

League of Women Voters of Southern Monmouth County

Board Meeting: 2:30 to 4:45 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Dean's Meeting Room, Rte. 35, Ocean

Minutes

Attendees: Peggy Dellinger (Chair), Evelyn Murphy (Secretary), Marie Curtis, Sol Hara, Wilma Pfeffer, Robert Grove, Dallas Grove, Annette Scott, Susan Sferas

Standing business:

Treasurer's Report by Robert (Copy Appended): Revenues – \$645. (Dues \$120, LWVUS FfTV Grant \$525). Expenses - \$462.50. (PO Box Rental \$118, LWVNJ Fundraiser Adbook \$250, FfTV misc \$105, Vote411 cards \$94.50). Anticipate expense for Coaster Ad and donations for FfTV. 85 active paid members, increase of 2 since February report.

Minutes of February meeting Approved with correction on "Facts & Issues"

Announcements:

United Nations cancelled all activities in connection with the Commission on the Status of Women meeting at which Evelyn was to have been one of 20 LWVUS delegates.

Moderators' Training Saturday, April 18, 10 am to 2 pm at the Turner Gallery. Hosted by Monmouth County ILO. Evelyn making arrangements.

Observer Corps Workshop Thursday, April 16, 7pm at the Eastern Branch Children's Room. Organized by Monmouth County ILO. Marie will lead.

Anniversary Proclamations were received from Twp of Ocean, Asbury Park, NJ Assembly, and NJ Senate District 11

"Suffragists Speak" encore performance, Sunday, March 15, 5:30 pm at T. Thomas Fortune House. The March 1 performance at Eastern Branch Library viewed by over 100 people and at least 50 people were turned away.

Member update - Debbie Mandelker, who had been hospitalized since last fall following a bicycle accident is now at her apartment in New York recovering under the care of her daughter. Wilma will ask her good friend, our member Polly del'Omo, whether Debbie would like to receive updates and well-wishes from us

Voters Service

Voter Girl Program presented Saturday, March 7 for Girl Scouts in Monmouth and Ocean Counties was a highly successful collaboration with Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore. Attended by approximately 100 girls and presented by LWV members from the three Monmouth County Leagues and unaffiliated members from Ocean County. Volunteers from our league included Peggy (who brought an interactive historical exhibit), Evelyn, Eileen Machaffie, Lorraine Pearlman (and her sister in law Jane from Ocean County), and Donna Serina.

Voter Registration Drives scheduled March 17 at **Neptune City Reentry**, March 19 at **GEO Services** in Neptune City, March 21 at **First French Speaking Baptist Church, Asbury Park**, April 6, 14, 22, and 30 at **Ocean County Library Berkeley Branch** in Bayville.

LWVUS Lyft Grant awarded to our League. We will be provided vouchers for up to 50 Lyft rides to polls for the June 2 Primary Election. We will work with community groups in Neptune (MURC) and Asbury Park (potentially Trinity Church) to identify voters in need of transportation. Evelyn is coordinating.

Long Branch Housing Authority has requested election support for tenant association board elections. Marie is coordinating. We are in conversations to determine our exact role. Currently LBHA hasn't been able to locate copies of the by-laws for the various tenant groups. We have quoted a \$75 hourly rate. The project could bring as much as \$1,000 into our Treasury. Marie indicated we will need a number of volunteers to work on the project and this could be a great opportunity for newer members.

NJ Reentry

Annette reported on the success of our Press Conference and media coverage of our **Citizens Registration Day** Project. Jesse at LWVNJ has put Annette in contact with 10 people who reached out to volunteer after seeing the story and Annette is working to arrange coverage of NJ Reentry offices in all 7 counties. Committed volunteers include LWVNJ Board President Nancy Hedinger and our member Eileen Michaels. People attending the Suffragists Speak performance recognized Annette and talked with her about helping. Gilda Radner saw Annette on TV and has asked her to speak at T Thomas Fortune House.

Annette received 1,000 new registration forms from the State and mailed supplies to the various NJ Reentry offices at her own expense. Peggy suggested and those present concurred that we should request that LWVNJ reimburse her.

Nancy Hedinger received a letter from Robert Reldan, an inmate at the NJ State Prison, offering to help with registration outreach. Nancy passed the letter on to Annette to respond.

