

LWV of Lackawanna County Meeting

April 14, 2007, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 502 Brennan Hall, University of Scranton

Attendance: Liz Randol, Eli Pascal, Andrea Mulrine, Tom Welby, Dan Schreffler

Minutes: Previous minutes on-line at www.lwvlackawanna.org

Membership/Treasurer Report: Presented – reviewed 2007-2008 budget and discussed increase in membership fees in order in response to state and nation per member payment increase. Suggesting \$50 for single and \$70 for household; and add a student membership at \$15.

Tasks/Action Items/Reports

- Judicial Reform Tour April 5, 5:30. Event was taped for TV61. Additional information placed our web site with disclaimer that not all reflective of all LWV views.
- DC Voting Rights Program – Two forums at University of Scranton, April 19, 6pm Redington, Collegiate Hall, and April 20, 12:00 Weinburg Memorial Library.
- Carbondale Debate: April 25th at CAHS. Andrea will ask Larry to tape. Dan will reach out to Carbondale News to work out some questions.
- Election night coverage on TV61 - May 15 – Andrea will organize.
- Debates:
 - Debates: County Commissioners/Controllers, Carbondale Mayor, Scranton City Council
 - Interviews: Scranton School Board, City Council, County Controller,
 - Details on Web Site
 - Many arrangements underway, and candidates beginning to RSVP. Tom to work out logistics with Scranton High School.
 - Need people to help out: time keeping and interviewers: Eli on 4/28. Tom on 4/28. Liz will ask Mary Ann Wardell for 5/5- 5/6
 - Discussed LWVLC policy on events and write-in's: Concern is new ease of write-ins and issues for possibly excluding some candidates. Will send out press release twice a year and make the information prominent on web site. Possibly a postcard in voter registration office provided to candidates to mail to us notifying us of candidacy.
- **Reviewed proposed changes to bylaws, to align with National LWV Will present all agreed to.**
 - ARTICLE II**
 - Purposes and Policy**
 - Sec. 1. **Purpose.** The purposes of the LWVLC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.
- Phonathon – April 16-21. Mary Alice will call those not contacted on 4/14.
- Board nominations: Call for nominations, as we will install officers at next meeting. Need to identify candidates for open board and nominating committee positions.
- The Fiesta En Scranton: LWVLC will have a voter registration table - 12pm – 3pm April 28th.
- Barry Kaufmann/Common Cause will be coming to area to form a network of groups interested in media and democracy issues: May 17 8am – 9:30 Brennan 500. Submit groups/contacts you think would be of interest to Liz.

2007 Meeting Schedule: Next meeting is Saturday May 5 at Brennan Hall Room 502, U of S. Future meetings: May 5.

Respectfully submitted 4/15/2007 D. Schreffler