

Minutes of LWVW Steering Committee meeting
Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 7:00 PM
at the home of Lynne Brodsky.

SC members present: Judy Blaine, Lynne Brodsky, Meredith Crowley, Kim Foley, Jean Herbert, and Erica Lane,

Lynne handed out notebooks to the new members who were present. She went over the contents. Attendees were asked to correct or confirm their contact information on the roster included in the notebook. Lynne told new SC members that they would begin receiving state and national League Leaders emails.

Lynne underscored the League's non-partisan policy and stressed that we should avoid participating in activities, memberships, etc. that give the appearance of partisanship.

We took time for brief introductions of ourselves.

We agreed that the SC meetings will again be on the second Tuesday of every month, unless absent members object. Two meetings per year (March and December) will be public meetings. (Winchester Public Library's small meeting room worked well for this. Jean will reserve the room for these meetings) Lynne explained how the secretary and facilitators are rotated among SC members, and what those jobs entail each month. The annual meeting is held in June. Lynne said we should reserve the Sanborn House for June 13 for the 2020 annual meeting. Jean will make that reservation. Merry reminded everyone to start thinking about nominees for the Civic Award (usually presented at the annual meeting).

The May 2019 SC minutes were approved.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

There was no membership report.

Communications update – there was discussion on the redesign and management of the website. Consensus was that Denise Goluboff or a professional web developer/designer/manager should be hired, not a student.

Lynne then listed some of the jobs that need filling:

- a treasurer to take over for Robin, whose term ends in June,
- a membership co-chair to work with and eventually take over for Vicki (Kim volunteered to work with Vicki).
- someone to take over the Moveable Feast from Jan Dolan.

Merry suggested inviting non-SC members who have responsibility for specific tasks (e.g. Lauren Costello for publicity, and Susan Woodward for Facebook) to come to SC meetings to describe what they do and what support they might need.

Old Business:

- **Fundraiser meeting** – Marilyn Mullane will convene the committee in August.
- **Voter services.**
 - Jan Dolan is researching the percentage of registered voters in each precinct who actually voted. Lynne suggested polling people at farmers' markets.
 - Erica will look at voter registration emails. An app that enables you to register online and then receive text reminders to vote is being pushed by the Institute of Politics at Harvard, though you don't need to be a student there to use it.)
 - Can we do a reverse 911 for election days? PTA's routinely do that type of call/email. Can we get school PTA email lists?
 - Lynne will email the town clerk to see what events we should be aware of (such as the deadline for registration for town elections.
 - Judy will reserve the VOTE banner space at the rotary.
 - Lynne will talk with Jan Dolan about the Moveable Feast.
 - Jeanette will arrange the voter registration drive at the high school.

Some programs suggested:

- How to run for town meeting.
- Open meeting law.
- How does town government work? Could we have Lisa Wong or Mary Ellen as speakers?
- How does town meeting work? TM members/speakers could talk about what they do, what types of committees they are on, why you should be involved.

Update on LWMA DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion): We are collaborating with MAWOCC .We need to start planning for a 100th anniversary event. Lynne suggested sending blast emails every month highlighting a different woman of color suffragist.

Update on Recent Events:

Annual meeting was June 15 at the Sanborn House. Sandy Thompson was presented with the League Civic Award.

Town Day was June 1. We garnered some new contacts from sign-ups at our table. Mass League Convention was held June 7-8. Lynne and Jeanette attended the Saturday session.

Upcoming events –

Climate events – Ruth Trimarchi does these, and the League co-sponsors them.
Candidate Forum for Town Election – set for March 15, 2020.

Hot Topics – suggestions for programs were:

- Single payer health care.
- Ranked voting

To Do List:

- Jean will reserve the library room for the public meetings in March and December.
- Jean will reserve the Sanborn House for the annual meeting, tentatively scheduled for June 13, 2020.
- Merry will head up the Civic Award nominating committee.
- Lynne will contact the Town Clerk about dates/events/deadlines we need to be aware of.
- Erica will look into voter registration and voting reminder emails.
- Lynne will arrange for a League moderator for the March candidate forum.
- Lynne will contact Jan Dolan about the Moveable Feast.
- Jeanette will be in touch with Mr. Kurhajetz about the Spring Book Read.
- Judy will confirm our table at the Community Organization Day (September 21) at the Farmers' Market.
- Judy will reserve the location for the VOTE banner that will be hung before the March town elections.

There was some question as to the role of the Legislative liaison, the position being most recently held by Eve Coffey. Lynne will email her about it.

Calendar:

September 10 – SC meeting

September 21 - Community Organizations Day at Farmers' Market

December 5 – Movable Feast

December 10 – Public SC meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Blaine