

Board Meeting: 2 to 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2019 Minutes

Attendees: Marie Curtis, Peggy Dellinger, Robert Grove, Dallas Grove, Evelyn Murphy, Wilma Pfeffer, Susan Sferas, Annette Scott

Treasurer's Report: Robert Grove 63 members, 75%paid. Funds available \$4874.54 Budget submitted and approved.

August Meeting Minutes: Wilma Pfeffer Submitted and approved

Membership Update:

Pamela Renee resigned-candidate for office in Neptune and LWVSMC is handling the candidate forum. (Personal decision—League policy does not require. In fact, LWV encourages its members to run for office.)

Possible new member: Sanford Cook

Membership Process Update: Robert Grove, Wilma Pfeffer

Several prospective members have been contacted. Waiting for confirmation from Bridget Devane

No response from David Terry-remove from potential membership list.

Mentors assigned to all confirmed new members.

New member Karen Plaskow contacted us from Ocean County-no League chapter there. Mentor needed.

Robert will notify State League to remove Ocean County from League chapter list.

Voter Service: Evelyn Murphy

Vote-by-mail update: State law passed in August put any voter who requested a vote-by-mail ballot since the 2016 general election on the permanent vote-by-mail list. Must opt out to be removed—even if opted out earlier or requested a once-only vote-by-mail ballot. Deadline for opting out for 11/5 election is 9/19.

Vote-by-mail instructions confusing. Voters may submit provisional ballot if denied at the polls.

Voter Registration Training: 9/18/19 7:00 PM; Polly Dell'Omo, 300 17th Ave, Belmar

Voter registration events: National Voter Registration Day-- Neptune McDonalds, 9/24: Coral Harbor Rehab Center 9/26; October 5th Ocean Grove, Harvest Festival 10/5; and Ocean Township Oktoberfest 10/5.

Candidate forum update: Brick Bd. of Educ. 10/16, Legislative Districts 11(10/22) and 30 (10/29), Ocean BoE (10/17). Neptune City Muni (10/21), Neptune Twp.(10/24), Belmar Forum Cancelled.

VOTE411 Status Report: Peggy Dellinger

Peggy and Anne Torre met with Monmouth County Republican executive director to ask county-level support for participating in VOTE411.

Monmouth County clerk did not ask municipal clerks for email information and still requires OPRA request for any candidate information. LWV Monmouth County presidents talk with/write to the clerk after the election about restrictive policies. By contrast, Ocean County candidate information (including emails) is complete and easily accessed on its website.

Old Business

Earth Treasures fundraiser-Dallas is working with a resistant manager, sending more info on LWVSMC

Social Justice—NJ Reentry-Annette continues to add more sites and organizations

Facts and Issues-Upcoming Presentations: Ocean Twp Ballot Questions; Election Issues.

Fighting for the Vote (Westfield, Manalapan, Long Branch, Asbury, Rider) Program going very well. Voting machines will be available at the Long Branch presentation.

New Business

- PR—Coaster published a wonderful article on Peggy D and Dallas plans to submit a profile of Annett D! Coaster also ran article (submitted by Evelyn) on the changes to the vote-by-mail process.
- Suffrage Program—joint project of the LWV of Monmouth County, the AAUW, and the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center (Red Bank). Basic design: story of suffrage, through living history interpreters, with focus on the experience of African American women. Tentatively scheduled for March 1. Next meeting of the team, 5

p.m., Thursday, 10/10 at the TTFCC. LWV board members welcome.

- Pipeline Opposition Rally—10:30 to noon, 9/14, Marine Park, Red Bank

Close

Review of Action Items - emailed to all

Next Board meeting (changed from Oct. 9 to avoid Yom Kippur): **2 to 4:15, Wednesday, October 2 at Dean's**