

Twp of Ocean League of Women Voters Meeting

March 11, 2015
Home of the Dellingers

ATTENDING:

Pam Caputo	Peggy Dellinger	Dallas Grove	Wilma Pfeffer
Anne Freedman	Ted Dellinger	Robert Grove	Sue Sferas

DISCUSSION and DECISIONS (action items noted in red):

League business

Treasurer's Position/Report

- Robert has the key to the LWVTO post office box and has been collecting our mail, including the most recent bank statement. The current balance is \$4,841.76.
- Robert believes that Don had paid both state and national dues, although the envelopes to the recipients seemed to have switched. The state has sent the national office its check. **Robert will follow up, as needed, to confirm that the state receives its payment.**
- Robert visited a branch of the Santander Bank to learn what was needed to authorize changing the signatures on the LWVTO checking account from Don's name to Robert (as our new treasurer) and Sue (as an elected director). He learned that the bank requires a written authorization on League letterhead. **Peggy agreed to generate the letter (signed by Ted, as an elected director), and Robert and Sue agreed to take the letter to the West Park branch (where we believe the account was originally opened) with the letter (and the two forms of personal ID required).**

Honoring Don

- Dallas moved to take \$200 from the treasury to support state League and honor the memory of Don Curtis, by sponsoring a half-page ad in the LWVNJ convention book; Pam seconded. **Peggy agreed to prepare the copy and Dallas offered to track down the specifications.** The ad will include Don's photo and a tribute to his contributions to and roles in League.

State Convention

- We have budgeted for two delegates. **Pam and Sue offered to represent us.** Anne expressed interest and will visit the website to learn more. We agree to pay her attendance fee, if she decides to go.

LWV Handbooks

- **Agreed that Robert will order 30 copies,** to be given to the Council, guests on *Facts and Issues*, and others.

Callathon

- **Sue has once again offered to call the members on our behalf.** Dallas has emailed the membership suggesting that those who are participating might consider making their contributions in Don's memory.

Facts and Issues

Host

- Dallas is hosting the show until Marie is able to know her plans going forward. Pam offered to support Dallas in any capacity needed. Both Pam and Dallas have professional production experience.
- State Senator Jennifer Beck is Dallas's guest March 24.
- Dallas has invited town clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri to interview April 7 and review what every voter should know about the upcoming municipal election. The program will be cablecast and available on lwvto.org in the weeks prior to the election (May 12).
- Dallas will ask the Ocean chief of police (whose scheduled interview was postponed) if he is available to be interviewed, also on April 7.

- Pam suggested the name of a master gardener as a potential future guest.

Ocean Township Council Candidate's Forum

Logistics

- Peggy reserved the auditorium of the Board of Education Administrative Building for Wednesday, May 6, 7 to 9:30. **Robert will have the current LWV certificate of insurance sent to Rocelle Lezmi (rlezmi@oceanschools.org) at the Board offices.**
- Peggy will stop by the building early May 6 to ensure the auditorium is set up as needed and the janitor is alerted to open the doors (now secured by a digital entry system).**

Moderator and Format

- Pam agreed to moderate and Sue offered to help her prepare.**
- SEATING:** The eleven candidates will be seated alphabetically within slates. The independent will be seated between the two slates.
- TIMING:** Agreed on one-minute opening and two-minute closing statements (a total of 33 of the forum's 90 minutes). Decided on 90-second responses to questions (longer than the tradition one minute to allow a bit more time for meaningful responses). Agreed that the moderator would not call on every candidate to answer every question—but rather ask for a response from each slate and the independent and then open the floor to anyone else who would like to respond. We believe this design will keep the discussion more lively and allow for more questions. The moderator will, as always, keep track of who has responded, but make no attempt to ensure everyone answers.
- QUESTIONS FOR THE WEBSITE:** Agreed that even though the slates have positions posted on their websites, the League adds value by asking candidates to respond individually to its questions. Decided to ask three questions—one on personal priority for change/improvement of the township, two based on local League positions (participation of citizens in government and environmental and energy standards). **Peggy will draft the questions and send to the meeting attendees for review.** Agreed to limit responses to 100 words.
- BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE WEBSITE:** Decided to increase limit from 50 (used for 2014 Board of Ed candidates) to 100.
- MAILING OF PACKAGES:** **Peggy will generate the packages for certified mailing.** Wilma and Pam offered to help collate and prepare. Pam agreed to contact (voice and email) Siciliano and Sylvia (heads of the two slates) and Napolitani (independent) to "save the date."
- PUBLICITY:** **Peggy will create a flyer.** Pam (subsequent to our meeting) has already talked to Town Hall and arranged for the Forum notice to be posted on the town's outside digital signs.
- REGISTRATION:** We talked about possible registration drives before the April deadline for the May election, but reached no decision.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Next Meeting: 6:30, Wednesday, April 29, at the Groves