

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NASSAU COUNTY

Minutes of July 13, 2006 Board of Director Meeting

Pomodoro Restaurant –New Hyde Park

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 P.M. by President Riza Laudin.

Maxime Klein was introduced as a new Board member to handle Membership.

ATTENDANCE: Marjorie Latz, Eleanor Berger, Barbara Josepher, Sarah Nicholas, Riza Lauden, Maxine Kline, Paula Blum, Barbara Epstein, Rachael Krinsky, JoAnn Farley, Debbie Shichtman, Flora Schwartz, Shirley and Phil Siegal

MINUTES OF JUNE BOARD MEETING

- 1) Rachael Krinsky corrected the spelling of her name.
- 2) Under **VOTER'S GUIDE**, the sentence "It is possible that the State may charge a small stipend for this effort", should read: "There will be a design charge per page for our additions, plus a royalty to State".
- 3) **MOTION** by Eleanor Berger to accept minutes as corrected. **MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Schmertz

Annual Report –Fiscal Year 2005- 2006

Balance on hand 7/1/05	\$ 7,688.61
Income 7/1/05 – 6/30/06	33,319.22
Expenses 7/1/05 – 6/30/06	34,870.69
Balance on hand 6/30/06	\$6,137.14

In addition, there is \$1215- in our Grants Management account at LWNYS Education Foundation

Amounts listed as income from Women's History Lunch and Journal includes receipt of funds from LWNYS Ed Foundation collected for last year's event which was \$1070. This year we collected \$1215 which we will apply for in the next fiscal year.

Had unusually high expenses for telephone due to having to move the phone. High expenses for Professional Services resulted from our Personnel changes.

Speakers Bureau made more profit than budgeted due to some moderators who acted on behalf of the County League.

Website expenses not budgeted were \$128. Received more interest than budgeted.

Profit from Post Election Lunch \$843 although budgeted for \$1000.

Profit from County Convention \$370-, from Women's History Event \$3252, from Journal \$1700. Actual profit, taking into account funds in LWNYSSEF was close to \$3400.

They Represent You's profit was \$1740 due to increased underwriting. Voters Guide sustained a loss of \$649.

Budget included taking \$2170 from reserves. Our expenses were \$1551 higher than our income.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Riza Lauden

Membership records nationwide have fallen. Leagues were urged to partake of Membership initiatives.

VOTER SERVICES

- 1) Voters Guide: Eleanor Berger. Coordinating the work with Rob Marchiony from State League. She and Barbara Josepher are planning to get the listing of our local candidates. Every-thing will be printed here. Barbara is getting quotes from different

printers. The paper size will be smaller than we usually print. We will order 30,000. It was **MOVED** by Barbara Epstein and **SECONDED** that we order 30,000 Voters Guides from the least expensive printer. This was amended to leave the selection up to Barbara and Eleanor. **MOTION PASSED.**

- 2) U.S. Senate Debate: Barbara Epstein. Date set for Sunday afternoon Oct. 22nd at Adelphi. WLIW want total editorial control which we will not accept. Memorandum going out to the political candidates to let them know the date. Looking for a moderator, etc. We will have a committee mtg. in a few weeks. Can have an empty chair as long as there are 2 other candidates.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Sarah Nicholas

- 1) The updated Bylaws were handed out.
- 2) ACLU asked if we wanted to co-sponsor an essay contest. This would be another venue for us to get our name in the papers.
- 3) Long Beach LWV collected 500 signatures re the Lloyd Aquifer. Many were familiar with the issue. This morning in Bayville there was a press conference in a parking lot. Judy Jacobs was surrounded by Suffolk and Nassau County legislators. They want Suffolk County to withdraw their application to drill in the aquifer. If Suffolk Cty. gets permission, then 54 counties will want to drill.
- 4) Although she sends out many Emails, she doesn't get answers.

