

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASSACHUSETTS – NATICK MAL UNIT**

Minutes of Board Meeting  
JUNE 8, 2004  
Natick Police Department Community Room

**Attendees:**

**Members:** Mary Avalos, Erica Ball, Joan Craig, Tessa Forbes, Lucia Frenkel,  
Tina Kruczynski, Margie Packer, Maria Waller

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Status of Minutes (3/18, 4/22, Annual Meeting)**

Annual Meeting Minutes will be approved at the next annual meeting. The 3 people who took the minutes will submit them to us at that time.

We don't know the status of the 3/18 and 4/22 board meeting minutes. Moira Munns, Mary Avalos and Joan Craig will present the minutes for approval at the October Board Meeting,

**Application for Local League Status** (Report from State Convention held 5/15/04)

The deadline for application is June 23, 2004. We need to approve a non-partisan policy and a budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Moira went to the State LWV convention. Natick was referred to many times as a phenomenal Unit because of our membership growth and for our programs. They would like to use us a model.

**Non-Partisan Policy**

Joan Craig brought a revised draft of the policy with suggestions for change from several members.

The Needham Non-Partisan Policy was used as a model. It is a very liberal policy that states that, with the exception of the Chair (President) and the Director of Voter Services, members can do whatever they feel is appropriate regarding their political activities. We don't want to "hem in" our members and would like to follow the Needham League's example.

We need to approve a policy to submit for League status, but we can change it anytime.

Joan will ask Erin Pastuszynski if we should still use Natick MAL. She will make the changes and email the new Policy to the Board and Erin. Then Mary will put together the application package.

Mary made a motion to approve the Policy as amended for the purpose of applying for League status. Margie seconded the motion.

The board approved the policy with the changes. (See attached.)

### **Next Year's Budget**

Thus far, we would get \$679.53 from the state as reimbursement, pending membership renewals since they go directly to the state, and the amount from the anonymous donor. Moira and Mary have prepared a bill for the donor. The donor should be billed in July, so that the money comes directly to us.

Margie presented a budget (Working Document). We are not held to it, but need to present something to the State League.

This year's fund raising goal is to raise \$675. There was talk of selling water and food at town meeting and Natick Days.

### **Membership**

Lucia passed out a membership list. The state will send out the July Renewal letters. The goal is for everyone to end up on the same membership cycle.

Second letters went to those who didn't renew. Margie will check with Erin to get a most recent renewal list. Then Mary will call Jill Caso. Joan will call ...Barreras. Peter Goldin gave \$20 to Margie to join, but he still owes \$25. We won't add him to the list until he pays.

We want to maintain our own correspondence, and eventually create our own brochure describing what we've done in the last year and a half.

Only 25% of members returned the **Member Survey**. Lucia will send it out again in the summer. We would like to find out what members want us to study. And, we want to know if we should take a stand on the US Patriot Act. Twenty-two other towns have already done so.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### Mock Election

It will be non-partisan. Both parties will help out. The town Democratic Party is already on board. So far, 1 person representing the town Republican Party has signed on.

#### July 4 parade

The board decided not to march, since most of us will be out of town. Mary will call Bruce Weisberg to let him know.

Natick Days will be September 11, 2004 from 10am-4pm. Laura will put information and a plea for help on the Website. We hope to, also, use email to get more members involved. We thought it would be better to have shifts in 2-hour increments and to have

at least 2 people cover a shift. Three people would be better. We've asked for an information table. Our event will be the junior obstacle course.

### **Annual Meeting Wrap-up**

Lisa Hughes sent us a very nice thank you note. There were upwards of 30 people who attended the meeting.

### **Plans and Goals for next year**

We are keeping the Fall calendar sparse so we can concentrate on Development and Fundraising.

Development and Fundraising ideas:

1. Letter writing campaign to small businesses.
2. "Know Natick Book" with a lot of advertising. It used to be a requirement for LWV. The printing was funded partially by DEC. It was given away to town meeting members. LWV raised money through the advertisements.
3. Flamingos on lawns.

Mary would like us to come to the September meeting with other fundraising ideas.

There was talk of getting a PO Box for the League.

### **Calendar**

We will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is September 14, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tina Kruczynski, Secretary