ILO BOARD MEETING MINUTES—MAY 9, 2019

Present were: Louise Usechak, Susan Sferas, Barbara Chaudhery, Peggy Dellinger, Mary Donnelly, and Sharon Steinhorn

The meeting was called to order by President Louise Usechak at 12:25 pm.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Sue Sferas and the report was filed for audit.

A motion was made by Sharon Steinhorn: The structure of the League of Women Voters of Monmouth County (ILO) will move from a Board Structure to a Leadership Team. The team will consist of the Presidents of the three Local Leagues, a Treasurer and a Secretary as well as directors of any study areas or issues. The motion was seconded by Sue Sferas.

A discussion regarding this determined that the ILO was already operating in a similar way, the three presidents of the local Leagues are on the Board, the three Leagues coordinate activities and work together on Voter Registration and other programs such as "Hot Topics." The Board unanimously voted on the change.

The structure will be presented to the general membership at the Annual Meeting to be held on June 10.

ANNUAL MEETING-Sharon Steinhorn reported that our speaker will be Sue Kiley, the newest member of the Monmouth County Freeholders. She will speak on Health & Safety in Monmouth County.

Sue Sferas will send out the delegate count for each local League.

Sharon will order a plaque for the Marie Curtis Award so we can give it out in future years. The plaque will cost around $100.

The following people will bring refreshments to the Annual Meeting:

Sharon Steinhorn-fruit

Sue Sferas-cookies

Louise Usechak- cheese & crackers

Peggy Dellinger-

Barbara Chaudhery-paper goods

beverages

Sharon Steinhorn received an email from Jessica Jones Capperall, Policy & Legislative Affairs Senior Manager for LWVUS regarding a gentleman from the Highlands who is concerned about the use of the VFW as one of the polling places because of the partisan positions that their national office sometimes takes. He is afraid that this move will be an effort to suppress voters.

Barbara Chaudhery will follow up on this since the Highlands is part of LWVGRBA.

The League of Western Monmouth and the LWV of the Greater Red Bank Area are sending teachers to Harvard in August to take part in a civics education program sponsored by LWVUS. The ILO has offered to donate $100.00 to each teacher to help cover transportation costs for this program.

RUNNING & WINNING- A problem occurred regarding the Running & Winning Program in Mountain Lakes, NJ. According to federal law, if a public school has students taking part in a program it must be open to ALL students (boys & girls). Running & Winning has been in effect in Monmouth County for the past 13 years and was started to encourage girls to become active in government and politics. The Running & Winning Committee has been notified of this change and the local Leagues are waiting for the Committee's response.

Sue Sferas reviewed the contents of the ILO League Program Booklet for the upcoming convention. It was discussed and the Board agreed what should be included.

There was a discussion regarding what topics the Leagues will be working on for "Hot Topics" programs this year. The Hot Topics programs will again be held in November, January, and March on Sunday afternoons. Some suggestions for topics were: polling, voting security, and how to vote. A follow-up meeting will be held in a few months.

Please note: the next ILO Board meeting will be held Monday, July 15 at 1:00 pm at the home of Peggy Dellinger.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Chaudhery