

**League of Women Voters of Wellesley**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2019 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Home of Jenny Zannetos, 6 Monroe Rd., Wellesley**

Attending: Susan Clapham, Irene Flint, Ellen Hallett, Erry Johnson, Ann-Mara Lanza, Kim Maire, Ann Rappaport, Tanya Roy, Jenny Zannetos. Absent: Anne Rippy Turtle. Guest Member: Deb Codispoti

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Co-president Susan Clapham. A quorum was present.

**1. Minutes of August 7, 2019**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 7, 2019 minutes. The motion carried on a voice vote. **VOTED:** To approve the August 7, 2019 minutes.

**2. Co-President's Update – Susan Clapham**

- a) Celebration Committee for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and LWV: A call for volunteers will be made via the LWVW newsletter and at the September 13<sup>th</sup> Brown Bag Lunch. The WFL Lobby showcases have been reserved for a LWVW display for the month of September 2020. (A calendar of state-wide 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events can be found [here](#).)

**3. Treasurer's Update – Jenny Zannetos**

- a) As of August 31, 2019, LWVW accounts totaled \$26,329.99.
- b) Recent income and expenses were reviewed.
- c) LWVW allocated \$250 in FY20 for supplies used at the Lowell Naturalization Ceremonies. Erry will contact Leagues near Lowell to ask them if they would be willing to share expenses related to the four annual Naturalization Ceremonies held at Lowell. Expenses for voter registration at Naturalization Ceremonies around the state will be considered by the LWVMA.

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

- a) Opening Meeting –October 10 - Co-sponsored by Wellesley Free Library. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program at 7-9 p.m. Ann-Mara successfully replaced the scheduled speaker who had moved to a new job over the summer with two speakers from Voters Choice Massachusetts – Mac D'Alessandro, State Director & Christina Knowles, Director of Strategic Partnerships. A demonstration of ranked choice voting is planned by asking audience members to vote for their favorite cookie using the ranked choice method. The board discussed plans for event and asked for five Board members to bake 100 small cookies each. Ranked Choice Voting (formerly called instant runoff voting) has been [supported by LWVMA since 2005](#) (p.15).
- b) Opening Meeting Speaker Stipend – LWVW has often given a stipend to the Opening Meeting speaker or the non-profit s/he represent. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to give a stipend of \$100 to Voters Choice Massachusetts for the presentation at the 2019 Opening Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.  
**VOTED:** To give \$100 to Voters Choice Massachusetts for the Opening Meeting presentation by two Directors of Voters Choice Massachusetts- Mac D'Alessandro, and Christina Knowles.
- c) Upcoming events through December 2019:  
September 13 – Brown Bag Lunch with Megan Jop 12-2 p.m. Home of Anne Rippy Turtle.  
October 8 – Board Meeting, 1-3 p.m. Erry Johnson's home.  
October 10 - Opening Meeting

October 17 – Day on the Hill, 9:30-1 p.m. (program 10 a.m.-12 p.m.)  
 October 17 – Wellesley Meet-up, 7-9 p.m., WSH cafeteria.  
 October 20 – LWVW Social & New Member Welcome, 4-5:30 p.m. Anne Rippy Turtle home  
 October 24 – “She the People” with Author, 7-9 p.m. Co-sponsored with UU Wellesley Hills. Inform WMS and WHS about this event.  
 November 12 – Board Meeting, 1-3 p.m., Ellen Hallett’s home  
 November 14 – “Paris to Pittsburgh”, Program on climate change. 7-9 p.m. Co-sponsored with UUSWH. Inform WMS and WHS about this event.  
 November 15 – Brown Bag Lunch with School Committee members, 12-2 pm, Barbara McMahon home.  
 December 4 – “How to Run for Office”, 7:30-9 p.m. Recreation Dept.  
 December 5/8 – Special Town Meeting Prep. Location/Time TBD  
 December 10 – Board Meeting 9:30-12. & Holiday Party 12:30-2 p.m. Susan Clapham’s home.

- d) Panel on Affordable Housing – will feature Amy Daine, author of [\*The State of Zoning for Multi-Family Housing In Greater Boston\*](#) report released June 2019. She is available January 23 or 30. The Board recommended January 23 at 7-9 p.m. at the WFL. Other panelist suggested were: Alice Peisch, a housing official from the appropriate state agency, someone who lives in affordable housing. It was suggested that the conversation focus on the benefits of diverse housing. Ann-Mara will take the lead on planning for this event.
- e) Town Meeting Prep in March 2020 – Barbara McMahon and Heather Sawitsky will organize it.
- f) Branding all event publicity with the LWVW logo to create a consistent identity was suggested.

#### **5. Voter Service – Erry Johnson**

- a) September 24 – *National Voter Registration Day*. LWVW will have volunteers at WHS to register 18-year olds and pre-register 16 and 17-year-old students.
- b) December 4 - *How To Run for Public Office* has been scheduled and plans are well underway.
- c) *March 12 - Meet the Candidate’s Night*. Erry will organize a team to develop questions for the candidates. Ann-Mara and Ann R. volunteered.

#### **6. Membership Update – Anne Rippy Turtle (written report)**

- a) September 13 Brown Bag lunch with Meghan Jop. Plans for the event at Anne’s home are set.
- b) October 20 LWVW Social will also be held at Anne’s home. The program was discussed.
- c) One new member joined over the summer. Jenny and Anne met to discuss and transfer membership information.

#### **7. Legislative Envoy Update – Tanya Roy**

- a) There are 15 Legislative Specialists statewide who research, track and report on the progress of bills they are supporting. They form the Legislative Action Committee that recommends various bills for advocacy. The LWVMA website has detailed information on the [\*LWVMA’s advocacy activities\*](#). Ballot questions are also studied and positions recommended.
- b) On a national level, the LWVUS is focusing on redistricting by supporting initiatives to institute independent state redistricting commissions.
- c) Tanya is Co-chair of the LWVMA’s Voter Engagement Committee that seeks to support voter registration efforts around the state.
- d) The Day on the Hill will be held on October 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Annually LWVMA members gather at the State House to discuss upcoming legislation and advocacy. This year, Mass. Senate President Karen Spilka will be the keynote speaker. After the program, members will visit

legislators to advocate for various bills. This event will be noted in the LWVW Newsletter. Those interested are encouraged to contact Susan Clapham to arrange group transportation.

- e) A national Climate Strike is planned for September 20. The League will be represented at the event which starts at City Hall at 10 a.m. and continues with a march to the State House at 1 p.m. Wellesley College students are organizing a march from the College to Town Hall where speakers will address climate change issues. All are welcome to participate.
- f) League Leaders Lunch will be held on October 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Worcester.
- g) As a Legislative Specialist for Transportation, Tanya is advocating on behalf of LWVMA for various bills that, for example, promote bicycle and pedestrian safety, require hands-free devices when driving, allow municipalities and regions to raise taxes for transportation projects, prohibit registration of new non-zero-emission vehicles after 2038, etc.

**8. Other Business:**

- a) A designated photographer is needed at LWVW events for postings and LWVW website.
- b) Ann R will host the April 2020 Board meeting and Kim will host the May meeting.
- c) A 9/11 Commemoration event will be held at the main Fire Station at 9:45 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Hallett  
Secretary