

**League of Women Voters of Wellesley**  
**Planning Meeting Minutes**  
**August 7, 2019 | 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.**  
Village Church, Wellesley, MA

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Co-president Susan Clapham. A quorum was present.

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

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

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

- a) Ann Rappaport has agreed to serve as the Board member to the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee.
- b) LWVW has reserved the showcases at the lobby entrance of WFL for the month of September 2020 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, the founding of the LWV and to encourage voter turnout for the 2020 election in November.
- c) A call to members interested in planning and organizing the 100-year anniversaries will be publicized.
- d) LWVW participated in the Wellesley Square July Jubilation day (7/20/19). Information about the League and applications for membership were distributed to those interested.

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

- a) In July, the iContact annual bill, which was \$119.21, was paid
- b) FY'19 ended with net income totaling \$1,439.14.
- c) As of June 30, 2019, total assets amounted to \$27,991.29.
- d) The spring FY'19 Finance Drive brought in \$375.
- e) LWVW will ask LWVMA to provide the names of donors to the Phonathon Drive in order to thank them. Ann and Susan will look into thank you cards.

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

- a) The board approved a change of the LWVW tag line to "Making Democracy Work" from "Democracy in not a spectator sport".
- b) The board reviewed the tentative fall 2019 event calendar through November 2019. (Attachment A)
- c) 10/17/19 - Day-on-the-Hill is an addition
- d) 10/17/19 – The Meet-Up is work in progress. How to attract residents, the venue and a possible theme were discussed. One idea was to have each board give a brief "elevator speech" at the beginning of the event about what it does and what is on its agenda. The COA and WHS will be explored as possible venues.
- e) 10/20/19 - LWVW social – Anne will ask Tanya and Laura Brown MacKinnon to speak about activities they are involved in.

- f) 10/24/19 & 11/14/19 – A motion was made and seconded to co-sponsor with Unitarian Universalist Church two events: “She the People” (a book about the history of women getting the vote told in a light and humorous way. The author will be speaking.) on 10/24 and “Paris to Pittsburgh” (a program on climate change) on 11/14. Both at 7-9 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried on a voice vote.

**Voted: To co-sponsor with the Unitarian Universalist Church “She the People” on 10/24/19 and “Paris to Pittsburgh” on 11/14/19.**

- g) Affordable housing is a current issue the town is dealing with, e.g. 40B requirements, production plan, Wellesley Office Park development, Tailby and Gateway projects. The League can help educate the community on affordable housing and the benefits of diverse housing options.
- h) Invite the new Housing Authority Director and Wellesley Housing Authority Chair, Maura Renzella, to Brown Bag Lunch in winter/spring. Possibly hold it at public housing site (e.g. Barton Rd.) or visit the site first then hold the luncheon discussion.
- i) 2020 – Possibly hold Brown Bag Lunch with new DPW officials.

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

- a) 8/21/19 – Voter Registration at *Lowell Naturalization Ceremony*. Five volunteers have signed up.
- b) 9/24/19 – *National Voter Registration Day at WHS*. A notice inviting members to volunteer will be posted.
- c) 12/4/19 – *How To Run For Local Public Office* is set. Kim will prepare a press release or article and encourage candidates to observe the board they are interested in prior to declaring their candidacy.
- d) 3/3/20 – Presidential primary
- e) 3/12/20 – *Meet the Candidates Night*. A venue is being explored.
- f) 3/17/20 – Town Elections
- g) 9/15/20 – State primary
- h) Fall 2020 – Forum on 2020 ballot questions
- i) 11/3/20 – General Election
- j) *Candidate Handbook* update is in review. Completion by November 2019.
- k) *Town Government Handbook* is under review by Gig Babson. Completion date: March 2020
- l) *Town Government Overview: How Government Works*. Kim and Erry are updating it. Ann Rappaport and Susan C. to assist.
- m) Student outreach – discussion about outreach to WHS student organizations, e.g. inviting students to Day on the Hill and Opening Meeting.

