

LWVTO Organizational Meeting
Township of Ocean LWW
Home of Dallas and Robert Grove
July 30th, 2014

Susan Sferas called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. In addition to Susan, the following members were in attendance: Pamela Caputo, Don Curtis, Marie Curtis, Peggy Dellinger, Ted Dellinger, Lois Kiely, Bill Madden and Sally Madden, and Ann Freedman.

Pamela Caputo volunteered to take the minutes of the meeting.

Review of Minutes of Annual Meeting

Susan Sferas noted minor corrections on draft of Minutes. Peggy moved and Marie seconded that we accept the Meeting Minutes with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Don Curtis presented the treasurer's report. Membership dues in the amount of \$600 were deposited; six members' dues are anticipated but remain outstanding. Peggy suggested that we send reminders every year. Lois offered to make calls to current members for this term, after the roster is updated. If everyone rejoins, dues should amount to \$820. Member contributions this month amounted to \$170. For Fund Raising, we show a \$1 discrepancy for the Callathon for which Treasurer will initiate an audit with Pat in Trenton.

On the expense side, there were total expenditures of \$314.76: \$4 for the ILO Convention, \$75 for the County ILO, and \$235.76 for the first half of the State Per Member Payment (PMP).

Peggy moved and Lois seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

ILO Activities

Marie presented the plan to hold a **Membership Fair** on September 17th at the JBJ Soul Kitchen in Red Bank for the benefit of all three Monmouth Leagues. If the event was successful, the model could be duplicated in other communities.

Discussion followed outlining operational plans for the event.

Peggy suggested that we could consider a similar event in Asbury Park for a weekday in October.

Sue opened the discussion for the imminent **Charter School Consensus update** that is due on November 15th. After due consideration about the value of hearing views from a broader audience, the decision was made to promote a Charter School discussion and vote in our own League on October 29th rather than combining with the LWVGRBA on the 18th at the Shrewsbury Library.

Sally noted that combining the votes would dilute our voices. Peggy suggested a member from LWVTO should attend on the 18th and report back.

Marie proposed that the topic for the **Spring Forum** be Water Infrastructure. This topic is not widely discussed yet it is approaching crisis mode. Expert estimate that we lose almost 50% of transported water because the infrastructure is so antiquated. The Forum might be held at Monmouth University with speakers that Don and Marie heard at a recent symposium.

The **Pinelands trip** remains tentative as the Preservation Alliance is unable to give us a date.

Voter Service

Dallas opened the discussion about a Candidates forum for either the Congressional election or the Township of Ocean May 2015.

The ILO is committed to hosting the Freeholders Forum on October 22nd.

LWVTO will moderate a Candidate Forum for the Board of Education on October 27 or 28. Marie will contact the candidates; Lois will reserve the space. Questions for the Candidates will be refined at the 9/30/14 planning meeting.

Sally encouraged the group to review the League's Event Activity Planning Check List's four step program. Bill has developed a standard list of media outreach who are the contacts that will promote League events; he will send to the committee.

Management Team Model Discussion

LWVTO has been following this streamlined management model all along. It provides flexibility to assign tasks to those most capable of executing according to availability and ability.

Roles: By establishing a Board of Directors consisting of 5 elected and 4 appointed members, we are complying with the Bylaws. Sally defined the role of the Convener as the person who runs a meeting, not necessarily the President. Each position has outlined responsibilities but one person does not own each position. Susan explained it as a sharing of roles, so that there is flexibility and an opportunity for each person to participate at every level. Sally pointed out that the LWVTO is experienced enough to follow policy. Bob suggested that new members would need more structure.

Operating and Meeting Guidelines: The group discussed the idea of inviting everyone to all meetings, by a personal phone call, to make the meetings more inclusive. The current practice of emailing minutes and agendas will be continued but we also want members to start using the LWVTO website's Member area, where minutes will be available.

Additional training will have to be developed for new members and for supporting members who decide to become more active. Marie confirmed that there is material available in the Leadership Training module.

Susan offered to send out the Agenda for the 9/30/14 and be the Convener for that meeting.

Other Items

LWVTO website: Ted confirmed that minutes and Facts & Issues segments are updated on the LWVTO website. The next show is 8/12. Ted circulated a contact list for attendees to update information.

Dallas will lead a program at the Museum called “Ask Grandma,” creating an oral history about growing up in Ocean Township. Dallas will be the guide or docent. The museum will record and archive the interviews.

Calendar Planning

October 18th – LWVGRBA Charter School Consensus Meeting at Shrewsbury Library

October 22nd – Freeholders Forum

October 29th – LWVTO Charter School Consensus Meeting

December 28th – holiday party – Dellinger’s

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Caputo