

**Westwood/Walpole LWV
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2009
193 Winter Street – Westwood**

Present: President Greg Agnew, Judy Barrington, Nancy Farris, Phoebe Joseph, Steven Greffenius, Marcia Hirshberg, Pat Krusko, and Jane Nash

Absent with notice: Virginia Fettig, Ann Marie Bielenin, and Michelle Perry

Minutes Accepted

Treasure's Report to come

Kick Off

Kick Off is a bit different this year. The focus will be on sharing plans with membership and getting members to join committees as opposed to a meeting focusing on a topic of interest to the general public. It will be held in a private home rather than a public place and it will be a pot luck supper with members providing main course, salad, or dessert. Host will provide plates, silverware, cups with supplemental paper products by Judy Barrington. Judy Barrington will provide coffee and Nancy Farris will provide coffee pot. Marcia Hirshberg will get a speaker on Healthcare. Greg will make a sign up sheet for the following areas: Membership, Domestic Violence, Hospitality, Nominating Committee, Book Club, Voter Service, Fund Drive, Publicity, state studies Home Rule and Transportation. People will be available to discuss these areas with members. Publicity will include notices in newspaper. Greg will write copy and Jane and Nancy will submit material to local papers this Friday, September 18th. The Board got Steve's permission to use his name in paper as required by our local policy. Marcia Hirshberg will be listed as contact with her email and telephone number included.

Date: Sunday October 4, 2009

Time: Starting at 4 pm

Location: Steve Greffenius' House

Toxic Meeting

Topic Title: "Protecting our Health from Toxics in our Everyday Lives",

Speaker: Elizabeth Saunders from Clean Water Action.

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Place: Westwood Public Library

Time: 7:30 to 9:30 pm

All Board members are required to attend as the speaker requires a minimum of 10 persons or the meeting will be cancelled.

Publicity: Greg requested and Board approved his getting a number of corrugated, reusable signs for upcoming events. Greg will report back on cost.

Program will be advertised in Westwood and Walpole papers and newsletters via schools with Nancy Farris doing Walpole and Jane Nash, Westwood. Greg will create a flyer for Schools.

Old Business: Greg reported that various pins ordered from LWVMA but not sold at Annual Meeting were returned to LWVMA for refund.

It was MOVED and VOTED to approve the updated Local Policies. Updated Policy will be attached to minutes and will be on Website.

New Business:

Marcia announced the death of National League member Marjorie Kerns. Although a National member she was a Westwood resident. Her daughter is also a member of our League. Greg will send a sympathy card to her daughter. Marcia will provide Greg with necessary information.

LWVMA will be holding **Senatorial Debates** in Amherst, Worcester, and Boston. More to come on this.

Phonathon will be “virtual” this year to save money and staff time. Marcia urged all Board members to give generously and seek out others to do same. LWVMA desperately needs financial support. Members should have received a special email on how to pay via credit card. Local Leagues will get 15% of all money raised with \$1 dollar for using one’s credit care.

Jane Nash handed out a **Board Calendar**. She explained that Nancy Farris suggested this as a way of keeping all members aware of monthly events, programs and responsibilities. It will be updated each month and emailed to members.

Cindy Buckley requested an invitation to speak before next Board meeting regarding Spring Voter Service plans. Greg will invite her and add her to October’s agenda.

Next meeting: Monday October 26th, Greg Agnew’s house 34 Magaletta Dr. Westwood. 7:15 arrival time: meeting starts promptly at 7:30pm