

LWVTO Organizational Meeting  
Township of Ocean LWV  
Home of Peggy and Ted Dellinger  
September 30th, 2014

Susan Sferas called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and noted two adjustments to the Agenda.

In addition to Susan, the following members were in attendance: Pamela Caputo, Don Curtis, Marie Curtis, Peggy Dellinger, Ted Dellinger, Lois Kiely, Bill Madden and Sally Madden.

Pamela Caputo volunteered to take the minutes of the meeting.

**Review of Minutes of Organizational Meeting of 7/30**

The Committee noted minor corrections on draft of Minutes and opened a discussion about the list of Elected and Appointed Members of the Committee of the Whole, per Operational Guidelines. Dallas Grove was appointed as the fifth Director.

Ted Dellinger will publish the complete list of Elected and Appointed Directors along with contact information on the LWVTO website.

Dallas moved and Marie seconded that we accept the Meeting Minutes with corrections.

**Treasurer's Report**

Don Curtis presented the treasurer's report. An additional \$300 in Membership dues was deposited; all members have paid. The updated Membership List will also be published on the LWVTO website.

Marie moved and Bill seconded to accept the Treasurer's report for audit.

**ILO Activities**

Marie reported on the **Membership Fair** from September 17<sup>th</sup> at the JBJ Soul Kitchen in Red Bank. Despite a beautiful presentation and representation from all three Monmouth leagues, the event did not attract enough visitors to be deemed successful, despite two new members for the Town of Ocean.

Peggy suggested and all agreed to cancel plans to hold a similar event in Asbury Park.

Sally suggested that we table at the Asbury forum, October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion continued around ways to drive membership, at library or forums. Sally suggested that we create a calendar of events where the public is invited.

Sue noted plan to add new member orientation and calendar to the Agenda for the next meeting.

The ILO **Freeholders Candidates Forum** is scheduled for 7p, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Monmouth Public Library in Manalapan.

Discussion about candidates and questions noted

- There are 4 candidates for 2 seats
  - Incumbents Lillian Burry and Gary Rich
  - Challengers Larry Luttrell and Joe Grillo
- Questions will be developed and decided by the Committee via email over the next two weeks and will include
  - Cost-cutting plans and accountability (mosquito control, helicopter sale, drug addiction staff reduction, solid waste staff reduction)
  - Sustainability of services
  - Consolidation of power in DPW
- Videotaping of Freeholders Forum will be discussed with Sharon Steinhorn
- Marie will draft announcement of ILO Forum on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Marie revisited the **Spring Forum** re Water Infrastructure. Urban

The **Pinelands trip** still needs an expert and a bus. Sally suggested we volunteer to plan the trip for the Seabrook community, using their bus. This would create a great opportunity to recruit new members, too.

### **Township of Ocean – Upcoming Events**

#### **Voter Services – Forums, Registration**

LWVTO will moderate a **Candidate Forum for the Board of Education** on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p at the Board of Education offices.

Marie contacted the candidates and as of 9/30, it is uncertain how many candidates will participate. If there are only 3, the event will become a Meet the Candidates.

Discussion included how to promote the event to make sure it is well attended and how to enable candidates to enroll and participate up to the night of the event.

- Marie will continue to reach out to candidates for participation. Once we know participants,
- Peggy will create a flyer and have the event posted on the TO electronic billboards.
- The Maddens will distribute printed flyers starting the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Peggy will send packet containing ground rules for debate to State for approval if there are enough candidates for Forum.
- We will have a LWVTO table with membership information.

Pamela will moderate or host.

Susan will be Timer.

LWVTO will moderate all 3 debates of the **Asbury Forums** on October 21<sup>st</sup> (Board of Ed) and 22<sup>nd</sup> (Council and Mayor) at the VFW on Lake Avenue, starting at 7p each night.

- Bill will Moderate
- Bob and Ted will be Timers
- Sally and Peggy will handle questions.
- John Kaplow of APTV will provide name tents and pens.
- We need to provide yellow folder and stop watch.

As of 9/30, only 9 responses have been rec'd from the 18 candidates running for the Board of Ed, City Council, and Mayor.

Lois suggested we include questions about the evaluation of costs surrounding out of district students.

Don and Marie Curtis attended **Back to School Night in Ocean**. This year's event was not as productive as past years due to the organizer's late notice. Some voters did receive material. Suggestions for attracting visitors to us when tabling included a drawing for some giveaway.

**New Member Orientation Plan** for our new, recent, and dormant members is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> at the OT Historical Museum. Time TBD

- Marie will provide an outline of a 90 minute presentation
- Bob will reach out to dormant members, especially Sylvia, Ann, and Susan
- Peggy will secure the Museum space
- Sally and Sue will look for Orientation materials from National
- Ted will demonstrate the website
- We can run the Heroes tape
- Discussion of how members with "single issue" interest are still valuable and welcome.
- Dessert/Cider was discussed but not assigned (?)

**Charter School Consensus Meeting** will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> for Members and prospective members.

- Turner Gallery TBD
- 6:30 – 7p Munch and Mingle
  - everyone byow
  - Sally – sandwiches
  - Susan – chips
  - (??) - paper goods
  - Pamela – Seltzer/Soda/Juice
- Susan will attend the LWVGRBA on the 18<sup>th</sup> and report back
- Peggy will ask Ann Freedman to run meeting
- Susan will send out email with Save the Date
- New members and Prospective Members to be included although only Members are eligible to vote.

**Other Items**

October 11<sup>th</sup> – Workshop at Brookdale, early registration extended.

**Calendar Planning**

October 18<sup>th</sup> – LWVGRBA Charter School Consensus Meeting at Shrewsbury Library

October 21<sup>st</sup> – Asbury Park BOE Forum at the VFW

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Asbury Park Forums for Council and Mayor at the VFW

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Freeholders Forum at Manalapan Library

October 29<sup>th</sup> – LWVTO Charter School Consensus Meeting

November 12<sup>th</sup> – New Member Orientation at TO Historical Museum

December 28<sup>th</sup> – holiday party – Dellinger's

January 28<sup>th</sup> – State Program Planning at the Curtis's

June TBD – Annual Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Pamela Caputo

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