

Board Meeting: 2 to 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom called to order at 2PM.

Minutes

Attending: Peggy Dellinger, Evelyn Murphy, Annette Scott, Wilma Pfeffer, Robert Grove, Dallas Grove, Diane Hara, Marie Curtis Susan Sferas, Judy O'Malley, Eileen MacHaffie, Jayne Mackta, Lois Kiely. Guest: Lynn Becker, Sisterhood of Salaam & Shalom

2:00-2:15	<p>Standing business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Sferas volunteered to take Minutes • Robert gave the Treasurer's Report – Balance in total cash: \$4228.88, outstanding expenses of \$50, dedicated funds of \$700 for Fighting for the Vote Grant and \$270 in the Membership Support Fund leaving an available balance of \$3,208.88 plus \$425 in the Education Fund (\$375 for FFTV). Robert also reported that the current membership is 90. He is still working on getting the PayPal account going. The Treasurer's report was accepted. • A motion was made and seconded to mail the 2020 Citizen Guides to all members with the bills for renewal dues and to send them to new members upon joining. The motion carried unanimously. • Minutes of June meeting - a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes and it carried unanimously.
2:15-2:30	<p>LWVUS Convention Debrief</p> <p>Susan and Evelyn reported on their attendance at the LWVUS National Virtual Convention. It was Evelyn's first convention and she indicated that she enjoyed it and found it very well run, especially since it was done virtually. They reported on the decisions made. Peggy announced that "Reenter-Register-Vote," our collaboration on the Re-entry program, won the LWVUS "Building Strategic Partnerships" Award, which comes with a \$500 cash prize. Robert will check with National about whether there are any restrictions associated with the use of the cash prize.</p> <p>Details of all the Convention activity can be found on the LWVUS website on the League Management site under the 2020 National Convention heading. Also a NJ member put links to a lot of the presentations in a blog on the Teaneck LWV site.</p>
2:30-2:45	<p>The board members reviewed the Non-Partisan policy and agreed to abide by its stipulations. No changes were suggested.</p>
2:45-3:00	<p>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evelyn read the LWVUS DEI policy and asked members to take part in an exercise that was part of the training that we were given a grant to take part in. She reported that she and Diane had already completed the training and Wilma was reviewing the materials. Annette is also going to work on this. • Evelyn reported that she will send the Board members and others at this meeting the link to the LWVUS information and will work with Peggy on deciding how to send this out to the general membership. • Robert will check with National on the status of the DEI grant money, which has not yet been received. • Diane moved the following: <i>We work to incorporate Diversity, Equity & Inclusion into all of our programs & initiatives.</i> The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3:00-3:15	<p>"How to Vote in the NJ Primary" Webinar Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peggy reported on the Webinars held to assist people with Vote By Mail in the Primary: LWV members May 28 (20+), GRB Women's Initiative June 15 (35), MURC June 16 (68), Unitarian Universal Congregation, June 19 (20+), Torat-El Congregation June 24 (19), OG Homeowners June 27 (38), LWV Montclair Voter Service Team June 30 (22) • The team will develop a toolkit/webinar package for the General Election

3:15-3:30	<p>NJ Reentry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette reported that weekly sessions were held virtually but are now being held in person at some NJ Reentry offices. • Annette and Peggy attended the opening of a new Re-entry Newark office, June 23 attended by Gov. Phil Murphy, Newark Mayor Ras Baraka, Rev. Al Sharpton, among others. • We have requested the LWVNJ Board approve taking action to urge full funding of Re-entry in the budget scheduled for adoption in September.
3:30-3:55	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Topics: Polling rescheduled to 7:30, August 13 – Susan coordinating with Carolyn Lau at Monmouth U Polling Institute. • Hot Topics: “The Truth about Vote by Mail”, September 22 – Annette checking with County Election Board at the end of July for speaker. • VOTE411 Workshop: August 12 – Peggy to research filing deadlines to ensure this is a good date • Evelyn scheduling Virtual Forum Workshop and Virtual Voter Registration workshops • Group agreed that we would be open to trying to arrange as many virtual Fall Forums as we can handle if approached. • Evelyn explained approach to doing fundraising from outside our membership. She will work with Robert on setting up a process for us to ensure private Education Fund donations are tracked and acknowledged by us locally. One of our new members, Jayne explained how she is writing letters to people asking them to support Fighting for the Vote. We should be approaching people who like what we are doing but aren’t interested necessarily in becoming members, to help support us financially. Members needed on Fundraising team. • Marie will be contacting us about writing a letter to support Clean Water Act which is under threat.
3:55-4:10	<p>Old Business</p> <p>Dallas is sending Press releases on the National Award as well as the primary.</p>
4:10-4:15	<p>Close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 4:15. • Next Board meeting: 2 p.m., Wed., August 12 via Zoom