell'Omo, Judy O'Malley, Pat Supplee

### Standing business

- Minutes of April meeting (taken by Susan Sferas) approved
- Treasurer's Report
  - Latest membership count- 100
  - Transfer of Treasurer's duties to Judy O'Malley July 1
  - PayPal is activated but is not yet on website
  - Signatures for Santander checking account cannot proceed without providing incorporation papers. We are not incorporated and will need to submit application. Judy O'Malley volunteered to help Evelyn Murphy with the process, including acquiring 501(c) (3) status.
  - Treasurer's report approved and filed
  - Tabled voting to approve proposed 2021-2022 budget get at this time. Board will vote on it electronically.

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

- LWVSMC DEI Policy was read aloud
- Evelyn the Leadersosity training being offered by LWVUS. She participated in the Pilot program last year and recommends the program. She will send out a link to members and anyone interested can apply

### Membership

- **Renewal process:** Reviewed the process of membership renewal used in the past: Sent hard copy renewal letter with Citizens' Guide; followed up with a second letter. Last cycle, president sent personalized emails and some mentors made direct calls. Evelyn, Robert Grove, Wilma Pfeffer, and Judy will meet to design a membership renewal process to be implemented in July.
- **Citizen Guides:** \$3/ea. Need to be ordered from LWVNJ. It was suggested that members could be asked to pay the cost; no decision was reached. The Board agreed that the number to be ordered would be determined by the president.

### LWVSMC Annual Meeting—7 PM, June 17

- **Slate:** Polly Dell'Omo chaired the Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee Report: president – Evelyn Murphy; vice president- Annette Scott; treasurer - Judy O'Malley; Nominating Committee Chair-Jayne Mackta; Elected Directors-Anne Ugrovics, Wilma Pfeffer, Lauren McCaskill.
- **Bylaws:** Bylaw changes were approved and the reference to *corporation* was changed to *organization*.
- **Program:** Pat Supplee will present a brief overview of the success of the Energizing Young Voters program

### Voter Service

- **AP Ballot Issue Fact Sheet:** Nancy Sabino, Marie Curtis, Evelyn Murphy, and Peggy Dellinger prepared and distributed a fact sheet on the Asbury Park Ballot Question (April 20 special election) on rent stabilization.
- **Candidate Forums:**
  - LWVSMC served as the platform host for the non-partisan Monmouth Beach municipal candidate forum Monmouth Beach Forum April 28.
  - Evelyn reviewed the competitive primary races in our footprint. It is unlikely we will have takers for candidate forums for those races.
  - LWVSMC will service as platform host for the LD 37 Democratic Primary NJ Senate and Assembly Candidate Forum, May 26. (This race will determine the nomination for the Senate seat being vacated by Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg.)
- **VOTE411:** Anne Torre of the LWVGRBA is leading this year's VOTE411 initiative and will work with Ted

Dellinger. She has learned the behind-the-scenes technical software operation.

- **Voter Registration Booths** in Ocean Grove and Neptune, May 1 went well as did Family Festival in Neptune.
- Evelyn asked members to contact her if they are aware of an event that would be appropriate for a voter registration booth

### LWVNJ Convention

- Delegates (allowed 5, based on 93 members) *Evelyn, Nancy, Marie, Peggy are registered*
- \$250 ad approved to promote Energizing Young Voters.
- Board viewed a two-minute video, submitted by Nancy Sabino, to be shown during Convention. *30 seconds by each of four people: Evelyn on Candidate Forums, Annette on RRV, Pat on EYV, Ted on website and F&Is.*

### Energizing Young Voters

- Pat Supplee discussed revisions to *Energizing Young Voters (EYV), Fighting for the Vote* that strengthens the discussion of suffrage for Asian Americans, Latinx, Black Women, and Indigenous People.
- To date, program presentations have been made to 1642 students, 439 adults, and more programs are scheduled for the upcoming year. She has been presenting EYV to naturalization classes through community colleges in several counties.
- A professional grant writer has volunteered to apply for grants to support the program.
- The intern (Gina) received her last paycheck for work on Energizing Young Voters program. (Pat applauded her diligence). Postings will be sent to colleges for the internship position.
- NJEA is interested in the program

### Old Business

- **Observer Corps:** Wilma Pfeffer attended Ocean Township Council. meeting (issues were deer-population-control, medical marijuana, Master Plan questions, a proclamation honoring the 50 years anniversary of the Environmental Commission, budget approval)
- **Facts & Issues:** Marie Curtis interviewed LWVSMC member Rebecca Sealfon on her online forum promoting dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians. Marie is looking for a volunteer to co-host or guest host programs.
- **PR:** Dallas Grove and Nancy Sabino are in discussion with Asbury Park TV to carry our *Facts & Issues* and related programs (reaching out to near-by towns to do the same). Press releases were sent to local papers regarding League activities and a letter to the Editor from the Monmouth County League presidents was sent.
- **Reenter-Register-Vote:** Annette Scott continues to register voters who have been incarcerated and her work has been in demand by parole facilities throughout the state. She has been asked by Jesse Burns, LWVNJ Executive Director, to investigate the process to update incarceration status in public records for returning citizens. (Inaccurate information seems to be problem that puts the burden of proof for registration eligibility on the returning citizens and delays or impedes their registration). Discussion confirmed that LWVNJ has agreed to reimburse Annette for her expenses, but Annette has not applied for reimbursement (choosing to submit expenses as a tax deduction to date).

### New Business

- **Fair Districts:** Lisa Iannucci discussed making sure people are aware of the “map drawing” process and its ramifications. There is a “Fair District NJ” website and there should be public meetings on the subject.
- **Callathon:** Marie, Wilma and Lois volunteered to call members of the LWVSMC and some members in Ocean County. 15% of any money pledged goes to our League. The final tally is not in.
- **Moderator’s Training via Zoom:** 4/24 – 11 people completed training, including two from our League. All have signed on to take the next step and are scheduled to observe forums as MITs (Moderators in Training). The session was delivered by veteran moderators Susan Sferas, Marie Curtis, LWVWM’s Sharon Steinhorn, and LWVGRBA’s Anne Torre.
- **ILO Convention @ OT Museum –3 PM June 13.** (If fair weather; virtual, if not)
- **April 11: Hot Topic:** “Access to the ballot: Fighting Voter Suppression” was successful
- **Neptune Know Your Town video** being planned

**Close-** No June Board meeting. Next meeting July 8, 2021: Organizational meeting of the new Board.