

## League of Women Voters Greater Hartford

### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, 10-18-09

Present: Sandy Fry, Marlene Wenograd, Mary Everett, Carole Mulready, Beverly Miller, Libby Swietek, Elisa McCarthy

Absent: Mary Andrews, Margaret Murray

#### Treasurer's Report- M. Everett

A two page handout was distributed. They were an itemized by category report from 5-19-09 to 10-13-09 and an account balances report as of 9-22-09. After a brief discussion, the report was approved with two corrections noted by the treasurer. In the itemized report, \$75 was added to the finance drive and in PMP:CT, the amount should not be zero which was due to a computer program error.

#### Membership- Libby Swietek

A discussion about the content and timing of the new annual membership booklet was initiated. The difficulty of follow-up with some dropped members was noted due to the lack of current contact information. While considering the cost of printing the Membership Booklet, it was suggested we change to a low cost and low tech distribution by typing the list which would be mailed to members and posted on the LWVGH website. The decision was to keep the printed format. The possibility of a membership drive tied in with the LWV 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was raised although there would be a need for help to implement a plan. A suggestion was made to reach out to former LWV members as well as new recruits through a publicity campaign based on the question "have you ever been a part of the LWV"? Since there were many more chapters in the past, new

interest may be generated with former members as well as potential new members.

#### LWV 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration- Carole Mulready

There will be several efforts to increase LWV visibility and donations in conjunction with the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2010. A major goal is to fund the creation of an endowment. Strategies are being developed to get the LWV message out, for example, chapters are sponsoring events such as plays. There will be a fundraising auction and members are asked to solicit donated items or make a personal contribution such as baking a cake or pie every month, dog sitting, handmade crafts, etc. Anything that would be an appropriate and appealing auction item is sought from members and supporters. Auction profits will be shared with local chapters. A LWVGH member who indicated an interest in this area will be recruited to head this effort for our chapter.

C. Mulready and M. Wenograd are serving on the state committee addressing candidate criteria.

The state Fall Conference is scheduled on Saturday, 12-5-2009, 9:00AM to 12noon. The topic is Health Care Plan and Costs.

#### LWV 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historical Exhibit- Elisa McCarthy

E. McCarthy and M. Murray are working with the state committee that is preparing an exhibit of the history of the LWV that will be displayed at the CT State Capitol (LOB). The opening date is tentatively 1-07-2010. The first part of the exhibit will address pre-suffrage. Possibly, the next part of the exhibit would look at each decade in terms of the accomplishments of women. The Ct Women's Hall of Fame is lending 7 foot tall renditions of notable women such as Ella Grasso and Beatrice Fox Auerbach. The research is a huge, labor intensive project that has yielded important material and information to ensure a fascinating exhibit.

#### Communications- Sandy Fry

The Voters Guide link is now on the LWVGH website homepage.

#### **Voter Services- Elisa McCarthy**

The Voters Guide is out. Several members have participated in Hartford's get out the vote efforts .C. Mulready is moderating debates in Avon and Cheshire.

#### **Calendar 2009 – 2010-Carole Mulready**

The Wine and Cheese event location will be hosted in the home of Ilse Krisst. Danna Dyer and Mary Andrews will be the lead persons.

J. Bruner, J. Blair and J. Judson will be asked to take charge of the Legislative Breakfast event.

**B. Miller, Secretary** was asked to write a thank you letter to several LWVGH members who have long served our chapter with distinction.

#### **Additional events:**

Program: a. education study b. regionalism

Moderator Training: In September, D. Dyer and C. Mulready held a session with N. Rion to prepare her for moderating one of the Council debates on WHC-TV. J. Bruner worked with new member D. Poulin who is willing to moderate as needed.

#### **Celebrate! W H**

Joint meetings with New Britain & Windsor chapters: We need to determine a good time to meet and determine the direction each chapter wishes to pursue. Early in 2010 was suggested.

Next Meeting: 11-10-09 6:00pm. Location to be announced

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Miller, Secretary