

Meeting Minutes
Township of Ocean LWV
3/13/2013

Ted Dellinger called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. In addition to Ted, the following members were in attendance:

Don Curtis
Marie Curtis
Peggy Dellinger
Dallas Grove
Robert Grove
Bill Madden
Sally Madden
Susan Sferas

The first item on the Agenda was the Treasurer's report. Don provided copies and pointed out that the reasons for the ##### in the Year To Date column were related to the column width. Robert or Don will fix this. The Year To Date income is \$1611.10 and the Year To Date expenses are \$1848.20. Don explained that this was due to the need to pay insurance and ½ year PMP. There was also discussion on changing the column heading 'Previous Month' on the report to 'Previous Period' or 'Previous Report' since we are not meeting or preparing a Treasurer's report on a monthly basis. Don and Robert will review that. The Treasurer's report was accepted

Old Business:

Marie reported that the ILO dinner/theatre fundraiser was successful and did raise some money. She reported that the date of the Human Trafficking program is April 25th at Brookdale and asked that people reach out to their contacts – particularly college and high school students since they are particularly vulnerable. Sally suggested contacting the health classes at the Ocean Township High School.

Susan reported that she had contacted members by phone and e-mail for Callathon and was somewhat successful. She had also called the State office and confirmed that Judy Benn and Warren Goode had already contributed and we would be credited with their

donations also. Susan will mail the paperwork back to the State within the week.

Annual Meeting Date and Program:

The original date and location of the Annual Meeting was 5/29 at Lois Kiely's – Peggy will check with Lois as to whether the 29th is still okay since she is first coming home that day from Arizona. Peggy will contact Porta in Asbury Park about obtaining their large room for the meeting and providing a dinner in the restaurant beforehand. The alternate date proposed to 5/29 is 6/1. Peggy will provide an update via e-mail.

LWVTO.org:

Ted reported that the Hudson's notes were added along with a disclaimer that the League does not 'sanction' any opinions expressed. Peggy reported on the marketing plan. She had sent the committee a sample letter that we could use to promote it to town officials and those who had provided the information used on the website. She asked for feedback. Also, Sally suggested creating business cards to promote the website and getting a feature story in the Ocean newspaper. Peggy will provide a suggested format for the business card. The plan is to provide a copy of the LWVNJ Citizens Guide with the letter. Susan will find out when the Citizen's Guide will be available. Finally, Bill agreed to take some more pictures for the website.

LWVNJ Convention – Susan and Bill will attend as delegates. Peggy moved and Robert seconded that the LWVTO pay for 2 delegates. The motion passed unanimously and Susan will register. Bill Madden will be the other delegate.

Observer Corps Report – Sally and Bill reported that they had attended several meetings and that the Council members are very polite to the public and patient. There are usually 20+ people at the meeting. Bill explained some information on affordable housing and some of the Sandy-related costs for the town.

Facts & Issues TV Show – Marie reported that there is a problem with continuing to use the studio at Cablevision due to some reorganization there. Ted and Marie will be working with both

Cablevision and Tom Row (sp?) locally about how to proceed – i.e. determine what we need to do in order to continue to use the studio or should we start taping the shows locally and showing them on Ocean's local access channel.

Asbury Park Candidate's Forum – Our League has been contacted about assisting the citizens in Asbury Park with a candidates' forum for approximately 23 candidates for City Council. There was a lot of discussion about possible alternatives to the traditional format in order to provide the best possible experience and opportunity for both the candidates and the citizens attending. Marie, Peggy and Bill had a meeting scheduled that Friday with the organizers. (Peggy subsequently sent an e-mail with the plans that were made).

Future of LWVTO – Sally reported on her experience acting as a 'coach' for local leagues under the auspices of the National program of nurturing state leaders as coaches using 'Best Practices'. She explained that they have meetings each month where the coaches provide guidance on getting new members involved and some newer ways of operating leagues considering available technology and the different lifestyles of today's members. The group agreed to having a 'retreat' – perhaps in August to discuss how we may apply some of these ideas to try and ensure the future of our own League. Sally will provide some information prior to that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sferas