League of Women Voters of Winchester

Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting - Thursday, June 4, 2015

Home of Nancy Schrock

Attending: Marilyn Mullane, Facilitator; Vicky Coccoluto, Secretary; Jean Herbert, Leslie Kennedy, Rosemary Pye, Nancy Schrock, Susan Woodward; Juanita attended briefly.

Members checked in with several reporting attendance at happy graduation events since the last meeting. Leslie read a thank-you from Caren Connolly, our Civic Award recipient, and Jean agreed to ask her for permission to post the note on our website and Facebook page.

The Minutes of May 7, 2015 were approved.

Leslie reported no change in membership, which totals 67. She noted that two members, Ellen Kimball and Carolyn Dettinger, do not have email, and we must remember to send communications to them by regular mail. Susan mentioned that Jeanette Kolodziej’s email bounced, so she will verify that we have the current one on our records. Finally, Leslie suggested a meeting with Nancy as incoming Treasurer, and Vicky, as incoming Membership chair, to discuss the protocols of the Wild Apricot database, and how membership and Treasurer can best be coordinated.

Vicky reviewed the preparations for the League booth at Winchester Town Day on Saturday, June 6. A full schedule of volunteers has been recruited, with Susan and Leslie assisting on set-up and take-down. Along with the traditional emphasis on membership solicitation and voter registration, plus distribution of LWV educational brochures, Vicky prepared information on the questions to be voted in the June 9th debt exclusion override and promote voter turnout. For Election Day, Rosemary and Nancy offered their availability for rides to the polls in the morning and afternoon, respectively; Marilyn will convey their names to the Town Clerk.

Plans for the Annual Meeting on June 20th, 10 to 12:30 at Masa Restaurant were covered by Marilyn. There are three documents to be reviewed by SC before presenting to the membership. The first is a summary of proposed By-Law changes – (1) Art. VII, Sec 5 – change “annually” to “bi-annually” – approved; (2) Art. VIII, Sec 2 – change “adopt” to “discuss” – this was tentatively approved; but (3) Art. X, Sec 3 – which describes the process of gathering program ideas from the membership and implementing them via discussion and vote at Annual Meeting – this section was referred to Jean and Marilyn for review and possible streamlining.

Nancy gave the Treasurer’s report delivered by Juanita, who had to leave early. It covered the year-to-date through May and as projected for the fiscal year through June 30, 2015. The report highlights very good expense control despite a full line-up of programs for the year; hence, the reserve draw-down is likely to be about half what was projected one year ago. This report was accepted. Nancy suggested that the previously approved 2016 budget, the second document to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, be presented in a vertical column alongside the projected 2015 result for a more meaningful comparison.

The third annual meeting document, the proposed slate for Steering Committee, was approved. A list of contacts made for this year’s SC recruitment was reviewed, indicating those expressing future interest; this will be filed as a resource for next year.

Responses have been coming in based on the recent meeting reminder; another will be sent in about a week to the full membership.

Upcoming Calendar – June 13th – LWVMA Metro West Field Service, 10 to 1 in Newton – Leslie indicated an interest in attending. June 30th – Lobby for Better Sexual Health Legislation 9:30 – 2 – Marilyn and Vicky may consider attending.

Gloria Legvold has received an “Unsung Heroine” award from the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. Rosemary has written a letter to the Star on behalf of the League; Susan volunteered to post the news on Facebook, and Nancy to add it to the League website.

Jean asked about best date to choose for a League booth at a Winchester Farmer’s Market. Late September was considered optimal, in part to publicize fall programs. Jean will request September 19th or 26th.

For advance indications of availability for a summer planning meeting, the following vacation/travel dates were noted:

 June July August

Nancy 8 - 24

Vicky 21 - 28 15-31

Jean 15?-22

Marilyn

Susan 1-15

New members will need to be polled, but it would appear that the last week in July or early August would be the most convenient time for a summer meeting.

Vicky Coccoluto, Secretary

N.B.: THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE SUMMER PLANNING MEETING AUGUST 3, 2015