

League of Women Voters of Wellesley
Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Home of Ann-Mara Lanza | 18 Oakland St., Wellesley

Attending: Susan Clapham, Irene Flint, Ellen Hallett, Ann-Mara Lanza, Ann Rappaport (by phone), Tanya Roy, Anne Rippey Turtle, Jenny Zannetos, Laura Brown MacKinnon. Absent: Erry Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Co-president Susan Clapham. A quorum was present.

1. Minutes of February 12, 2020

The minutes were amended to replace the word “suggested” with “mentioned” in 8b to read, “A housing study was mentioned.” A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried on a voice vote. **VOTED: To approve the minutes of February 12, 2020 as amended.**

2. Treasurer’s Report – Jenny Zannetos

- a) As of February 29, 2020, LWVW accounts totaled \$33,164.72. Expenses and income were reviewed.
- b) Printing the names of donors in annual reports was discussed. An option for donating anonymously would be provided.
- c) The proposed FY21 Budget recommended by the Budget Committee was reviewed. The total budget for FY21 is \$13,000.48. Assumptions such as projected lower interest rates on CDs, and a slight increase in national PMP, as well as expenses were discussed. Changes in nomenclature include: “Finance Drive” to “Non-member Donations” and “Communication/Outreach” to “Publicity/Outreach”. In view of a possible housing study, it was agreed to shift the \$150 allocation under Program & Action Advocacy such that Local is allocated \$100 and National \$50. A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY21 Budget proposal as recommended by the Budget Committee and amended. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTED: To approve the proposed FY21 Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee and amended.

3. Nominating Committee Report – Ann Rappaport, Nominating Committee Member

- a) Ann presented the FY21 Nomination Slate recommended by the Nominating Committee. New this year is a Co-Vice-President for Voter Service, Dana Desnoyers, to partner with Erry Johnson. Laura Brown-MacKinnon is nominated to serve as Co-President with Susan Clapham. Co-presidents afford a way to share the workload and provide for training and succession.

| Executive Board | | Elected Directors | |
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| Co-President | Susan Clapham | Program/Calendar | Irene Flint |
| Co-President | Laura Brown-MacKinnon | Newsletter/Website | Ann Rappaport |
| Vice-President, Program | Ann-Mara Lanza | Legislative Envoy | Tanya Roy |
| Co-Vice-President, Voter Service | Erica Johnson | Membership | Anne Rippey Turtle |
| Co-Vice-President, VoterService | Dana Desnoyers | | |
| Treasurer | Jenny Zannetos | | |
| Secretary | Ellen Hallett | | |
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- b) A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY21 Nomination Slate as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTED: to approve the FY21 Nomination Slate as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

- c) The Nominating Committee will continue to seek a nominee for Publicity/Outreach Director as well as members for next year's Nominating Committee.
 - d) A motion was made and seconded to appoint Laura Brown-MacKinnon Director-at-Large for the remainder of FY20. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
- VOTED: To appoint Laura Brown-MacKinnon Director-at-Large for the remainder of FY20**

4. Program/Calendar Update – Ann-Mara Lanza & Irene Flint

- a) March 4- Seminar Day at WHS - Ann-Mara and Tanya represented the LWVW for two sessions at the WHS Seminar Day. Their presentation was entitled “You Don’t Have To Shout To Be Heard”, which addressed how government works. It was well-received and LWVW is on the list to be invited back next year. Laura noted that a course in electoral politics is scheduled to be taught in the upcoming academic year. She offered to connect LWVW with the teacher of the course.
- b) March 12 - Meet the Candidates Night/Cancelled. The board discussed the advisability, logistics and alternatives for holding this event. Given the health concerns surrounding COVID-19, the consensus of the group was to cancel this event. Members were assigned to contact relevant organizations about the cancelation as well as posting the update to various websites. Vote411 remains an online source of information about the candidates.
- c) March 26 & 29 - Town Meeting Prep Sessions/On Hold – Susan will monitor the changes of the Annual Town Meeting dates and will be in touch with Barbara McMahon & Heather Sawitsky about the feasibility of holding TM Prep Sessions.
- d) Fall 2020 - Brown Bag Lunch with Dr. Charmie Curry, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Wellesley Public Schools will be considered for fall 2020.
- e) Fall 2020 – Wellesley Math Professor Ismar Volic’s “[Election Math](#)” presentation was recommended for consideration for the 2020 Opening Meeting.

