

**League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, 1-12-2010**

Present: Mary Andrews, Mary Everett, Carole Mulready, Marlene Wenogard, Libby Sweitek, Margaret Murray, Beverly Miller, Absent: Elisa McCarthy, Sandy Fry.

Guests: Marilyn Boehm, Pat Reardon (representing the LWV Windsor, CT chapter)

FINANCE REPORT: M. Everett

All bills are paid. Treasurer requests she be informed of any soon to be incurred expenses so a timely application for reimbursement from the education fund can be submitted.

MINUTES: B. Miller

Minutes for December, 2009 meeting approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: L. Sweitek

A suggestion was made to note the accomplishment achieved by the LWVGH when its position was accepted in total on Blue Back Square by the Town of West Hartford. Decision made to include it in our annual report.

COMMUNICATIONS: C. Mulready for S. Fry

Our website has a note on it regarding the Legislative Breakfast. The newsletter has not been posted yet. It was explained the Legislative Breakfast is considered a lobbying activity by State LWV so a report from us on what was discussed by the officials present is required.

PROGRAMS: C. Mulready

The Education Study committee has met a couple of times. Two different camps have evolved regarding the focus of the study. The group is still in need of a convener.

The Regionalism Study is on hold until E. McCarthy completes her work on the 90th anniversary celebration.

The "Hartford Votes" project needs an LWVGH representative who can attend meetings. Any suggestions for a volunteer are requested.

WINDSOR LWV and LWVGH DISCUSSION:

The Windsor chapter currently has about 35 members. Their Executive Board members are the most active particularly in voter services. The chapter is interested in joint activities with the LWVGH while maintaining their own Windsor LWV identity. A discussion followed about working together on voter services next year when several political offices will be open and was very positive. Another strongly supported idea would be to regionalize activities such as a book discussion event. It could be on the same topic but different books for each

chapter's discussion. Also suggested was a joint study with each chapter meeting separately and a small number of representatives from each chapter meeting periodically.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:

"The Little Pink House" by Jeff Benedict

"A Short History of Women" by Kate Walbert

"Lincoln" by David Donald

"Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin

"The Brief Wonderful Life of Oscar Wao" by Junot Diaz

"Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay

LWV 90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

The State Capitol exhibit, created and installed by LWVGH members and led by Elisa McCarthy, was a huge success. The LWVGH Executive Board enthusiastically and unanimously agreed that Elisa deserves much praise and appreciation for her excellent work on the project. A celebration in her honor will be planned by C. Mulready.

MISC.

It was brought to the attention of the attendees the Town of West Hartford provides an excellent Martin Luther King Day event each year. It will be presented in West Hartford town hall on 1-18-2010 from 10:00 to 12:00.

The online fundraiser auction, hosted by the State LWV, will include a homemade pie a month offering by C. Mulready. Other 90th anniversary activities hosted by the State LWV will be a benefit tea and a performance for children.

WINE & CHEESE EVENT:

There was a good turnout. For future reference, the officials in attendance said the preferred invitation process is a written invitation followed up with a phone call.

BOOK DISCUSSION:

The next book discussion event will be scheduled in April and we need to coordinate with the library.

We may do our own 90th anniversary event.

The annual meeting will be in May.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Beverly Miller, Secretary