

Board Meeting: 2, Wednesday, January 6, 2021 (*1st Wednesday, every other month*)

LWVWM-lead, via Zoom

Minutes

Attending: Carole Beyer, Elizabeth Bond, Barbara Chaudhery, Peggy Dellinger, Marianne Kligman, Vanessa Merhi, Evelyn Murphy, Susan Sferas, Sharon Steinhorn, Louise Usechack, and Sherri West.

Minutes of November Meeting

Approved as submitted

Treasurer's Report

Shows income from LWNJ COVID/Voter Service reimbursement and matching expenses for all three Leagues' voter service/COVID expenses and the Zoom update from August through October (Webinar 500).

Review of Action Items

- **Letters of acknowledgement**

Letters acknowledging the collaboration and help of Christine Hanlon (Clerk) and Robin Major (Monmouth County Board of Elections Administrator) were written by Peggy and approved by Barb and Sharon. ILO Board members asked that the letters be shared with them. The letters will be emailed to Christine and Robin this week.

- **Registration with state**

Susan followed up to a question raised at the November Board meeting on the annual fee (\$30/year) ILO pays the state. It is paid to NJ Division of Business to register as a non-profit.

- **Voting Machine Replacement**

Sherri has reached out to Mary DeSarno (County Superintendent of Elections) on Monmouth County's plan to replace its voting machines. Sherri requested the Board send her questions that she will pose to Mary; no meeting/call is planned. We reminded the Board that Sharon, Carole, and Peggy met with Mary DeSarno in 2019 to pose questions about the process of replacing the voting machines. At that time, Mary was unable to provide specific insight into the timetable or the process. Sherri also contacted Christine Hanlon who is setting up a call to which the Voter Service Directors are invited. Sherri would also like questions for Christine.

Elizabeth reported that she is researching the status of bills in the legislature relating to the election process. She has reached out to Jesse Burns, who has not yet responded. Discussion followed: Susan reminded the Board that any action taken by the ILO on pending state legislature needs to go through the state office.

- **Time change for ILO Board meetings**

2 PM Wednesdays is a conflict for Vanessa. **Board agreed to change time to 1 PM** the first Wednesday of every other month.

LWVNJ Program Planning: 7 PM, Tuesday, January 19

Susan S. is leading meeting. Nancy Sabino of LWVSMC is assisting. Each League will assign a scribe. Carole Beyer will serve for LWVWM; Barb will find a scribe for LWVGRBA. The design is to convene as a whole on Zoom to cover the material, then separate into Breakout Rooms by League to reach and record consensus. The Zoom invitation will require attendees to register and identify their League (so they can be assigned Breakout Rooms). Evelyn will set up the Zoom meeting and send the invitation to the presidents who will send it on to their memberships. Results are due by February 13.

County Government Hot Topic

Peggy has invited Teri O'Connor, County Administrator, to speak at our January 31 Hot Topic on County Government and is waiting to hear back. (*Confirmed after the meeting.*) We discussed the possibility of changing focus to the county role in COVID vaccine distribution, but agreed the primary purpose is to educate about County

Government. We agreed on the title-- "County Government: Everything You Didn't Know You Needed to Know." The publicity will name three or four things that county government does, answering the question "Why should we care?" (libraries, parks, COVID vaccine distribution, property tax assessments, Brookdale). Marianne reminded us we need to get the publicity out ASAP.

Observer Corps Workshop: 7 PM, Wednesday, February 17 (Changed after the meeting to February 24)

Confirmed that Louise Usechak and Marie Curtis will run the workshop.

Moderator Training Workshop: 10 to 2 PM, Saturday, March 20

- Evelyn, Susan, Marie Curtis, and Sharon are taking the lead.
 - Susan will clear with LWVNJ and get it on the state calendar. She will make sure the others on the team have the newly revised Moderator's Handbook.
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Natural Resources

Louise reported:

- Plans to privatize county reclamation center are underway.
 - Local people in Holmdel and Hazlet are actively involved in monitoring where utility pipelines will be located.
 - NESI pipeline is not necessarily dead. It may come back.
 - County LWV hasn't looked at water quality in a long time. Interested in learning what the county plans for working with the municipalities to deal with sea-level rise.
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Next Hot Topics: April 11

- Suggestions included Rank-Choice Voting, Marijuana: What Now?, Civics Education, and the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. We decided on "Legalized Marijuana: What Now?," including social justice implications. Louise seconded. Passed.
 - LWVGRB has lead and will find a speaker or put together a panel.
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Zoom platform

- Barb moved that we use funds from treasury to upgrade (~\$49) our League Zoom account for one month to accommodate our January Hot Topic. Peggy will handle the upgrade. Seconded and passed.
 - Evelyn proposed having a training session to equip other LWV members to schedule and host meetings on our League Zoom account. Marianne and Susan are interested in being trained. Evelyn will offer training to those who attend the LWVNJ Program Planning January 19.
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Close

- Next meeting: **1 PM**, Wednesday, March 3
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