

League of Women Voters of Winchester
Steering Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
At the home of Robin Wolf, 15 Ledyard Road, Winchester
Facilitator, Judy Blaine, Secretary, Robin Wolf, Host, Susan Woodward

The meeting convened at 7:10 pm.

Attending: Jan Dolan, Patty Shepard, Vicky Coccoluto, Elinor Quill, Robin Wolf, Susan Woodward, Judy Blaine.
Guest: Denise Goluboff

Minutes—Minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report was submitted and reviewed. Robin has re-billed outstanding advertiser fees for the Kitchen Tour booklet.

Membership Report —There have been no membership changes since the last report. Denise Goluboff will be given administrative access to our LWVW website.

Communications Report — The Communications Committee continues to work on the web site, Facebook page, press releases and sending emails to members. New members of the Steering Committee will be invited to join the Committee.

Program Follow-Ups

1. **Spring Book Read on April 25 – *Just Mercy*** —by Brian Stevenson. The discussion of racial (and other) inequities in the US legal system, highlighted in this book, was led by Chris Kurhajetz, head of Social Studies at WHS. Attendees included two library staff, plus League members Susan Woodward, Lynne Brodsky, Maggie Russell, Nancy Schrock, Lucille Cannava, Vicky Coccoluto, Eleanor Quill, Judy Blaine-- and her son Josh, a former student of Chris Kurhajetz; and four students at WHS. A larger number of students had read and participated in the earlier book discussion, but had schedule conflicts on April 25.
2. Recruitment of new **Steering Committee** members— Denise Goluboff, Lynne Brodsky, Gail O'Reilly, Jeanette Kolodziej and Meredith Crowley will be joining returning members Judy Blaine, Patty Shepard, Jan Dolan, and Robin Wolf for the 2018-2019 year.

Upcoming Events

1. **Kitchen Tour Fundraising Update** — As of May 7 the Treasurer had received \$2,805 in revenue from the sale of program advertisements, with four payments still outstanding. Tickets sales are already approximately \$2500.
2. **Annual Meeting June 9** — Plans are proceeding. Electronic invitations have been sent. Patty agreed to invite an LWVMA board member to attend. A proposed budget and the slate of Steering Committee nominees must be sent to membership by May 26, two weeks prior to the meeting; Vicky will send the blast.

3. **Civic Award** — The sub-committee of Lauren, Jan and Elinor selected Ellen Knight to receive the 2018 Civic Leadership Award. It will be presented at the Annual Meeting.
4. **Town Day** – June 2—We will have a booth. Jan is the lead person for Town Day, and Susan agreed to send out a blast for volunteers.

Old Business

1. Saturday, April 28, 2018 - **LWVMA Spring Conference** – Susan Woodward attended this conference, which took place at Clark University in Worcester. The theme was "Beyond the March: Women Leading the Way in Massachusetts". Featured speakers were Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, Yvonne Spicer, Mayor of Framingham, Newton Mayor, Ruthanne Fuller, Worcester City Councilor, Sarai Rivera, Deputy Director of Asian American Civic Association - AACA Lisa Wong and authors Barbara Berenson and Professor Daniel Ziblatt. There were about 150 attendees from Leagues all over the state.

2. **53rd National Convention** – June 28 to July 1 in Chicago – No members of the Steering Committee are available to attend the Convention in Chicago this year. Susan will send invites and information to the general membership. We have funds available to subsidize the expenses of attendance.
3. **DA Forum in Arlington** now scheduled for July 24. We will co-sponsor with Arlington league.
4. **Farmer's Market** - We have selected the weekend of Labor Day (September 1) and Patty is the lead.
5. The Steering Committee agreed via email on April 15 to co-sponsor the showing of movie "**Merchants of Doubt**" on April 22, Earth Day, at the Winchester Unitarian Society.
6. **Plastic bag issue**—The Steering Committee supports the newly enacted plastic bag ban and will help publicize or plan and public meetings on the topic as it gets closer to implementation. Vicky to follow with Sue Doubler and Ruth Trimarchi, League members who are active on the issue.

New Business –

1. The new chart, **organization of tasks** for LWVW going forward, was reviewed and updated.
2. Added **consensus meeting** dates to our calendar: Ballot Question Process - Materials available by 12/1/18, Results due by 1/31/19
3. Set date for **summer planning meeting**. Patty will circulate an email to the new and continuing Steering Committee members.
4. No date yet for the potential **Middlesex sheriff talk** sponsored by the Waltham LWV.
5. **Budget subcommittee meeting** scheduled for May 16 at 7:30 at Robin's house.
6. We received a **Scharfman grant** for \$250 to assist with the costs of hanging and maintaining our "Vote!" banner.

Calendar

Sunday, May 20, 2018 - LWVW Kitchen Tour, 12 noon – 4 PM

Saturday, June 16, 2018 -- Spring Field Service Meeting, 10:15 am in Newton

Saturday, June 9, 2018 – LWVW Annual Meeting/Civic Award

Thursday, June 28 to Sunday, July 1, 2018 – National Convention in Chicago

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 – Last day to register to vote in State Primary

Saturday, September 1, 2018 – League table at Winchester Farmers' Market

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 – State Primary

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 – Last day to register to vote in the State Election

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 – State Election

Thursday, November 8, 2018 – Winchester Fall Town Meeting

Thursday, January 31, 2019 – Ballot Question Process consensus results due.

Next Meeting—June 24, 2018 at the home of Lynn Brodsky, 15 Dix Street. Patty is scheduled to facilitate; Robin is secretary.

Adjourned at 9:00 pm.