HOUSING: Barbara Epstein

Judy Schmertz made a statement in support of Affordable Housing at a Legislative Hearing. There were 3 county wide hearings. Different people went to each one. Now the Town of Hempstead will make a decision. We are going to prepare a presentation to league groups and to other community organizations on Housing.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Shirley Siegal

For the past 6 years she has been working to establish, then administer the Stanton Cleaners Area Community Group, Inc. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Technical Adviser Grant. The Stanton Cleaners Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site, Great Neck, is listed as a National Priorities site. Nassau County Dept. of Health Hazardous Waste Inspectors are few in number. More inspectors are needed to prevent small business bad housekeeping from developing into millions of dollars spent on cleaning up Superfund sites. Right now Nassau Cty. is gearing up for the budget. We must let them know that the Dept. of Health needs more Hazardous Waste inspectors to visit all dry cleaners, auto body shops, auto repair shops and printers

HUB: Barbara Epstein

Lighthouse Group has gotten into the study. Tremendous building at the coliseum. Something seeped into the aquifer – a leak from an old source. Spill and water goes back to emergency preparedness. We need a Community Emergency Response Team to notify people regarding emergencies. Shirley S. added that we need more health inspectors because prevention is cheaper than remediation. It was **MOVED** that we send a letter to Nassau County Legislature saying that we would like to see moneys for additional health site inspectors put in the budget. **MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.**

VOTING MACHINES: Paula Blum

- 1) There will be a Special Hearing on new voting machines to be held in Suffolk County on Thursday, July 27th, 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the W.H. Rogers Legislature Bldg., 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown. Vendors who will be submitting their machines to the NYS Board of Elections (BOE) for certification have all been invited. As of July 7th, 5 vendors have responded. Machines include 4 DREs and 3 optical scan systems. ES&S has committed to bring their ballot marker, the AutoMark, for the disabled. The public will be able to see and test the different machines.
- 2) Want to schedule 2 workshops to train moderators and speakers – Need to know which dates in August are not possible for people.
- 3) Road to the Voting Booth, Part I and III are being updated and will probably be on the League website some time in August. Part II is all about Voter Registration Drives..
- 4) Riza, Pat and Debbie will be meeting with Bo Lipari the last week in August to discuss strategy re: advocating for optical scan machines.

LOCAL PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Great Neck – Debbie Shichtman: Paula Blum came to their board mtg. and gave a great orientation on League policy, something their League needed to hear. Shirley Siegal and she went to the County Legislature session this week. Someone from Central Nassau was there who said she attends every Monday. For a mtg., they had a panel discussion on Homeland Security. The mayor spoke on local preparedness. He pointed out that the villages are working with the Town (North Hempstead). They are amassing preparedness and storage information.

Central Nassau – Rachael Krinsky: Amanda Jackson died. She was their Treasurer for ages and was a true asset to the League. They are planning a general mtg. at the end of Nov. on the latest developments on Health Care and what is to be covered. There is a Legislative Agenda for the end of January. In the Spring want to have a mtg. on the substitution of an income tax for a property tax. Howard Weitzman wants to come to talk about it. Having a joint Candidates mtg. with East Nassau lwv.

Greater Five Towns – Flora Schwartz: We planned our schedule for the entire year. Besides the regular Candidates mtg. we will have a “Come Judge the Judges” mtg. This is a first. We will also have something on the GI Bill for our Iraqi veterans plus a mtg. on Energy. Will try to communicate to the community on what is going on with the voter machines at an August 1st mtg.

East Nassau – Paula Blum: A number of members of their League have monitored the Housing Tenant Elections. Still selling VOTE pins at \$5-.

Long Beach – Riza Laudin: At the Arts & Crafts Fair, they had people sign the water protection petition and registered people to vote. Having a new members luncheon July 30th.

OTHER BUSINESS

Phil Siegal told us that he had worked for the City of New York for 35 years developing tests for the Dept. of Personnel. They combined with all the Civil Service Commissions from Boston to Georgia. Everyone used optical scanners. They were very accurate and cannot make mistakes. It was mentioned that these optical scanners today are different.

Upon MOTION by Barbara Josepher, SECONDED AND PASSED, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Marjorie Latz, Secretary