

LWV of Lackawanna County Meeting
Saturday, November 7, 2009, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Room 404, DeNaple Center, University of
Scranton

Attendance: Bonnie Oldham, Dan Schreffler, Thom Welby, Mary Felley of Country Side Conservancy.
(Board has 3 open seats)

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

Membership/Treasurer Report: Report provided – concern is low rate of renewal. Ask all to get members.
Suggest we get brochures on table at First Friday events in Scranton.

Marcellus Shale Study – The LWV of PA is conducting a statewide study for consensus LWV LC on this issue.
Steps – study the issue, form consensus and then provide input to the state LWV. Consensus by March 26, 2010.

Discussion on how to approach this

Public education forum: January 20, 2010, 7pm – 9pm; 228 Brennan Hall.

Snow date TBD.

Identify speakers. Industry/geologist, economic/tax, environmental/water/air/habitat

Solicit question before hand

Can we reach out to Monroe, Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre, and Susquehanna County to help publicize.

Speak – 60 minutes, and questions

Publicize event: Letter to members, Letter to editor to publicize the event

Plans for education

Frame: this is as big as when coal was discovered.

Internet: LVW material

Advertise other events

Countryside conservancy links

LWV links

Facebook page

TV:

Public forum – on Jan 20. 2010

Partner with a group at the university

Televised – what station?

What has been done?

WVIA: - have done

Topics:

Opportunity to learn from the past

End to end costs to local economy

Contrasts to mining acid drainage, subsidence, culm piles

Frame issue: taxes, economy,

Infrastructure costs (road, improvement and maint)

Regulations – are they strong enough – does this benefit the public?

2009 Fall Candidate Events Wrap up

- Thom offered to help lessons learned from the candidate forum.
- We need camera operators or hire video. Suggested J2K productions or others like Craig F.

Election Night Returns

Want to understand set up and how we can adapt to the facility so we can do this live next year.

Presidents

2010 is LWV National Convention and LWV 90th is in February. The Voter has turned into an electronic newsletter. Shale study and membership are key state issues.

Suggest doing a voters guide as a new project – letter to members to see whom would like to do this. As simple as letters to candidates with questions and post on the web site..

Program for 2009-2010

- Women's History Month – Bonnie speaking to Women's Center at Uof S to verify partnership and if they should chair.
- Looking at a possible education program in Marcellus Shale Gas Extraction.
- How to run in 2011 – may be a good service project to update the binder.

To do's for annual meeting in May 2010

- Membership fees and adjusting Article 7 nominating committee portion of the bylaws requirements. A 2009-2010 task. Need to publish to membership in Jan or Feb.

2009 Meeting place and dates

- December 5: 10am - 12pm DeNaples Center Room 404