

2014 Annual Meeting Minutes
Township of Ocean LWV
June 19, 2014

Dallas Grove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. In addition to Dallas, the following members were in attendance: Pamela Caputo, Don Curtis, Marie Curtis, Peggy Dellinger, Ted Dellinger, Janet Ferrante, Susan Sferas, Lois Kiely, Bill Madden and Sally Madden. Art Ferrante also attended as a guest.

Susan Sferas volunteered to take the minutes of the meeting.

The agenda was adjusted to move Ted's Website report to the end in order for him to prepare a video presentation.

Treasurer's Report

Don Curtis presented the treasurer's report. The latest income recorded was for the play 'Once' in NY which Kay Jannarone ran. This gave us a profit of \$157. On the expense side, there were expenses of \$120 for NJ handbooks and \$29.22 for website maintenance.

Janet Ferrante asked if we could mail handbooks to members and other people we buy them for so that they didn't go to waste. There was some discussion and the sense was that it would be good to mail them to members who don't attend meetings but it would be more effective to hand deliver them to Town Council, Planning Board members, etc. rather than mailing them. This was raised again during the budget discussion which followed. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Budget

Robert Grove presented the proposed Budget. Pamela moved amending as indicated to allow for some Board expense that may be needed to support a membership drive being coordinated by the ILO. Janet also moved \$30 be added for postage for mailing handbooks. Janet moved the amended budget and Peggy seconded. The budget passed unanimously. (See attached for revised copy).

Bylaws

Robert Grove reported that the committee charged with the review of the non-partisan policy identified an issue in our bylaws that needed addressing. The recommendation is to add wording to the bylaws section which defines the 'Board of Directors' the wording 'acting as Committee of the Whole'. Peggy moved and Janet seconded that we accept this bylaws change. There was further discussion about how to implement this – i.e. identifying new roles – a leadership team to include spokesperson, money person, webmaster, membership coordinator. A decision was made that during calendar planning later in the meeting, another session would be planned to devote to this discussion.

Facts & Issues

Marie reported that the various departments of Ocean Township government have been the focus of the shows. The shows are available on the LWVTO website.

Township of Ocean Council Observers

Bill and Sally Madden reported on some of the meetings that they had attended. Bill indicated that they also attend workshop sessions and at a session that they attended, a vote was taken on something without the public being aware since it wasn't in the normal public portion. Bill questioned the clerk who indicated it was allowed. Peggy asked if there is any issue with the council members texting during the meeting. Dallas said she would follow up with the State League to see if there is any kind of position that we have where if that is an issue we can speak to it. Bill & Sally requested that others be available to attend meetings when they are unable to do so.

Voter Service

The group decided to table discussion about a Candidates forum for either the Congressional election or the Township of Ocean May 2015 election to the organizational meeting to be scheduled later.

ILO

Marie announced that the ILO will be contacting all Local Leagues about participating in a membership fair in the fall to help get new members for all the 3 local leagues.

National Convention

Dallas reported that the program that was passed included Voting rights and Campaign Finance reform. There was also a concurrence with the NJ position on Human Trafficking.

Election of Officers – Management Model

Susan Sferas – 2 years
Robert Grove – 1 year
Ted Dellinger – 1 year
Marie Curtis – 2 years
Don Curtis - ? Treasurer

Peggy moved and Pamela seconded and the motion to elect these members carried.

New Business – Fund Raising

Janet suggested a raffle. Several theatres including The Showroom, Revision Theater and NJ Rep were identified as potential fundraising opportunities.

Announcements

Dallas announced that there are several upcoming local elections – Board of Education – November 2014, Fire Districts – February 2015 and Township Council – May 2015.

Website

Ted presented the intended design for the members only portion of the lwvto.org website. Members discussed what should be kept on the members only site under password protection. The group agreed to post the membership roster and contact information as well as meeting minutes. The password is league1920. It was agreed

that draft minutes will be posted, marked DRAFT, and an email sent to the membership asking for their review. When approved and amended, the final version of the minutes will replace the draft on the Members Only part of the website.

Janet Ferrante agreed to send packages including the handbook, password and dues notice to members who had not attended the annual meeting. Sally will provide Janet with league stationery and Janet will draft the message to the members.

Volunteers – Management Team

The following people agreed to serve as appointed directors:
Bill Madden, Sally Madden, Peggy Dellinger, Pamela Caputo.

Calendar Planning

Next Meeting – Organizational Meeting – Wednesday, July 30th 6:30 PM – at the home of Robert & Dallas Grove

Agenda will include discussion of the information available on the League's national website about re-purposing your League's impact and newer management structures.

Other Meetings –

October 29th – location tbd

December 28th – holiday party – Dellinger's

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Susan Sferas