

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE RIVERTOWNS  
BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2018 10:00AM  
COMMUNITY CENTER 44 MAIN ST., HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

George Calvi, Adelaide DiGiorgi, Monica Getz, Lynn Levine, Jodie Reaver, Pat Rodriguez, Karen Schatzel, Susan Schwarz, Char Weigel, and Sue Weisfeld

**CALL TO ORDER:** 10:13 am

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Susan Maggiotto was unable to attend, but forwarded the report to Lynn who reported on her behalf. Report is attached to these minutes.
- The LWVR Education Foundation received over \$2,000 in donations in memory of Jean Howell. We will use the Educational Foundation for Hot Topics events to defray the cost so all can attend.
- Susan Maggiotto detected a service charge for check imaging on our account. We will decline check imaging to reduce service charges.

**APPROVE PAST MEETING MINUTES** – Approved

**WORK ITEMS**

- State Legislative Agenda: Our Feedback on 2019 Priorities
  - The LWV NYS 2018 Agenda was circulated in advance as background.
  - We would like more information about how cost savings were calculated, and about how the inclusion of Long Term Care coverage could alter the various savings analyses.
  - The decision was made that our top two priorities would be Single Payer and Election Law Reform, followed by Reproductive Choice, GENDA and Judicial Reform.
  - We agreed that when we lobby, we will do our homework before meeting with the elected official to determine past voting records, and use the State League speaking points.

- We discussed State's Electronic Poll Book stance as part of Election Law Reform. Is there money for poll worker training? What about hacking risk? We agreed that we needed more information. Lynn will call State.
  - When we see an elected official at various meetings and events, we will mention that we will be seeing them formally later in the year (advocacy visits tbd), and briefly preview our listed priorities.
  - George will draft a letter to State Assembly and Senate elected officials previewing our priorities and stating that we will be in touch later. The letter will be sent from George and Lynn.
- Lynn and Susan Schwarz will attend the State Convention, June 7-9. Lynn will reach out to the general membership to ask if anyone would like to attend. Lynn will ask State if attendees need to pay the registration fee or can just walk in. Convention announcement is attached to these minutes.
- We need to move our annual meeting (scheduled for 6/8) to 6/15 because of the State convention. Lynn will ask Susan Maggiotto to check on this revised date with Andrus.
- Students Inside Albany outreach
  - Jodie will identify the best Ardsley contacts and will co-sign outreach.
  - We will try to have a laptop/water bottle sticker as a "consolation prize" for students who are not chosen.
- Hot Topics
  - Char will ask Madeline Zevon for a speaker on Single Payer (potentially Richard Gottfried).
  - Char will reach out to John Nonna for a speaker on Election Law Reform.
  - We will schedule Single Payer and Election Law Reform sessions for January/February/March pending speaker availability.
  - We will target Green Light Bill Forum end of March or April at the Greenburgh Library.
  - We discussed the November Route 9 Hot Topics session. George reported concern on the part of the Ardsley Mayor and Village Manager that by virtue of having a Hot Topics session, it meant that the LWVR was taking a position on the topic.
    - If we have room on the postcard and poster, Char will state that any given session is "informational only."

- As appropriate, when Char does the introduction, as was done on the Route 9 session, she will state that the League is not advocating but rather providing an opportunity to learn about a “hot topic.”
- When we promote the Green Light Bill forum, we will state that a \$10 donation is requested, and that signs in support or opposition will not be allowed. We want to have an informational session rather than a rally.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Membership – no new members.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Jodie suggested a future agenda item to review State bylaws sent out by Laura.
- On November 19, 2019, the State League will hold a NYC event on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote. We may want to get involved.
- Sue Weisfeld will ask high schools in Yonkers if they would like her to do her presentation on the history of women’s voting rights. Sue will send her speech to the Board.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Sue Weisfeld said that State will ask someone from White Plains to do the “election night reporter” role in the future.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 12:10 pm