



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 9, 2022

Time: 7 PM via zoom

In Attendance

Board Officers (5): Barbara Chaudhery, Evelyn Murphy, Sharon Steinhorn, Kate Patrizio, Anne Torre
Board Members (9): Carol Beyer, Elizabeth Bond, Peggy Dellinger, Mary Donnelly, Janis Iwanyk, Anita Ritchie, Nancy Sabino, Annette Scott, Louise Usechak
Nominating Committee (1): J.J. Mistretta
League Members (1): Sharon Miggins
Guest Speaker: Lisa Culhane

Call to Order

Evelyn Murphy called the meeting to order at 7 PM; Mary Donnelly read the DEI Policy Pledge. Meeting process and agenda structure was reviewed.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of the 10/11/22 meeting was approved.

Treasurer's report: It was noted that a portion of the prior Red Bank League Education Fund was earmarked for the Running and Winning program. There is approximately \$1,000 available for the program. Additional funds can be made available if necessary.

Financial and Membership report: Anne Torre continues to notify via email members who have dues now due.

Activities Report:

Updated information about Candidate Forum attendance: 1 In-Person and 9 Virtual forums; 540 attended the Forums live; 1,498 viewed recording of the forums; total 2,038 people reached.

Program Highlight

Lisa Culhane, member of Montclair Area LWV, member of the NJ League's Woman and Family Issues Committee and represents the League on the THRIVE Coalition Sex Ed subcommittee. Lisa discussed the current discussions surrounding NJ DOE Health and Physical Education Standards and some of the details surrounding the new standards for 2022-23 academic year including areas of potential controversy and valuable resources.

Admin Highlight

Member Communications: Peggy Dellinger shared the guiding principles, structure, and the role of Board Members in our member communication. The primary medium of member communication is Email (LWVMonmouth Mailchimp and gmail) accounts. Items for the monthly calendar and should be sent to Peggy at peggydellinger@gmail.com and copy the co-presidents. A digital newsletter will begin in 2023.

New Business

Recommended plan for the passing of League members: An email will be sent to all members, notification will be sent to LWVNJ, and a condolence card will be sent on the behalf of the League to the family. The new website will include an In Memoriam page. Sharon Miggins suggested having a

representative from the League attend memorial services when possible. We are seeking a volunteer to take on the responsibility of sending the condolence cards.

Holiday Party: The Monmouth LWV holiday gathering will be held at Barbara Chaudhery's home on December 13. Peggy Dellinger will send an invitation for RSVP and details about food. Sharon Miggins will be planning activities. Janis Iwanyk asked for pictures to be taken as she'll be unable to attend.

Plan of Work: Peggy Dellinger took detailed notes which are attached.

- For the Calendar: Moderator Training; Vote 411 Workshop; Forum Workshop; How To Register Voters Workshop; Hot Topics
- Breakfast with the Board: Gathering with the board and members to share ideas; Greater Red Bank Area held this event with several years; a good way to get members to get to know the board.
- Citizenship Day: September 7, 2023; Look for events in Monmouth/Ocean County where they swear in new citizens and be able to register new voters. Annette mentioned that they had a successful registration effort at a recent event where new citizens were sworn in.
- Attend bill voting as a group for bills where we are interested as LWV.
- Suggestion was made to look first at 2024 as a big election year and plan backwards
- Check with the state and national calendar to search for events that we can support as a local league.
- Program recommendations for the state will be needed in early March. Susan Sferas is the VP who will manage that planning process which begins in January.
- An annual meeting date needs to be set.
- Formation of Town teams
- Energizing Young Voters/Working with the schools
- Identify dates of voting-related Holidays: Vote Early Day; National Voter Registration Day; Poll Worker Day
- Peggy will create a poster for the holiday party for people to share what areas/activities they are interested in participating
- Fundraising: Callathon; Sponsorships. Louise Usechak shared that in prior years the Greater Red Bank Area had monetary and service-in-kind sponsors.
 - Breweries
 - Fort Monmouth businesses

Barbara Chaudhery congratulated the League on the great job done on supporting the election.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns

Annette Scott is being honored on November 18 by the re-entry register to vote program.

Member Dallas Hlatky is currently in the top 3 for Neptune BOE candidates.

Several women have been successfully elected during this election season.

Louise Usechak shared that she thinks the LWV should be involved in educating citizens about how municipalities work. She referenced the ongoing situation in Colts Neck Manor Project.

Barbara Chaudhery motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37.

Minutes submitted by Kate Patrizio.

2 Documents attached below.

Attachment #1



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Ideas on 2023 Plan of Work

1. Hot Topics
2. Moderator Training
3. VOTE411 Workshop
4. How to Register Voters Workshop
5. Forum Job Training Workshop
6. Breakfast with the Board-Sheraton in Eatontown? Speaker. Feb. or March
7. Holiday Party
8. National voting/election-related "days": National Voter Registration Day, Election Workers Appreciation Day, Citizenship Day (9/7)
9. Build a calendar
10. Trip to Trenton to witness key legislation
11. Start with 2024 and back-up: Set in place everything we need to have in place; dry run for what we intend to do the Presidential year
12. Combine state and local calendar
13. State Convention (June 10)
14. Meeting to review state program—January/February—Susan Sferas will lead discussion
15. Date for Annual Meeting
16. Form Town Teams—
17. Initiatives : EYVs, RRV, Town Teams
18. Book club
19. Callathon
20. Grant Applications
21. Solicit "Sponsors" (contributions and/or in-kind)—businesses moving into Fort Monmouth



Communication

Public

Member Communication

Primary Medium: Email (LWVMonmouth Mailchimp and gmail) accounts

Guiding Principles

- Foster participation/action
- Educate on key issues
- Communicate LWV value and impact
- Safeguard LWV brand (Include only LWV or sanctioned events)
- **Respect members' time and inbox**

Structure

- Monthly Calendar of Events
- Focused messages/alerts, as needed
- Targeted messages (new members/dues notices)
- *Judicious communications to teams from Board Member's **personal email***

Your role

- Open and read all LWVMonmouth emails to end
- Submit items for monthly calendar to peggydellinger@gmail.com copy the co-presidents
- Submit special all-member, between-calendar notices to peggydellinger@gmail.com copy the co-presidents
- Communicate, as needed, with your team/committee using your private email. *Membership list with emails on website.*

Coming in 2023: Quarterly e-newsletter