Annette spoke at the March 7 meeting of the Long Branch NAACP; a police lieutenant from Asbury Park who was in attendance has volunteered to assist with the project and Annette has also been contacted by Jesus Generra from Freehold borough who would like her to assist with voter registration there. Evelyn will reach out to the Voters Service team in Western Monmouth to make them aware of the connection.

Fighting for the Vote

Presentations are scheduled with classes in Hoboken, Long Branch, Red Bank, Georgian Court, and Brookdale, as well as a “breakout workshop” at Chhange 2020 Annual Colloquium: Heroes and Rescuers which is attended by over 1000 students from schools around the state.

Pat Supplee spoke at the March 7 meeting of the Long Branch NAACP and made some great contacts there.

Our member Eileen Michaels is raising funds from supporters to supplement the \$700 grant from LWVUS. She has reported that three donors are contributing a total of \$425 through our Education Fund at LWVNJ.

Freeholder Director Thomas Arnone, at the request of Superintendent of Elections Mary DeSarno, agreed to provide voting machines at no charge for FfTV Module 3 presentations.

Noting that the final portion of the LWVUS grant is withheld until after the program ends, at the request of Peggy, upon motion by Marie and second by Susan, **the Board unanimously approved advance spending of funds awarded for FfTV, up to the amount awarded.**

Old Business

Membership Update: Peggy reminded the Board that the process of accepting and orienting a new member is started by Robert as Treasurer, based on receipt of the membership application and full payment. Robert passes member information to Diane and Wilma as membership co-chairs, to Ted Dellinger to add to website membership list, and to Peggy Dellinger to add to mailing list. Diane and Wilma pass information to the Board, seeking a mentor. Wilma distributed a **Mentor Responsibilities Checklist** (copy appended) for Board use and input.

Facts and Issues: Marie has scheduled filming of two segments tomorrow. Helen Kiokus of LWVNJ to discuss Redistricting; Mazza Recycling person to discuss recycling.

Public Relations: Dallas reported the success of PR activities promoting the League’s 100th Anniversary including congratulatory notes on municipal signs, Ad and photos in the Coaster, coverage in the Coast Star. She complimented member Judy O’Malley (Manasquan) for her work with the Coast Star, and other members for success in arranging local municipal signage. The Twp of Ocean Staff Member now handling the municipal sign is Tracey Berkowitz.

Hot Topic 3/15 “Polling” arrangements are in place. Consensus of the Board is to proceed with the planned in-person event (subject to change as new information arises about COVID-19) with no refreshments provided.

Program Planning summary has been submitted to LWVUS by Susan. Peggy has created a Google Forms sheet to log our activities in real time and asks Board members to input activities to simplify the job of reporting.

New Business

LWVUS Convention (June 25-28, Washington DC; \$360 until June 1, \$410 after) We are allotted 2 delegates and have budgeted \$200 to help pay their registration fees. Susan and Evelyn expressed interest in attending as delegates.

Citizens’ Guide issued by LWVNJ has increased in price. We budgeted \$200 to purchase 100 Guides @ \$2. After discussion, the Board authorized expenditure of the budgeted \$200 to purchase as many guides as that will fund.

Green Fest is scheduled for April 25 in Twp of Ocean. Dallas has been added to the Green Team. Consensus of the Board is that she should represent our League on the team.

Rotary (Long Branch) has asked Susan to speak about redistricting at their April 24 meeting.

Input to Budget Team: Do we keep dues at \$40? This discussion was postponed due to time constraints.

Close

Review of Action Items (copy appended)