## **6. Publicity and Marketing – Kim Maire**

- a) Wellesley/Weston Magazine will feature an article about the LWVW in its fall 2019 issue. Our 50-year members, Anne Turtle and Mary Ann Cluggish, have agreed to be interviewed. In addition, Tanya Roy and her daughter, Anna, who interned with Rep. Alice Peisch this summer, were suggested as other LWVW members to be interviewed.
- b) Defining our message: Kim suggested we develop an elevator speech about who we are and what we do.
- c) Kim also proposed creating an inventory of LWVW materials, which would be useful for assessing and accessing our materials/supplies for our various events.

- d) How expansive do we want our Public Relations effort to be? Should the focus be on publicizing local public events or starting a more expansive approach? A more expansive approach might include re-establishing an observer corps, possibly a weekly column in the Townsman or a podcast or video news show. No determination was made.

## **7. Other Business**

- a) Anne Turtle distributed the *2018-2020 LWVUS Impact on Issues: Guide to Public Policy Positions* booklet to board members.
- b) *Dark Money* viewing: After some discussion, it was agreed that LWVW would not co-sponsor a viewing of this film largely due to already full schedule of events in October.
- c) Complete Census Count: The Board of Selectmen does not believe that getting a complete census count is an issue. Further, it has no resources budgeted for this project.
- d) ERA: The ERA amendment is one state short of the  $\frac{3}{4}$  states ratification required. However, the original ratification deadline must first be removed. The LWVUS supports removal of the deadline. (See [LWVUS July, 2019 letter](#) to the House Judiciary Committee.

The meeting ended at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Hallett, Secretary

**2019 to 2020 – Still TENTATIVE LWVW CALENDAR – AUG 1<sup>st</sup>- Corrected draft**

**Wed. June 19 Board Meeting – Noon – 2 pm – Susan Clapham’s**

**August**

**Weds. Aug. 7 Summer Board Meeting/Retreat – 10 am – 1 pm Village Church**

Weds. Aug. 21 Naturalization Ceremony - Lowell  
(Wellesley Schools start –Weds. August 28)

**September**

(Mon. Sept. 2 – Labor Day)  
**Tues. Sept. 10 Board Meeting – 1 – 3 pm Jenny Zannetos’s**

Fri. Sept. 13/20 Brown Bag Lunch – with Meghan Jop?

(Mon. Sept. 23 – Wellesley Club meets)  
Tues. Sept. 24 National Voters Registration Day 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Wel. HS  
(Mon. Sept. 30 - Rosh Hashanah – no school)

**October**

**Tues. Oct. 8 Board Meeting – 1 pm - 3 pm at Erry Johnson’s**  
(Weds. Oct. 9 –Yom Kippur – no school)

**Thur. Oct. 10 Opening Meeting with Adam Friedman on Ranked Choice Voting  
Wakelin Room from 6:30 – 9 pm**

(Mon. Oct. 14 - Columbus Day – no school)  
**Thur. Oct. 17 Day on the Hill –State House, Boston – 10 am – 12 pm**

**Thur. Oct. 17 Wellesley Meet up 7 pm – 9 pm – Place?**

**Sun. Oct. 20 LWVW Social Event/new members meeting 4 – 5:30 pm at ?**

**Thur. Oct. 24 “She the People” at UUSWH – 7 pm – 8 pm co-sponsor?**  
(Mon, Oct.28 – Wellesley Club meets)

**November**

**Fri. Nov. 8/15 Brown Bag Lunch re:HHU? School Comm?**

(Mon. Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Observed – no school)  
**Tues. Nov. 12 Board Meeting – 1pm – 3 pm at Ellen Hallett’s**

**Thur. Nov. 14 “Paris to Pittsburg” – program on Climate Change – 7 – 9 pm  
Co-sponsor with UU Wellesley Hills & others?**