

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE RIVERTOWNS
MAY 12, 2018
HASTINGS COMMUNITY CENTER**

Present: Ruth Kotecha, Lynn Levine, Jodie Reaver, Char Weigel, Sue Weisfeld, Pat Rodriguez, Susan Schwarz, Walter Schwartz, George Calvi,, Jean Howell, Barbara Dannenbring, Karen Schatzel, Susan Maggiotto, and Monica Getz

Call to Order: 10:05 AM

Minutes of the April 2018 meeting were approved with a clarification by Char on our student participation.

Announcements:

There will be a LWVNYS Council meeting on June 7 at 12 noon where the budget will be voted on. There will also be a webinar – more info to follow.

Lynn attended lobby training on single payer on May 5, and will be attending Lobby Day for the NYS Health Act “Medicare for All” on Tuesday, June 5 at NYS Capitol, Albany.

There will be a forum on May 23, 7pm at the Warner Library in Tarrytown, sponsored by the Hudson Independent. It is a panel discussion on objectivity in journalism titled “Invasion of the Truth Snatchers”.

On May 22, 7:30pm at the Harmon Community Center in Hastings there is a program on Voter Security, cosponsored by LWVW, LWVR and Citizens for Voter Integrity. The info was sent to Channel 12, The Enterprise & The Hudson Independent. Flyers will be placed around the villages. It was noted we can put announcements in the Community Events section of all the local papers.

George Calvi and Jodie attended Naturalization Court, and George spoke to County Clerk Tim Idoni about availability of a photo ID for all. He brought up cost and accessibility as deterrents to those seeking a photo ID. We decided not to present it as voter ID, since you currently don’t need a photo ID to vote, and we don’t support needing a photo ID. George will check to see if LWVNY has a policy on this.

Treasurer’s Report and Proposed Budget

Passed out and explained by Susan Maggiotto. We finally received \$150 for election night reporting. The Proposed Budget was also passed around, and reviewed line by

line. National Convention is on this year's budget – the amount was increased to accommodate 2 members.

Bria brought up there may be an additional fee for a website address – she will check. Budget was increased to \$500, just in case.

Karen suggested there may be other fees for candidate forums, and the budget was increased to \$300.

Susan Schwarz suggested we separate Hot Topics Breakfasts and Students Inside Albany.

Susan Maggiotto will make the revisions, and the proposed budget will be sent to the membership via email, so members can review it before the Annual Meeting.

Work Items

Annual Meeting: Will be held June 9 at the lounge in Andrus on Hudson. They will set up tables and tablecloths. Pat will arrange for the food. Lynn, Jodie and Susan Schwarz have lawn signs to put at the bottom of the driveway. Directions will be on line also. The business meeting will be from 10 – 12, and our students will open the meeting. Lunch will start at noon, and the speaker will start at 12:30, when everyone is settled with their food. We will ask someone from Citizens for Voter Integrity to speak. Monica offered to ask Niki Coddington to speak or choose a speaker. We agreed to make a \$100 donation to Andrus.

Nominating Committee Slate: Karen passed out the report to members, and thanked her committee. There was a short discussion and clarification of a few items. The final report, which includes an explanation terms and process, will be completed by Karen and sent via email to the whole membership prior to the Annual Meeting.

Local Program: Members had received the program via email, and we reviewed it line by line. The first item, which addressed looking at the Master Plans for each village, was removed since no one recalled ever doing it, and we aren't sure all the villages have current plans. The remaining 9 items were included with a few minor wording changes. Pat will revise the program, and it will be sent to the whole membership prior to the Annual Meeting.

Nonpartisan Policy: Susan Maggiotto reported that her committee reviewed the current policy, and recommended 2 small changes. "The First Vice President" was removed from section A and F. "Posts on social media" was added to section L. Pat will revise the policy, and add, at the recommendation of members present, "this policy will be read at the 1st meeting of the year every September".

Committee Reports

Membership: Ruth reported we have one new member since last month, bringing our total number of members to 107 if all renew.

Voter Service: Jodie reported we had 2 voter registration events: Mercy College and The Alamo Draft House movie screening. Sue Weisfeld said that she and Adelaide enjoyed the Draft House event it very much. The Yonkers school system reached out to Jodie about voter registration.

We had school board Candidates Forums in Hastings and Irvington. Walter moderated a school board Candidates Forum in New Rochelle.

On June 5 we'll cohost a primary Candidates Forum with LWVW at Sarah Lawrence.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:20 pm.

Submitted by Pat Rodriguez