

July 1, 2020

ILO Board Meeting (Via Zoom)

MINUTES

Attending	Carole Beyer, Elizabeth Bond, Barbara Chaudhery, Peggy Dellinger, Marianne Kligman (arrived at 3), Evelyn Murphy, Annette Scott, Susan Sferas, Sharon Steinhorn (had to leave early), Louise Usechak, Sherri West
Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meetings: 2 p.m., 9/2 (Sharon Lead); 2 p.m., 11/4 (Peggy Lead). Set up 2021 calendar at our November Board meeting (Jan., March., etc.) • 8/18 Suffragists Speak Webinar • HOT TOPIC: Polling for Thursday evening in August (6 or 13) • LWVNJ Virtual Gala: September 16 (honoring past Governors) • HOT TOPIC: The Truth About VBM—7:30 Tuesday, Sept. 22 –Annette will track down speaker • COUNTY CANDIDATE FORUM: October 14 • VOTE411 Workshop August 12—to be organized by LWVSMC and support by all Leagues in county
Treasurer’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning balance: \$5,158.48; Income: \$0.44 (interest April and May); Income: \$286.00 (Fair Share and Pledges from Local Leagues, applied to the 2020-2021 budget); Expenses: \$50 LWVUS virtual convention registration for ILO delegate Louise Usechak; Ending balance as of June 19: \$5394.92.
Voter Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voter Education package: Slideshow Toolkit and Webinar following design of the Primary Package we created and have been delivering is being put together for General Election by a cross-Monmouth County Team (Evelyn Murphy, Luisa Paster, Pat Supplee, Carole Beyer, Marianne Kligman, Peggy Dellinger). All Monmouth County Leagues will promote.
CD6 Primary Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative and inappropriate comments from the audience were visible on Facebook during the live streaming of the CD6 Primary Candidate Forum June 24. We had anticipated the problem and thought we had taken steps to block comments on Facebook; it turned out not to be possible, • Board made commitment to take whatever steps required to secure the control required to ensure a fair and well-managed forum. Evelyn will research costs of various technical options to control audience and eliminate problem. • Decided against sending an apology to candidates.
CD Candidate Forums for the fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board agreed to endorse hosting Candidate Forums for both CD4 (Western Monmouth, lead) and CD6 (Southern Monmouth, lead) and provide support and volunteers for both. The lead Leagues will set the dates, arrange the platform, etc.
Observer Corps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louisa is going to research what meetings the Freeholders are making available virtually to the public. • Board agreed to move Observer Corps Workshop until after the General Election.

Voting Machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two River Times had a letter by Susan Krol praising the LWV Hot Topic on Voting Security. • Board discussed the impact of the primarily VBM Primary on Monmouth County’s decision on new machines—perhaps strengthening the case for paper ballots and scanning. • Board agreed to resume campaign to influence the Monmouth County decision after the General Election.
Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monmouth County municipalities need to reflect impact of raising ocean levels in their master plans. ILO can have a role in encouraging the Monmouth Co. planners to prompt towns to take action, • NJ Budget includes a statement that potentially would open public parks to private development. Louise will track down status. • Anticipating NESE will be back.
Non-Partisan Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri’s name was inadvertently appeared as a Democratic Convention delegate on some Primary Democratic VBM ballots. She is checking the LWVNJ office whether this disqualifies her to sit on the ILO Board. • Susan is going to update the non-partisan policy to reflect new governance structure—and include suggestions from the Board (to be emailed to her). • The Board will review the proposed changes at its September 2 Board meeting.
Wine and Cheese Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reschedule the August 26th Wine and Cheese Party at the Ocean Township Museum to a date to be determined when pandemic restrictions are eased.
Hot Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested a Hot Topic on race, particularly through the lens of LWV—voting rights, disproportionate impact of pollution on communities of color, etc. • Suggested “The Return of Civics to Public Education” as a possible topic • Board members asked to begin thinking about possibilities