Next Board meeting: 2 p.m., Wed., April 8 at Dean’s

LWV SOUTHERN MONMOUTH COUNTY

Treasurer's Report 3/11/2020

	Prior Totals Reported	Current Report	YTD Total	Budget 2019 - 2020
INCOME				
Dues	\$2,865.00	\$120.00	\$2,985.00	\$2,180.50
Contributions-Member	\$808.58		\$808.58	\$400.00
-Non Member	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Publications	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Fight for the Vote Grant	\$125.00	\$525.00	\$650.00	\$825.00
Fund Raising-Sale				
Callathon			\$0.00	\$200.00
Voter Service	\$363.00		\$363.00	\$300.00
Socials			\$0.00	\$300.00
Other/Play			\$0.00	\$375.00
Savings Acct Transfers			\$0.00	\$1,443.00
Total Income	\$4161.58	\$645.00	\$4806.58	\$6023.50
EXPENSES				
Operational Costs				
Insurance	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$100.00
Postage			\$0.00	\$0.00
Audit			\$0.00	\$0.00
P.O. Box		\$118.00	\$118.00	\$106.00
Equipment	\$127.94	\$0.00	\$127.94	\$200.00
Bank Charges			\$0.00	\$0.00
Bd Expenses			\$0.00	\$50.00
Cable TV (Facts & Issues)			\$0.00	\$75.00
State Conven/Council			\$0.00	\$0.00
National Convention			\$0.00	\$400.00
LWV NJ Educational Fund			\$0.00	\$25.00
ILO Convention			\$0.00	\$20.00
Annual Meeting			\$0.00	\$50.00
Conferences/Workshops			\$0.00	\$50.00
County ILO \$1			\$0.00	\$75.00
State PMP	\$905.64	\$0.00	\$905.64	\$1253.50
National PMP	\$1680.00		\$1,680.00	\$1744.00
Handbooks			\$0.00	\$200.00
Web Site Maintenance			\$0.00	\$150.00
Voters Service			\$0.00	\$100.00
Sales Tax			\$0.00	\$0.00
Cost of Fund Raising			\$0.00	\$125.00

Socials	\$175.05		\$175.05	\$.00
Donations/Intra-league		\$250.00	\$250.00	\$.00
Promotional Materials		\$94.50	\$94.50	\$100.00
Change of Name Expenses				\$500.00
Transfer to Surplus			\$0.00	
Fight for the Vote Grant	\$76.84	\$105.00	\$181.84	\$700.00
Total Expense	\$2988.63	\$462.50	\$3,451.13	\$6023.50

Bank Balance as of 3/10/2020 \$4,977.73

Outstanding Expenses

Checks \$368.00
Dedicated Funds
Membership Support Fund \$270.00
Deferred membership 2020/202 \$40.00
Total \$678.00

Available Funds \$4,299.73

LWVNJ Education Fund \$50.00

Mentor Responsibilities Checklist

A Mentor is provided to each new member of LWVSMC to provide support and education to them in their first membership year. The mentor will be sent information on new member interests from their membership form.

- ___ 1. As soon as you receive contact and interests information on your mentee call them to arrange an in person meeting (with food?)**
- ___ 2. Explain and emphasize the non-partisan role of the LWV.**
- ___ 3. Explore skills, experience and interests of new member.**
- ___ 4. Review, discuss and explain the various committees.
(Voter Registration, Candidate Forums, Vote411, Facts and Issues, Fighting for the Vote, Felon Re-Entry, Public Relations, ILO)
Share chairperson contact information for each as needed.**
- ___ 5. Explain the varying levels of participation (informed, take action, volunteer).**
- ___ 6. Email committee chairs name of new member interested in their committee activities.**
- ___ 7. Share information on LWVSMC website and password. Demonstrate how to navigate website.**

ACTION ITEMS

WHO	WHAT
EM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send members invitation to Moderators' Training once confirmed by state—copy local presidents • Let LWVWM voter service chair know about request for Annette to speak in Freehold
RG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be at W. Park Rec Center at 2:15 3/15 • Order \$200 (budgeted amount) worth of Citizen Guides
WP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask Polly Del'Omo about what would be appropriate for LWVSMC to do to communicate our best wishes to Debbie Mandelker
PD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send WP printable file of the membership form/Update membership form • Email Mary DeSarno to ask if we can pick new voter registration forms (2K) • Connect Evelyn to Trinity Church regarding Lyft grant • Work with Annette on Google Docs to enter all she's doing • Send Wilma info/process for prospective members • Let Sharon/Barbara know not to bring food or drink to Sunday's program (copy Barbara) • Confirm TD videotaping • Get screen from Museum—be at W. Park Rec Center at 2:15
SS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit paperwork to reserve library for Observer Corps Workshop in Children's Library Meeting Room 7 p.m., April 16 • Let Annette know contact for Burlington County LWV • Send Peggy contact information on Tracey Borowitz (Ocean Township Town Hall)
DG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send Susan contact information and format for the Coast Star • Be at W. Park Rec Center at 2:15 3/15
AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Jesse about LWVNJ reimbursing postage for mailing out new voter registration forms. Form will not be on line until 3/17 • Find out if foreign language versions of new VR forms will be available on line 3/17 • Ask Reentry if they will take photos of Citizens' Registration Day