

LWV of Lackawanna County Meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2010, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Room 404, DeNaple Center, University of Scranton

Attendance: Bonnie Oldham, Dan Schreffler, Andrea Mulrine, Jean Harris, Mary Felley, Tom Welby

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

Membership/Treasurer Report: Report and annual budget were discussed. This fiscal year ended in line with budget. Of note is decrease in membership renewals, but offset with less than expected PMP fees. No issues and we are left with a cash reserve of about \$750.

2011-2011 budget proposed, with an increase in membership fees from \$50/75 (single/household) to \$60/80. State and national per member payments (PMP) have increased in past years; have a planned increase in 2011; and we need to increase to cover our costs. **Motion** to adopt (Harris, Mulrine) all approved.

As part of the membership renewal and mailing:

- will include updated membership forms to encourage members to share with their friends/family.
- Request updated and emails form members to improve communications.
- Will mail forms to the event candidates.

In addition, will mail membership forms to the candidates.

Presidents Report

Candidate Events:

The events went well – lessons learned as the “Meet the candidates” was new for us. Better demarcation between the candidate’s statements and then the public meet and greet.

Also consider including all candidates in a primary forum given write-in’s across parties. Will hold 112th House Seat event in fall to ensure all candidates have their chance to be heard in November.

Naturalization Ceremony:

Bonnie will represent us on May 21 and July 23. In July we’ll provide refreshments.

LWVUS Convention:

June 11-15 in Atlanta – we will not be attending.

Policy Reviews.

- By laws: Board suggested change to Article VII Nominations and elections. Change from having a nomination committee and to solicit from general membership. We will follow bylaws process of sending out change and request for voting from members.
- No changes to the other bylaws or existing policies.

2010-2011 Election of officers and board

President- Andrea Mulrine

Vice President – Bonnie Oldham

Secretary-Treasurer – Dan Schreffler

Board: Tom Welby, Jean Harris, (2 open seats)

Program for 2010 – 2011

Next meeting to be held at 520 O’Hara Hall (Corner of Jefferson/Linden), 8/18/2010 at 5:30PM.

Old Business

Essay Contest – Bonnie to check with Hope and ensure gift certificates provided to 1st place winners.

New Business

Board thanked Bonnie for her three years of service as President.