

MINUTES of the 35th LWWH ANNUAL MEETING MAY 6, 2012

Welcome, Introductions, Call To Order

Calling the annual business meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., Glorian Berk, Co-President, welcomed members and guests and then reviewed the agenda.

Adoption Of 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

Judy Samuelson, Communications Secretary, reported that the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting had been reviewed and approved by two members of the board and that copies of these minutes were available on our website. A motion to adopt the minutes was made, seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report & Budget 2012-2013

Treasurer Eموke Forman reported that income in 2011/12 totaled \$27,338, including \$2,850 in grants. Expenses were \$26,281. Next, she presented the proposed budget, as approved by the Board. Income is projected to be \$27,224; expenses should total the same amount. An increased expense comes from national League raising the PMP. The membership approved the budget.

President's Report

Glorian Berk cited the following accomplishments:

- Our Voter Services Committee sponsored debates in the Towns of East Hampton and Southampton for candidates vying for election in the County and each town. With LWWSC, we co-sponsored a debate for County Executive. We created a brochure formalizing our rules for sponsoring a debate. At community events, we provided information regarding registration, absentee ballots and the new voting machines. We worked with LWWNY to implement www.vote411.org, which provides local information on candidates via the Internet.
- A Media Committee was formed to create radio PSA's to encourage registration and voting in the Presidential election in November. Not coincidentally, we hope to keep the League's name in front of our local communities as well.
- Four members went to the State convention in May. They held two workshops:
 - Arlene Hinkemeyer presented "How to publicize your league and increase visibility"
 - Mary Blake and Terri Levin Davgin trained attendees to implement our successful Running & Winning program
- We won three awards:
 - Citizens engagement – our Government Committee, for the Town Manager consensus study and advocacy
 - Visibility – Arlene for her outstanding publicity efforts
 - Youth – Mary and Terri for Running & Winning
- Our Special Events Committee worked hard to keep our name out in the community and provide some much needed revenue to allow us to keep up our other efforts.
 - They participated in the West Hampton Beach Flea Market in August. Later, thanks to Ursula Lynch, several of the unsold items were auctioned to raise additional funds.

- A great time was had by all at the fall luncheon, where a Chinese Auction provided many wonderful items on which to bid.
- We're part of the community. We went to several Naturalization ceremonies at Islip Federal Courthouse to offer new citizens registration forms. We participated in Ellen's Run. At the East End Community Picnic we gave out information on voting and the League. And we continued our advocacy for the Town Manager form of government by meeting with local community organizations and after the November election, with the newly elected Town councils.

Our member meetings focused on thought-provoking topics and attracted many from the community who are not League members.

- At our 2011 Annual Meeting, Carol Kessler, PhD, Chair, Non-Proliferation & National Security Department at Brookhaven National Labs spoke about nuclear energy.
- In June, our Natural Resources Committee brought together representatives from LIPA, NYSERDA and a local architect to offer information on ways to green your home and save money.
- In July, Barbara Jordan, Off-Board Housing Committee Chair, hosted a forum on accessory apartments. The panel included Chris Nuzzi from Southampton, Theresa Quigley from East Hampton and Nancy Marr, Suffolk County League Housing Chair.
- In September, we held a forum titled "Shinnecock Nation Past and Present." Two Nation Trustees spoke to an audience that included a large number of tribe members.
- In November, representatives of The Retreat discussed domestic violence. The Betty Desch Scholarship winner, Thalia Olaya, was one of the speakers. Donations from members at our holiday party in December went to The Retreat.
- In January, Town Supervisors Anna Throne-Holst and Bill Wilkinson shared plans for their Towns in their second term and ways for both towns to work together.
- Our March meeting focused on program planning. Over 20 members participated in very lively lunchtime discussion. The results of this meeting formed the basis for our 2012 action items.
- Also in March, we hosted another successful Running & Winning event. Mary Blake and Terri Levin Davgin, with over 40 juniors and seniors and many female elected officials, tackled the topic of getting out the vote, especially targeting their peers.
- In April, in preparation for getting out the vote for the 2012 presidential election, we held a forum on ways for NY State to improve registration and voting practices to raise voter participation.
- Coming up: in June, our Natural Resources Committee will hold a forum on recycling and Special Events offers a wonderful lunch and speaker fundraiser in member Joy Cordery's rose garden. In July, we plan to have representatives from Planned Parenthood speak about women's health issues.

Carrie Chapman Catt Award

Co-President Judi Roth presented this award recognizing the exceptional contributions of a member of LWVH. This year's honoree was Susan Wilson.

Bylaws

Anne Marshall presented the single amendment, which describes the responsibilities of a new officer role: Communications Secretary, which replaces the Secretary on some, not all, boards. The amendment was approved.

LWVH Nominating Committee Report 2012

Ann Sandford, Chair, presented the slate of officers and directors for 2012.

