



## **ILO BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*September 2, 2020*

The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 2:05pm.

Present were: *Sharon Steinhorn, Peggy Dellinger, Carol Beyer, Evelyn Murphy, Sherri West, Elizabeth Bond, Annette Scott, Louise Usechak and Barbara Chaudhery*

### **Programs and Workshops**

A discussion regarding Hot Topic on Polling was held and members felt that the presentation was fair and questions were well answered.

The ZOOM Production for "Suffragists Speak" was excellent and \$1400.00 in donations was received and will be split among the three organizations that took part.

The VOTE411 workshop had 30 people attend. 49 races in 30 towns were auctioned. Anne Beebe and Ted Dellinger made a video to encourage participation in [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

Members of the Monmouth County Leagues received invitations from Christine Hanlon, Monmouth Clerk to attend the groundbreaking of the Suffragist Garden on the grounds of the Monmouth County Board of Elections in Freehold.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Susan Sferas presented the Treasurer's Report which is attached to the minutes.

### **Bylaws**

Review of the by-laws-Louise is suggesting that the by-laws need to be adjusted. There are questions about some sentences in the by-laws. Sue Sferas said we should table the discussion about the by-laws and Louise Usechak seconded. The majority voted to table the discussion.

**Voters' Service**- Evelyn, Marianne and Carol all gave reports.

- Marianne Kligman suggested that we collaborate wherever possible on the ZOOM forums.
- It was suggested that we contact real estate agencies to get voter registration forms to them to give out to new buyers. Carol and JJ will contact the Monmouth County Realtors Association.
- Vanessa Merhi has set up a partnership with Head Start to register voters at Open Houses. We are also contact libraries about registration forms.
- The southern Monmouth League has put out toolkits for registering voters that will be available for anyone to use. They are toolkits to show students how to register to vote and how to vote by mail. They will be on the LWVSMC website.
  
- Fees were discussed for moderating candidate forums as well as running the entire forum. The fees should be the same for every League. Moderator only is \$75.00 and running the entire forum is \$150.00.

Robin Major (Administrator of the Monmouth County Board of Elections) spoke with Peggy about hiring people for processing the ballots for this election. The pay is \$15.00 per hour.

Evelyn Murphy said we should tap into Alyssa Moreno for information on Voting and Election.

### **Freeholder Candidate Forum**

Sharon Steinhorn reported on the Freeholder's Forum, which will be held on October 14 at 7pm. The County Clerk forum will be held at the same time.

All questions will be accepted in advance.

People will receive their ballots mid-October and can vote early.

### **County Government**

Louise reported that issues are not resolved regarding the county landfill. She also said we need to get back to observing the Freeholders. There is a lack of communication regarding the Freeholders and we need to keep our eyes and ears open. For instance, the stimulus benefit for small business was received and the Freeholders hired an outside firm and spent over \$900,000.00 for them to hand out the money.

### **Other Business**

Sue reported on the Gala-there will be music, all living governors, the Secretary of State, Kim Guadagno, and State Board Members. You must register to attend.

Peggy noted that we are recording candidate forums and they will be on the League websites so people can watch them at a later date.

Counties will have 17 drop boxes and if they have more than 400,000 people, they will get 12 more drop boxes.

The Hot Topic for September 22, about Vote-by Mail Safety will have Robin Major from the Monmouth County Board of Elections speak as well as a person from the Brennan Center. Marianne will do the press release, Evelyn is working on the details to make the ZOOM link.

The next meeting will be held on November 4.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

*Barbara Chaudhery*