5. Voter Service – Erry Johnson (See report appended)

6. Legislative Update – Tanya Roy

- a) As the LWVMA Legislative Specialist on transportation, Tanya has been working with legislators and transportation advocacy organizations on current transportation bills related to funding, sustainability as well as improving and expanding transportation networks.
- b) She is also a part of a group that is revising the LWVMA online toolkit and voting & election tab.
- c) May 31 LWVMA Gala – This event may be postponed or cancelled depending on the restrictions on gatherings due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

7. Membership Update – Anne Rippy Turtle

- a) There are currently 138 members of LWVW.
- b) May 17 Veterans Parade. LWVW is being honored with a place at the beginning of the parade in commemoration of 19th amendment and LWV Centennial. The parade will be noted in the LWVW Newsletter and members will be encouraged to march with the LWVW. It was suggested that the Girl Scouts be asked to walk with or near the LWVW contingent.

8. Co-Presidents Report

- a) Girl Scouts partnership – In addition to collaborating with the Girl Scouts in February on the new design of the VOTE yard signs, LWVW has been invited to participate in their “Celebrate Community” events on March 11 & 18. These events introduce 2nd and 3rd grade Brownies to town government via an afternoon visiting various offices at the Town Hall. Susan volunteered to represent LWVW. In addition, LWVW has been invited to participate in the high school troop’s

Mother/Daughter Tea on April 4, which will celebrate the early 20th century tea clubs in Wellesley where women gathered and discussed town issues.

- b) Frances Perkins Exhibit - LWVW was invited to collaborate with the Frances Perkins Center and Wellesley Weston Lifetime Learning in an exhibit and lecture about the life of Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor during the Roosevelt administration. It was the sense of the group to table this matter until Fall.
- c) Signs— The new VOTE yard signs were designed with the idea of attaching the date of a given election in the space provided. The date must be large and bold enough to be seen from a distance. The purchase of a vertical, retractable LWVW sign for use at events will be investigated.
- d) Book for WHS Awards Ceremonies – Susan will look into whether this event will be held and, if so, will explore a title for the League's Civic Engagement Book Award.
- e) Disclaimer policy – tabled to April.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hallett
Secretary

Voter Service Report

3/10/2020

Recent Events:

Naturalization Ceremony Lowell, 2/19: 3 LWVW volunteers: Ellen, Alice Miller and Sally Watts. 998 candidates. Of the 998, we collected, checked and sorted a total of 480 VR forms! (Note: this ceremony uncovered opportunities to improve organization and coordination with LWVGH. Erry will follow up with Eva Rajczyk.)

Rides to the Polls 3/3: 5 volunteers (Kim, Ellen, Dana, MaryAnne Ulian and Erry). Two sets of WC students requested rides (none from the larger public). The WC Student Involvement office had noticed the posting and passed on to Avery Restrepo, Chair of the Committee for Political and Legislative Awareness, who, with permission, posted on #Wellesley CPLA FB page.

MTCN pre-recording Round 2, 3/4/20: BPW 1-year panel was recorded on at WPM with Priscilla Leith (LWV Needham) moderating. Susan acknowledged her with a large bouquet of spring flowers.

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Upcoming:

MTCN 3/12/20. Awaiting 2 tributes from Maura Renzella and Paul Criswell. Susan will have met with Katie Speed (WMS A/V) and James Joyce on 3/6 to rehearse video display from laptop. Most details are set. Susan and Ellen will MC and manage the evening.

Naturalization Ceremonies, Lowell 6/10 and 8/19. Ann R routinely posts a call for volunteers in the Newsletter.

VR at WHS in the spring and at Waterstone in June, to capture eligible voters before Sept 1 State Primary (deadline to register is August 19).