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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NATICK
Minutes of Board Meeting
FEBRUARY 7, 2006
MORSE ROOM, MORSE INSTITUTE LIBRARY

Attendees:

Members: Mary Avalos, Ken Del Papa, Lucia Frenkel, Tina Kruczynski, Terry Miller, Moira Munns, Laura Senier, Maria Waller

Maria called the meeting to order at 7:45p.m.

Review and Status of Minutes, December 13, 2005:

Minutes were unanimously approved without any changes.

Treasurer's Report: We had one deposit, which was membership dues from new member, Karen Adelman Foster. We have \$30 in the cash box.

Budget Committee Membership: Ken Del Papa will be on the committee. Chris Hubbard has agreed to be on the committee, and perhaps we'll ask her to be the chair. Lucia has volunteered to join, if needed.

Nominating Committee membership: Mary Avalos, Erica Ball and Diane Packer are on the committee. Positions that are open: Communications/public relations; Treasurer; Membership; and Vice President. The Board discussed the time limits of the VP and President positions.

Program Updates:

CPA Forums: The Board discussed how far in advance do we need to post information about the forums. In the past we've used the sign posts on the common, which one can book through the Recreation Department. One week prior to the forum, we will pass out fliers at the library. Laura will take care of this. Terry volunteered to go to the Selectman's meeting during "public speak" to "advertise" the upcoming forums.

Maria called a lawyer, Lauren Goldberg, who works with the Mass. Municipal Association, and who does pro bono work, to be the "educated" speaker/moderator. She recently did a short program on the CPA.

The Board discussed how long the speakers should speak. It was decided that they should have up to five minutes. Maria will send out letters this week to the CPA proponent and opponent groups.

Lucia brought up bumper stickers for future publicity of LWV events.

Candidate's Forum: There is one contested race - Board of Selectman. The Board decided to invite all the candidates, though. Terry has contacted most of them, but not all have returned her phone calls. It is important that even if they are running unopposed that they should come to introduce themselves. Town meeting members nominating papers are due February 7.

Study topic suggestions:

Split Tax Rate: Lucia explained to the Board again, how it comes up every year in Town Meeting, and is then decided upon by the selectmen. It's a complex issue.

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Voter turnout: Jay Ball brought this issue to the table. The Natick High School student group is getting bogged down with school work. An example of what could be studied is the recommendation that Natick move the election from March to November.

As is policy, we need to bring these study topic ideas to the membership at the June Annual Meeting.

Student Voter Registration Drive: We will hold the registration drive on March 2 in conjunction with the high school Government Day. Students must be 18 years old by the election date to register. Terry will contact Sarah Leonard and Adhiti Kannan to organize the drive. Laura will send out a press release.

Long-Range Strategic Planning Process, visit from Craig Ross, March 14: He will discuss how to involve the LWV in the process. The Board discussed the possibility of having Mr. Ross as the speaker at the Annual Meeting. The proposed planning process has been presented to the School Committee and to the Selectmen. The proposal description can be found on the town website, www.Natick.com.

Bake Sale Opportunity: There is an opportunity for the LWV to host a bake sale at the Library Book Sale this coming Saturday and Sunday. The Board decided that we didn't have the human resources available to do this.

Other Business:

Spelling Bee: It will be held on May 2 @ 7pm at the Natick High School cafeteria. The Spelling Bee raises money for the Natick Education Fund. There is a \$100 entrance fee. Discussion of whether the LWV will be attending.

Newsletter: It will be mailed no later than March 1 and will include, among other issues, the President's letter, announcement of the Spelling Bee, Holly Anderson's article on Prop 2 1/2, and the calendar.

Annual Meeting: It will be on Tuesday, June 6 in the History Room at the Morse Institute Library. We need to get information to the membership two weeks prior to the meeting. Our initial discussion will be at the next board meeting, March 14

Date of Next Board Meeting – March 14, 2006

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Kruczynski, Secretary