

League of Officers of the  
Oct. 7, 2008

Held at the home of Shelley Drowns, 33 Cedarwood Ave.

Called to order: 7:50 p.m.

President Erica Zissman presiding

Present: B. Bateman, C. Camacho, S. Drowns, J. Forkin, J. G. C. Murphy, J. Steinberg, K. Walz, E. Zissman

1. Secretary's report accepted

2. Treasurer's report accepted

3. Announcements

~General meeting regarding impact fees will be held for members only at the home of Georgie Hallock on Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

4. Old Business

~It was moved, seconded and passed to ask for donations to pay the entry fee (\$300) for the Spelling Bee in the bulletin, and to make up any difference from the treasury.

~The annual LWVMA Phonathon will be held on various dates (10/22, 10/29 in Lexington, 10/16 in Newton). Any member can sign up to go.

~The revised member handbook is ready to be printed. It was decided that new members should receive a copy. It was tentatively decided that 25 copies would probably initially be made, and that veteran members would be asked to pay a small fee to offset printing costs. Cathy Murphy will investigate printing costs and report back to the Board at the November meeting. Erica also passed around the LWVMA handbook, and it was decided to distribute copies to new members.

5. New Business

~The LWVMA wants local Leagues to send a letter to news outlets urging a no vote on Question 1, which proposes an end to the state income tax. We decided to send a letter to the News Tribune under the League's name, rather than to have an individual sign it.

~Pot Luck Supper follow-up: a) Numerous responses to Patty Muldoon's administration of justice presentation were suggested. Joan Garniss proposed a visit to Framingham State Prison, to be attended by Patty Muldoon, a local legislator, and any interested members. Erica will follow up on this suggestion. b) It was decided to have a more "controlled" menu at next year's Pot Luck, since there was a shortage of main dishes. c) Erica will send Betsy Bateman detailed information on how to pay the church for the use of the facility.

~Holiday Party/Auction: Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 7. Location to be decided later.

~Erica Zissman received a DVD from LWVMA to be given to local cable station(s). It contains a public service announcement in English and Spanish giving voting information .

~If we increase membership by 10%, our PMP will be waived for new members. In order to qualify, we needed a membership recruitment plan (our Farmers' Market program fulfilled that requirement). Another requirement, to hold a membership workshop, will be met by the meeting at Cathy Murphy's house on Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. with State leader Marcia Hirshberg.

~Local website: Shelley Drowns had difficulty using the League's template to set up our website. She found it easier to do graphics, links, etc., by following her own design. We can get LWVWaltham.org as a name for \$8 a year, and can move readily to another server if her husband can no longer host the site on his computer. She wants advice on content. The Board was advised to look at Arlington's page.

There were no committee reports.

Adjournment was at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Steinberg, Secretary