

League of Women Voters of Wellesley
Board Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2020 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Attending: Susan Clapham, Laura Brown-MacKinnon, Irene Flint, Ellen Hallett, Erry Johnson Ann-Mara Lanza, Ann Rappaport, Tanya Roy, Anne Rippy Turtle, Jenny Zannetos.

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

1. Minutes of April 14, 2020

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 5, 2020. The motion carried on a voice vote.

VOTED: To approve the minutes of May 5, 2020

2. Treasurer's Report – Jenny Zannetos

- a) LWVW was awarded a Scharfman grant of \$294 to pay for publication expenses of the *Town Government Handbook* and the *2020 Election Candidate Handbook*.
- b) LWVW had a total of \$31,568.25 in its accounts as of April 30, 2020.
- c) Recent income and expenses were reviewed. LWVW's share of the LWVMA fall appeal and Phonathon was \$445. 75.
- d) The Board discussed the LWVW annual contribution to the state League at the June Council meeting. A motion was made and seconded to contribute \$400 to LWVMA at the June 2020 Council Meeting in honor of Tanya Roy for her work on LWVMA and legislative issues. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

VOTED: To contribute \$400 to the LWVMA in honor of Tanya Roy for her work on legislative issues and LWVMA Board.

- e) The Finance Drive, which is noted on the proposed FY'21 Budget as "Non-member Donations", was discussed. Last year it brought in \$375 from about eight supporters. To continue it or not in FY'21 and beyond will be considered at the Board's summer retreat.

3. Programs/Calendar – Ann-Mara Lanza & Irene Flint

- a) Coffee with our State Legislators: May 8 at 10-11 a.m. via zoom. The format and procedures were discussed. The meeting will be recorded and all three legislators have agreed to the recording. Notice of recording will be made at the beginning of the session. Thirty-seven members have registered for the event to date. Ann-Mara will be the resource person for anyone needing technical assistance.

4. Legislative Update – Tanya Roy

- a) Status of bills related to voting - Senators Creem and Rausch have both presented bills addressing new voting measures that address the health concerns due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The state League is part of an election modernization coalition that is reviewing the bills to determine which one it will support.

- b) LWVMA is hosting moderator training webinar on May 11 for those interested in becoming a moderator or refreshing their skills.
- c) LWVMA Council will take place on June 13 at 10 a.m. via Zoom for about 90 minutes.

5. Co-Presidents Update

- a) Annual Meeting will take place on May 20 at 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom:
 - Voting will be by voice. If needed, a vote by hands will be taken.
 - To meet the requirements for a quorum, 14 non-board members must attend.
 - A brief welcome and introductions will begin the meeting.
 - Actionable items will then be considered followed by brief updates & direction to the board.
 - The target end time for the meeting is 8:30 p.m.
- b) Board members agreed to call LWVW members for the purpose of touching base with our membership during this lockdown period due to COVID-19. This action is intended to be a friendly call at which members may answer questions and share information, e.g. vote by mail. Susan will send a spreadsheet with “assignments” and phone numbers.
- c) Vote Safe/Vote/from Home Yard Signs – Ann Rappaport has designed a new Vote Safe yard sign that can be used for multiple elections, e.g. town elections in June, the primary on September 1 and for the November 3 elections. The sign references VOTE 411 as a source of election information. It was agreed that LWVW will purchase Vote Safe yard signs and distribute them around town. We will post an image of the sign on social media and ask candidates for Town positions to communicate the Vote at Home information to the voters on their mailing list. The cost, sign locations, and number of signs, etc. were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of up to \$300 for the Vote Safe yard signs. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.
VOTED: To approve the expenditure of up to \$300 for the Vote Safe yard signs.
- d) Vertical LWVW sign – tabled to summer planning meeting.
- e) The local Girls Scout troop created designs for the Vote Safe/Vote from Home campaign and shared them with LWVW.
- f) LWVW is permitted six voting delegates at the LWVMA Council meeting in June. A business meeting will be followed by an invited guest speaker. It was suggested that the event be mentioned at the Annual Meeting to inform members who may be interested in attending.
- g) LWVUS Convention, June 25-27, Washington, DC. via Zoom. Currently there are no LWVW members planning to attend.
- h) It was agreed that the June Board meeting would be held on June 9 at 1-3 pm via Zoom. Susan will send a doodle scheduling email to find a date in July for the Summer Planning Meeting.
- i) Several titles were considered Book for LWVW’s Civic Engagement Award to WHS Seniors. *Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest, and the Music That Made a Nation* by Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw was chosen. The presentation will be by video.

The meeting ended at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hallett, Secretary