

League of Women Voters of Winchester

Minutes of Steering Committee – Thursday, October 12, 2017

Vicky Coccoluto, Host – 25 Fells Road

Vicky Coccoluto, Facilitator; Judy Blaine, Secretary. Attending: Elinor Quill, Robin Wolf, and Susan Woodward. Not attending: Michele Bartalini, Lauren Costello, Jan Dolan, Mary McKenna, and Patty Shepard.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Minutes of the September 12 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Robin said she did not write a single check since last report. The net from the annual meeting will be about \$400. She will soon have a final report on the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Vicky had two new expenses - \$175 for Mary Ann Haraldsen for the revised brochure and new photos for the stationery, and \$80 for stamps for membership renewal letters.

Membership. Vicky will be generating membership renewal and prospect letters within the next 2-3 weeks.

Review of Recent Programs

Monday, September 25- “How to Speak so Your Legislators will Listen”, presented by Nancy Brumback, LWVMA, at Winchester Library. About 20 people attended. Slides of the presentation will be available on the Mass. League web site.

Wednesday, October 4 – “Health Benefits of Renewable Energy Choices”- presented by Jonathon Buonocore, HSPH, at Winchester Town Hall. Over 50 people attended. Consensus was that the speaker was very knowledgeable and passionate about the subject. The presentation was very worthwhile, but perhaps “data heavy” for the audience. The Committee commended Ruth Trimarchi for all the effort she expended for the event.

Saturday, October 7 - Farmer's Market Community Fair – well-attended and many sign-ups.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 26 – Vicky and Michelle will speak about the League at the Rotary Club meeting. They will mention the upcoming “How to Run for Office in Winchester” event.

Thursday, November 2 – “How to run for office in Winchester!” – Winchester Library – 7 pm. **Robin** will put the event on the town calendar and confirm the speakers. Stacey Irizarra, Joyce Westner, Mariano Goluboff, Mike Bettencourt have agreed to serve on a panel discussion. **Robin** will prepare a handout on what is required to be a campaign Treasurer. **Robin** will also contact Maryellen Lannon, Town Clerk. She will also put something about the event in the Winchester Star. Vicky made a “hot topic” poster for

the event, and Elinor and she will post them in the usual locations around town. Vicky will send email notice to the public school newsletter contacts.

Thursday, December 7 – Moveable Feast – Winchester Library – 11:30 – 1:30.

Vicky will pass along Gloria Legvold's notebook checklist for this event to Elinor. Jan was in charge last year, and will collaborate as lead with Elinor. There will not be a Civic Award presentation at this event this year.

New Business

Vote Banner – Susan will confirm that the election is on March 27 and will follow up on the banner hanging.

Phonathon - The SC received an inquiry from Brynne Gorman about our participating in the statewide fundraiser. Our league would get a percentage of pledges garnered. The SC decided not to participate this year.

Name Change for Board of Selectmen - After a lively discussion the SC declined to take a position as an organization. The SC preference is to put more energy into getting women to run for office.

Meet with Gloria Legvold – Gloria has offered to share some of her knowledge of Winchester League past procedures, history, etc. The SC agreed to invite her to the next meeting in November or the open meeting in December.

Civic Education query – A Stoneham H.S. student contacted Susan asking if we know of resources connecting civic education and voter participation. Susan directed him to “Civic Education and Civil Discourse” on the Mass. League website. She will follow up if she finds anything of value on the National website.

Request from Arlington LWV - to co-sponsor a candidate forum for DA candidates next Spring (April). The consensus was to co-sponsor a CANDIDATE forum, and assume Patty will clarify the source of the background material that was passed along with the Arlington League request.

League Leaders' Lunch – no one on the SC is able to attend the October 14 lunch. Vicky will look into getting information on the resources that will be described at the lunch.

Scharfman Grant – next deadline is January. Judy will ask Nancy if there is a template for the grant application.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Blaine

Calendar

Tuesday, October 24 – LWVMA Day on the Hill – Great Hall, MA State House – 9:30-noon

Thursday, November 2 – “How to Run for Office in Winchester!” – Winchester Library – 7 pm

Tuesday, November 14 – LWVW Steering Committee meeting at Robin Wolf’s – 7pm – Judy Blaine, Facilitator; Patty Shepard, Secretary

Thursday, December 7 – Moveable Feast for Town Employees – Winchester Library – 11:30-1:30 pm

Tuesday, December 12 – LWVW Steering Committee at WinCAM offices – Susan Woodward, Host; Patty Shepard, Facilitator; Jan Dolan, Secretary