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LINC Meeting 3/14/19 - Minutes

1. Welcome by Emily

2. Guest speaker, Colette Knuth, PhD, President League of Women Voters, Huntington

The LWV, celebrating 99 years of activism, helps citizens to get involved in the election cycle by registering voters and defining voting rights. LWV is a non-partisan organization, based on women's right to vote, not on political parties. But they will take positions on issues after careful study. Their logo is, "Makes America Work", with a focus on local and county issues and officials. They recently recommended against offshore seismic drilling. Lobbying occurs when the League has decided on an issue, but it is done confidentially. LWV determines that people have the right to make up their own minds.

The LWV conducts Candidate Forums, using vetted questions from the audience. Forums are always balanced, consisting of all the candidates running for that office.

Voting Reform NYS : LINC members will be sent an email copy with details of this legislation, which is a mandate, still not funded. Consists of: Early Voting, Primary Consolidation, Same-day Voter Registration, "No Excuse" Absentee Ballots. But these reforms must be by Constitutional amendment, achieved by voter referendum.

A huge problem is "soft money", which is no limit on money contributed to parties.

Dr. Knuth concluded by urging LINC members to learn about our political system and to "Make Democracy Work!". "Take Action" on the LWV website explains issues, and LWV educational resources are available in libraries.

3. Committee Reports:

a. Membership

b. Racism Discussion before LINC meeting, begins at 1:45pm. Dealing with racism in business settings and in the medical field.

c. Events: Planning meeting for Immigration - Tuesday, 3/19, 7pm at Panera Bread.

4. Suozzi Meeting: The entire presentation is on the website and the LINC Facebook page.

How do we hold him accountable plus give him support? The Election Committee sent him questions beforehand and met with him several times, developing a relationship with him. That is the reason he agreed to come.

5. Gaughran Meeting:

He has been responsive to our group. His next Town Hall is 3/20. Peter posted extensive email about this meeting. Emily suggested we get LINC buttons.

6. LI Progressive Coalition:

Les monitors Facebook site. Northport High School meeting about the LIPA Power Plant.

7. Janet Singer: LINC member candidate for Suffolk Co. Legislature LD#13. Fundraiser in Northport, discount for LINC members.

8. LIU Post Democracy Course: with David Sprintzer. Could we arrange for him to speak at our meeting?

Proposal to collaborate with "Bend the Arc". Social Justice Discussion Group will discuss offline.

9. Green Light Bill: Drivers' licenses for undocumented immigrants. Letter-writing campaign - a group effort to convince Gaughran and 6 Democrats. "March for Green Light" on 3/12 in Riverhead....will be posted to our email list.

10. Volunteers to track legislation