LWVTO 2-14-19 Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Peggy Dellinger (Chair), Marie Curtis, Mary Gerard, Dallas and

Robert Grove, Sally and Bill Madden, Evelyn Murphy, Annette Scott, Susan

Sferas, Wilma Pfeffer (Secretary) Special Guests: Pippa and Margo

Budget: Robert Grove

Our financial position is excellent. We now have 58 paid members, 2 unpaid. Robert will ask Ted to remove the name of Terri McCue from our membership list. We don't know how the name was added and have been unable for more than a year to make contact.

Minutes: Wilma Pfeffer

The minutes from the 1-20-19 meeting were submitted and accepted. We will postpone the 4-16-19 Action Alert Meeting at the Terner Gallery.

Facts and Issues: Marie Curtis

There were no presentations last month. Planned: Judy Jansen-Recreation, Sustainable New Jersey, Plastics.

Happy Birthday to the Valentine Woman!

Voter Service: Evelyn Murphy, Peggy Dellinger, Annette Scott

We have received a grant of \$500 from National LWV for service to new youth voters. We will register new youth voters in Asbury Park, Neptune, Freehold, Long Branch, and various community and colleges. Our goal is to register 500 new voters and obtain their contact information. We will also develop and present educational programs on Voting Rights and Rules. Please review sample brochure for proposed changes; print our name on reverse. Evelyn will claim the email address- Fighting for the Vote@gmail.com. Annette will register voters at Georgian Court in March 2019 and at her Re-Entry Programs for former felons. Newly registered voters will be encouraged to become voter registration advocates. Peggy will chair a meeting on 2-28-19 to discuss expanding and refining the presentation.

We need to begin planning for a Candidate Forum for the Township of Ocean Town Council. The election is 5-14-19. The deadline for filing is 3-11-19. Evelyn will canvas the Voter Service team to find someone to chair the forum.

Annual Convention: Peggy, Evelyn, Dallas, Marie, Susan

The Gala and Convention will be held May 3 and 4, 2019 at the Imperia in Franklin Township. The fees are \$125 for May 3rd Gala, \$110 for the May 4th Convention, and \$200 for both (final decision pending).

There will be an option to pay \$45 for lunch only when awards will be announced.

We will take an ad (\$250) in the Making Democracy Work Journal. Financing for the ad will be discussed at our March meeting. Awards applications will be posted on the LWVTO website and at the Convention.

Our delegates to the State Convention will be Peggy, Dallas, Evelyn and Mary. Sally moved that LWVTO pay for our delegates to the Convention. The motion was approved. Our League applied for all five of the LWVNJ awards that will be given out at state convention. All but the Distinguished Service Award applications will be posted on the LWVTO website. Peggy will alert the Board when they are posted. Bill will turn the applications into an e-newsletter for our members in coordination with Robert's membership renewal appeal in April.

Membership: Sally and Bill Madden

Sally and Bill will meet with Peggy to discuss new membership committee chair.

Name Change: Robert Grove

Robert needs a list of the towns we served in 2018 (education, voter service, etc.) in order to support the rationale for the name change. "Southern Monmouth" bylaws need to be defined. Robert will submit the bylaw changes and submission details by March 1st for membership approval. The submission needs to be received by LWVUS by March 5th. Susan will then shepherd it through state. Robert will handle the process to change bank account, business cards, pens, literature to the new name. We will order a new banner which will just say "League of Women Voters".

Annual Meeting: Peggy Dellinger

We will schedule a spring/summer combination Annual Meeting/Membership Celebration tentatively for June 2, 2019 from 3:00-7:00 PM. Place to be decided.

Old/New Business: Peggy Dellinger, Annette Scott, Dallas Grove

Hot Topics Review: 2/17/19-Electoral College

3/24/19-Redistricting (support needed for greeters, refreshments) Wilma will pick up the key for the Terner Gallery.

<u>Felon Re-Entry Program:</u> Annette Scott gave a very interesting presentation on her program to educate former felons on jobs, housing, voter registration, and financial support.

Greenfest: Dallas Grove

Greenfest will be held on 4/13/19. We will design our participation at the March Board meeting.

To Do:

Robert Grove: update bylaws based on Annual Meeting-waiting on official name change. Follow up on grant. Ask Ted to delete Terry from member list.

Evelyn Murphy: Secure "Fighting for the Vote@gmail.com" and monitor. Email Voter Service Team to obtain Chair and support team for Ocean Township Council Election Candidate Forum. Send Robert a list of communities served.

Dallas Grove: confirm Dean's meeting room for our March 14th meeting. Wilma Pfeffer: Confirm Terner Gallery and pick up key for 3/24 Hot Topic Presentation.

Peggy Dellinger: Put nominations on website. Send email to Board to notify.

Susan Sferas: Ask LWV of Greater Red Bank Area for how bylaws identify geographical scope.

Calendar:

March 5, 2019: Submit name change request

March 14, 2019 2:00-4:00 PM. Board Meeting Dean's Ocean Township

March 24, 2019 Redistricting Presentation-Terner Gallery

May 3,4, 2019: State Convention

June2, 2019: Membership Celebration and Annual Meeting.