

# **Twp of Ocean League of Women Voters**

## ***Program Planning Meeting***

**Jan 29, 2014**

Home of the Curtises

### **Attending:**

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

### **Discussion and Decisions:**

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report accepted as submitted.

#### Update membership/email list

Sue will send to Don current membership list with email addresses. Don will circulate to those attending for update, and corrected list will be sent by Don to Sue who will forward to everyone on the list.

LWVTO roster (w/o email addresses) due to LWVNJ Jan 31, and already sent in by Don.

#### Observer Corps

Maddens report there appears to be gap between agendas of Council working and public sessions. F Hudson expressed concern that meeting times are not publically announced, but are posted on bulletin board at Town Hall. Maddens to clarify with Clerk V Buttiglieri a protocol for meeting schedule notification including agenda, as first step in a potential LWVTO effort to influence the Council in the areas of:

- Meeting schedule notification protocol
- Use of cell phones by council members during meetings
- Too few agendas available for distribution at meetings
- Notations and jargon used in minutes and agendas so arcane as to be not understood
- Cabelcasting council meetings

Township employees now have Health Savings Account option in healthcare package, with Town providing some incentive to enrollment. New plan saves Town premiums as healthcare package moves to higher deductible options.

#### LWVTO.ORG and Facts & Issues (F&I)

Website redesign moves F&I videos to an F&I page archiving all shows. Videos are now hosted on Vimeo, moved from Youtube.

LWVTO meeting minutes have been taken down, and will reappear NLT 5/30/14 on a member's only page.

Recent F&I shows include School Superintendent John Lysko on school security, Denise Parlamas on the Community Hope Fund. Not yet published are shows featuring Public Works Director Bill McMahon, and the TOGS program at the high school.

Ocean TV's Tom Reu is unavailable until late February. Upcoming shows planned will feature township department heads.

Ted will schedule and chair meeting of those interested, including Marie, Dallas, Don, to discuss strategic plans for F&I.

Call-a-thon

Sue will make calls and notify LWVNJ of our participation.

LWVUS

- Urges membership to use website to support restoration of the Voting Rights Act and EPA limits on carbon pollution.
- Annual Convention – Sue considering attending, and will decide by March meeting.

Program Planning (Sue Sferas)

New procedure – Local leagues may recommend concurrence, change/update, or new study on two policy positions, with the second weighted at 50%

Suggestion from LWVTO – we support the changed procedure but would like a way to recommend where to put our lobbying emphasis.

Sense of meeting is to recommend concurrence with LWVNJ human trafficking position. To be included on form to be submitted: "We participated in state study. Women and children are the usual victims. As LWV we are the organization that should take this on."

The 50% solution, aka second recommendation, was to update the Natural Resources, with a review of energy and water resources with respect to the impacts of hydraulic fracturing and other issues (e.g. oil from tar sands).

Next meeting, March 26, at the Historical Museum

Potluck. Review updates to LWV Agriculture policy.