

# March 4, 2020 ILO Board Meeting

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Home of Barbara Chaudhery. Sharon Steinhorn, lead.

## Attending

*Carole Beyer, Barbara Chaudhery (host), Peggy Dellinger, Evelyn Murphy, Sharon Steinhorn (meeting Leader), Louise Usechak, Sherri West. ABSENT: Susan Sferas (on a well-deserved break in Florida)*

## Minutes

Corrected and approved

## Treasurer's Report

Deferred treasurer's report to next meeting in Susan's absence

## Library 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Displays

- LWBGRBA put displays in the Red Bank, Keyport, Middletown, Long Branch, for the month of February featuring history of the suffrage movement
- Sharon has reserved the Manalapan Library for July. Barbara has materials for Sharon to use.
- Susan has reserved Neptune Library for August
- Barbara has reserved Middletown Library for Voting exhibit in October

## CD6 Candidate Forum

Received request through the state office from a challenger ( Ross Cirincione) to Frank Pallone for a Democratic Primary Forum. Sharon contacted Pallone's office. They will not commit until after the filing deadline 3/31. New Brunswick League will participate. Rumor has it that there are three challengers— not confirmed by county or state. Western Monmouth will take the lead.

## Journal Ad

We submitted a ½ page ad for the LWVNJ Luncheon Journal highlighting our ILO initiatives. Susan is sending \$250 to the state office.

## Suffragists Speak

We collaborated with the AAUW and T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center on an original program telling the story of suffrage from the point of view of African American Women. SRO performance at the Eastern Branch 3/1 and encore performance planned for 3/15 at the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center. Anne Torre and Peggy Dellinger were involved. Additional performances are under consideration. Peggy will let the LWV Monmouth County presidents know as dates are scheduled.

## April 2 Meeting on Observer Corps

We've reserved Children's Meeting Room of Eastern Branch Library for 7 p.m., April 2—originally to activate a County-level Observer Corps. New idea: run a 90-minute workshop to train LWV members to participate in Observer Corps. Peggy will ask if Marie Curtis is available to lead the program and create a flyer for presidents to send their members if it's a go.

### **Potential partnership with the Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey**

New law giving parolees and those on probation the right to vote, takes effect March 17. LWV and NJ Reentry held a press conference in February announcing “Citizens’ Registration Day” events state-wide March 17 to register newly eligible potential voters.

Reform Jewish Vote of New Jersey asked Sharon what we are doing and if there are opportunities to collaborate.

Annette Scott (LWVSMC) has created a partnership with NJ Reentry to educate and register returning citizens at Reentry offices across the state. LWV will be at the Neptune City Reentry Office 3/17. (9:30-2 3/16—Day of Action in Trenton.) *All the registration forms change as of March 17. Destroy old forms!*

Sharon will connect Annette with the RJVNJ to explore possible collaborations.

### **Meeting with Mary DeSarno**

Carole Beyer, Sharon Steinhorn, and Peggy Dellinger met with Superintendent of Elections Mary DeSarno February 21 to talk about ballot security and the process for selecting and buying new voting machines. We shared our concerns about the lack of a paper ballot and inability to audit. Mary was receptive to League input and explained that she will make the decision on the new machines with input from the Freeholders and County Clerk. No attempt will be made to replace the machines prior to the General Election. We sent Mary contact information for Dr. Appel, the LWVUS position on voting systems, and a document on NJ laws requiring audits produced by Rutgers Law. Asked Mary for advice on approaching the County to pick up the costs of using voting machines as part of Fighting for the Vote. She later approached Director Arnone on our behalf and he agreed that the county will not charge the League.

### **Fighting for the Vote (FFtV)**

Need to be more rigorous in coordinating voter registration efforts in high schools. Recently confused social studies supervisor at Long Branch where FFtV has scheduled a registration component and LWVGRBA reached out to offer registration services. **DECISION:** Voter Registration Directors/Chairs should be invited to ILO Board Meetings.

### **3/15 Hot Topic**

Plans are set for the third Hot Topic, “Polling: The Art and Science of Measuring Public Opinion,” 3 to 4:30, Sunday, March 15, at the West Park Recreation Center, Oakhurst. A promotional flyer has been sent to the membership of all three Leagues. A press release was written and has been forwarded to the PR directors of the three Leagues for distribution to their local weeklies.

### **Freeholder Resolution on 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment**

Lillian Burry introduced a resolution making Monmouth County a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment “sanctuary county.” (Burry said “sanctuary” not part of resolution.). No notice of resolution. Not published until 2:30 of same day. Agreed to pass resolution at workshop meeting. After 1 ¾ hours of testimony (overwhelming against) at the public meeting, resolution passed without discussion. Evelyn testified as a private citizen, not LWVer. Colts Neck is on the 2 A Sanctuary website as target for municipality-level resolution. **DECISION:** Include question on the recent resolution and lack of transparency in the Freehold Candidate Forum question set. Evelyn will update Jesse on the 2A Sanctuary strategy and activity in NJ.

### **Annual Meeting**

Agreed to hold the ILO Annual Meeting at the Turner Gallery in the Ocean Township Library followed immediately by a wine and cheese reception in the Suffrage Exhibit Gallery of the Ocean Township

Historical Museum (across the parking lot). Target date is Tuesday, June 9 (Monday, June 8, if Turner Gallery is not available). We will hold a business meeting with a 10-to-15 minutes talk on the suffrage movement at the Turner Gallery followed by a wine and cheese reception at the Museum (a short walk across the parking lot from the Gallery). Peggy will check availability and reserve the Turner Gallery and the Museum.

### **Moderator Training**

Agreed to hold training 10 to 2, April 18 at the Eastern Branch. Sharon will call the state to arrange. Evelyn will call Eastern Branch to reserve room. (Or the other way around????)

### **Changes to Bylaws**

Agreed:

- 1) Replace the position of President with a Leadership Team made up of the presidents of the local LWVs of Monmouth County. The members of the Leadership Team will rotate the responsibility to convene and chair Board meetings. They will be the face of the ILO to the public.
- 2) The ILO Board will be made up of the Leadership Team, a Treasurer, and up to a total of 15 members.
- 3) Instead of a Nominating Committee, each local LWV will offer three people to serve on the ILO Board: its president, Voter Service person, and one other member of its choice.
- 4) This "slate" will be presented to the membership at an Annual Meeting (held before June 30 each year). The membership can offer nominees from the floor and will vote on the resulting slate.
- 5) At its first meeting after the Annual Meeting, the ILO Board will appoint additional members to the Board from the local LWV membership as needed to execute its program and priorities. Appointments can be made by the Board throughout the year to replace vacancies or to add members (up to 15) as need arises.
- 6) The Board will ensure that a record of its meetings is made and retained.
- 7) The Board will meet at least two times a year.

PROCESS: Peggy will incorporate our agreed-to changes into a draft bylaws for review by the ILO Board. Susan Sferas and Evelyn Murphy will review the draft against the current bylaws to ensure completeness. We will amend/approve the recommended bylaws at the May 6 ILO Board meeting and send them before May 9 to the membership ALONG WITH THE PROPOSED "SLATE" under the new bylaws. Each local LWV president will bring the names of their three proposed ILO board members to the May 9 meeting.