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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NATICK**  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
MAY 10, 2005  
Morse Institute Library

**Attendees:**

**Members:** Mary Avalos, Joan Craig, Tina Kruczynski, Moira Munns, Maria Waller,  
Lucia Frenkel, Margie Packer

**Absent Members:** Laura Senier

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

**Welcome, Status of Minutes: April 5, 2005:**

Minutes were approved with changes.

**Fundraising Letter – approve final draft/status**

The board discussed/critiqued the revised letter with the remittance form.

**Annual Meeting: June 14**

The meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the Helm Auditorium at MWMC. Debra Tosti will be the speaker. She is the Chair of Board of Directors. She will speak for 15 minutes, then we'll have 15 minutes of Q&A. And, then start LWV business at about 8:15pm. They have offered us light refreshments.

A notice has appeared in the Metro-West Newspaper. Joan will pick up flowers for the speaker. Moira will introduce her.

The Annual Meeting Packet will be mailed on May 31. It will include: Cover letter; Agenda; Nomination slate; Membership meeting (March 6, 2004) minutes; Last year's annual meeting (May 11, 2004) minutes; the proposed budget; study proposal recommendation and the membership survey.

The Board will ask the membership to bring donations to the Natick Food Pantry.

The Board will meet again to collate and send the packets.

**Membership Mailing – Review Draft Letter, Status/Update**

The Board will hold off on sending the mailing until a decision is made about the membership fee increase.

The Board reviewed the membership letter and added a line on the remittance form, which allows members to donate to a general fund for LWV projects and restricted donation to support subsidized membership.

**Natick Days/Changes and plans for Sept 2005**

This year Natick Days will most likely be held on the football field of the High School on September 10. We will request the same event as last year – the junior obstacle course. The Natick Days Committee will give us an option of giving the town the tickets and keeping ½, or paying a certain amount up front. We have decided to give them ½ the tickets that we collect.

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Some other fundraising ideas came up: bean bag toss; pickpocket lady; treasure chest with a lock with "junk" in it. (We would have a box of keys that don't all work. You pay to pick a key.)

**LWV of MA Convention** – Maria will attend this coming Saturday. It will cost \$105/one day. Barney Frank and Lt. Governor Healy will speak. There will be workshops and delegates will vote. The Board voted unanimously to pay for Maria's fee to attend the convention. She would not be able to vote.

**Report from the Budget Committee** - The Wellesley and Needham dues are in the \$50-55 range. The State League will possibly increase the dues.

Joan moved to approve the budget proposal with the changes as noted, reflecting a revised bottom line, to present to the Membership at Annual Meeting. Joan moved to amend that motion to add "subsidized membership donation" of \$100 in income. Board voted unanimously to approve the budget with the motion.

A letter from NEF was read thanking us for our help in raising \$17,000.

**Other Business:** A couple board members will walk in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Mary Avalos and Maria Waller will appear on John McGillvary's show next Sunday. Nominating is moving forward filing in the slate. We discussed using the "Flamingos" as a fundraiser in Spring 2006. Moira reported on the "Voices Program" which was held on April 27. Speakers speak on contemporary issues. The State LWV sent Cathy Dowd from the Needham League to speak on "voting Reform".

**CPA** - The town is conducting a CPA Study. The Board discussed the possibility of doing a study on the CPA. The consensus at the meeting was that for the LWV to do a study would be redundant and the timeframe doesn't work with the Town meeting's agenda. The Board recommended doing a Fall Forum before the Fall Town Meeting.

There are a number of Leagues statewide that are taking a no-position stance on the CPA.

There will be no board meeting before the Annual Meeting on June 14. There will be a joint board meeting /dinner on or around June 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tina Kruczynski, Secretary