

Board Meeting: 7 to 9:15, Thursday, April 8, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Attending: Peggy Dellinger, Evelyn Murphy, Robert Grove, Dallas Grove, Wilma Pfeffer, Diane Hara, Sol Hara, Annette Scott, Nancy Sabino, Marie Curtis, Susan Sferas, Judy O'Malley,

Standing business

- Minutes of March meeting moved by Wilma and seconded by Nancy and were approved without objection.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Latest membership count : 100 (negotiating with LWVNJ on reinstating members who paid late)
 - Total income: \$6204.30 YTD ,
 - Bank balance: \$4946.70
 - Paid final LWVUS Per Member Payment \$588
 - Paid for P.O Box - \$146
 - Status of transfer of Treasurer duties from Robert to Judy is in process and they will arrange to meet to change signatures.
 - Robert & Judy will meet with the Membership committee to decide roles and responsibilities vis a vis membership dues and database reporting to LWVNJ and LWVUS
 - Evelyn will work with Pat S to submit the Final Grant Report to LWVUS for the 2020 Youth Registration Grant so that we can receive our final payment from LWVUS.
 - Robert will work on the budget for 2021-2022.

Treasurer's report filed for audit.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

- LWVSMC DEI Policy was read aloud by Wilma. Wilma asked about the meaning of the word 'geography' in the policy as it applied to DEI. Some discussion was held and the DEI team will follow up with LWVUS on this.
- The suggestion at the February meeting of creating a Spanish language version of the DEI policy was brought to LWVUS who created it and Rosemary Venter from our League translated our version.
- DEI meeting will be held at on ZOOM on the Saturday April 10th.
- Evelyn will send the DEI policy (English & Spanish) to Ted to post on the website.

Membership

Judy has completed the online membership form including paypal access. She will educate the Membership team on how this form can be used to harvest data about our members to better include them in our activities. There is also an effort underway to automate the Member interest form. The form includes a donate field.

The Membership committee has reached out to the membership chairs of the other 2 Leagues in Monmouth County to share ideas and resources. They have not yet been able to establish a meeting date.

LWVSMC Annual Meeting—7 PM, June 17

The Nominating committee chaired by Polly Dell'Omo has met.

Peggy will send a Save the Date for the Annual Meeting to the membership.

Susan presented the proposed Bylaws changes and the Board agreed to what was being proposed with some additional changes. Peggy will send the Proposed Bylaws changes to the members 1 month prior to June 17th per the current Bylaws.

Annual Meeting Program – Peggy will invite Pat Supplee to present a program on Energizing Young Voters.

LWVNJ Convention – May 22, 2021

LWVSMC is entitled to 5 delegates. At the Board meeting, the following people agreed to represent us:

Evelyn Murphy, Peggy Dellinger, Nancy Sabino and Marie Curtis.

Peggy will send something to the membership about Convention urging our members to attend. There is no registration fee.

Evelyn moved and Annette seconded that we purchase an Ad for \$250 for the LWVNJ Convention. The motion carried. The Board decided that we would honor Pat and the Energizing Young Voters project. Peggy will contact Pat and will do the artwork for the ad.

LWVNJ is asking Leagues to submit a 2-minute video to showcase the work done this past year. Nancy agreed to choreograph/produce the video and Evelyn, Marie, Pat, Annette, Emmy and Bill Schroeter will be asked to participate. (Evelyn will contact Emmy about DEI and Susan will ask Bill to say something on Candidate Forums).

Voters Service

- Asbury Park Ballot Issue – Nancy recommended that the League help prepare a fact sheet on the proposed Ballot issue on Rent Control which is being voted on in a special election on April 20th. Marie and Evelyn agreed to help Nancy put together Pros & Cons and explanatory language so it can be sent out electronically before the election.
- April 29th Day of Action – Lisa Iannucci is putting together a presentation that will be done over Zoom on 4/27 – Redistricting & the Census Impact
- Monmouth Beach Candidates Forum – non-partisan election. The forum is scheduled for April 28th over Zoom. Marianne Kligman, Greater Red Bank Area is managing. Anne Torre from GRBA is moderating. Evelyn will work with Marianne to ensure that the forum is promoted on our League's website – i.e. big red button.
- Primary Candidate forums – we are still waiting on final word of any competitive Primary races – i.e. who candidates are but there are 4 Republican competitive races in our footprint that the Voters Service team will be reaching out to for potential forums and Vote411 participation.
- Voter Registration Booth – The Ocean Grove Spring Fling is being held on May 1st and our members have arranged for us to have a booth. We hope to use the beanbag game. A suggestion was made to put the beanbags in plastic baggies and then clean the baggies in between. We hope to have a Primary fact sheet ready to hand out at this event.

UN Session on the Status of Women

Evelyn reported on a session she attended virtually at the UN as an official League delegate to the annual meeting of this group. She reported on the activity and that it was disappointing to her that the United States lags behind other countries in many areas when it comes to the Status of Women. Overall, however, the program was very beneficial.

Old Business

- Incorporation Status – Evelyn is following up with LWVUS.
- Observer Corps Report – Wilma observed the recording of a Township of Ocean Council workshop session and meeting on 3/25. These meetings are recorded and therefore can be viewed anytime if people can't go to the actual virtual meeting. Marie also reported that she had attended a meeting earlier this evening but not as a League observer. If an observer attends the actual meeting but their LWV button is not visible, they can change their name on the screen to include LWV.
- Facts and Issues interviews: Phillip Hensley – new Policy Analyst from LWVNJ spoke on redistricting.
- Reenter-Register-Vote: Annette reported on her continued efforts to visit parole offices throughout NJ to educate and register returning citizens. She is making an overnight trip to Cumberland County to be at a site on a Monday morning.
- PR: The upcoming Hot Topic Access to the Ballot: Fighting Voter Suppression was advertised in the Coaster. Additional PR items are being planned to promote forums, Vote411, etc. as needed.

New Business

- Callathon – Marie and Wilma reported that they got an extension until April 12th to finish but have been very successful so far. They are calling our membership and Ocean County.
- Moderator Training – Susan, Marie, Evelyn and Anne Torre and Sharon Steinhorn are presenting Moderator Training over Zoom on Saturday, April 24th. A flyer has been sent to all members across the county and to LWVNJ. Peggy will resend to our members after the Hot Topic.
- ILO Convention is rescheduled for Sunday, June 13th at the Ocean Museum at 3PM.
- April 11th Hot Topic – 3PM –
- Neptune Know Your Town Video – Dallas Hlatky is working on putting together.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22. Respectfully submitted, Susan Sferas