Name	Position	Term
Gladys Remler	Vice President	2012 - 2014
Ursula Lynch	Vice President	2012 - 2014
Emoke Forman	Treasurer	2012 - 2014
Anne Marshall	Elected Director	2012 - 2014
Barbara McClancy	Elected Director	2012 - 2014
Richard Davgin	Nominating Committee Chair	2012 - 2013
Marsha Kranes	Nominating Committee Member	2012 - 2013

<i>Appointed Directors. Serve 1-year terms at the discretion of the Board:</i>	Joy Cordery, Susan Wilson, Estelle Gellman
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Election Of Officers And Directors

Ann invited other nominations from the floor, noting that the nominee must have given permission. There were none, so a motion to approve the nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The new leadership team is as follows:

Judi Roth/Glorian Berk	Co-Presidents	2011 - 2013
Arlene Hinkemeyer	Vice President	2011 - 2013
Terri Levin Davgin	Vice President	2011 - 2013
Gladys Remler	Vice President	2012 - 2014
Ursula Lynch	Vice President	2012 - 2014
Emoke Forman	Treasurer	2012 - 2014
Judy Samuelson	Communications Secretary	2011 - 2013
Anne Marshall	Elected Director	2012 - 2014
Barbara McClancy	Elected Director	2012 - 2014
Naomi Epstein	Elected Director	2011 - 2013
Sally James	Elected Director	2011 - 2013
Joy Cordery	Appointed Director	2012 - 2013
Susan Wilson	Appointed Director	2012 - 2013
Estelle Gellman	Appointed Director	2012 - 2013

Betty Desch Award

Scholarship Selection Chair Beth Barth noted that this year's selection was very difficult, owing to the unprecedented number of applicants and their many outstanding achievements. In recognition of this, the Board agreed to offer a stipend to a candidate for honorable mention: Linda Zambrano, from Southampton High School. Linda was very involved with government both at her school and at the state level. The winner, Milton Farez, "demonstrated his leadership by being a role model, motivator and advocate," Beth said. "He shared his enthusiasm for sports with fellow teammates, motivating them to be more invested in their team's efforts, with significant results. On a trip to Albany, Milton presented arguments in both English and Spanish and extended his awareness of the need for making information accessible to the Hispanic community by providing bilingual notes for a student art show at Guild Hall."

Estelle Gellman, Vicky Umans, Joanne Samborn, Ann Sanford and Judi Roth helped select the winners.

Adoption Of Local Positions

Judi Roth presented six local positions as recommended to members by the board. All were read but there were no comments from the floor, so the positions were retained for 2012/13.

1. Recycling and Solid Waste. Support of recycling, composting and regional cooperation on solid waste management for Southampton and East Hampton Towns supporting recycling, composting and regional cooperation (LWVH consensus 1989).
2. New County For The East End. Support of the formation of a new county composed of the towns of East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton and Southold. (LWVH consensus 1997)
3. Support of the closure of the Millstone Nuclear Power Plant in Waterford, Connecticut.
4. Affordable Housing. Support of a diversity of affordable housing opportunities to meet the current and future housing needs of all citizens, regardless of economic circumstances. Support of mixed-use development and housing types of varying sizes and price ranges and encouragement of efficient permitting processes and collaborative community based planning for long-term land use. (LWVH consensus 2002)
5. Work Force Center For Day Laborers. Support of the establishment of a hiring center for day laborers in the Hamptons as a humane response to day-laborer hiring practices. Such a center will reduce traffic congestion and provide a safe and clean environment where an orderly hiring process can take place. (LWVH consensus 2007)
6. Council/Manager Form Of Government. Support the reorganization of town governments to create the position of town manager who will assume administrative responsibilities thereby providing town boards greater opportunity to set policy and strategic direction. (LWVH consensus 2009)

Proposed programs for exploration in 2011-2012

Judi presented the following potential meeting topics.

The League is a grassroots organization, propelled by its members. One of the ways in which this is accomplished is by adoption of a program for the upcoming year. "Program" in League lingo, are the issues suggested by members that we may study, write about and take action on during the coming year. Each March a "program planning meeting" is held to gather the program ideas of members. The Board of Directors considered these suggestions at our April meeting, and voted to present the following issues as the proposed program for the year. At the Annual Meeting, the members will vote on these proposals. Other suggestions can be presented at the Annual Meeting from the floor.

- Expand voter registration efforts, educate voters and increase the percentage of voter turnout.
- Protect the environment (such as monitoring water quality, recycling efforts and supporting expansion of the locales covered by the plastic bag ban).

- Focus on women's issues, particularly with regard to privacy rights and family planning, and oppose legislation that could undermine them by limiting access to health care and/or health insurance.
- Shift the focus of the education committee from high school to grades five, six and seven.

Members adopted the recommended program as our local program for the coming year.

Closing

There being no directions to the Board from the floor, Judi closed the business meeting by thanking everyone. Then Arlene Hinkemeyer introduced the guest speaker, Lawrence Levy.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Samuelson, Communications Secretary