

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WINCHESTER
FINAL MINUTES OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018
WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM 7:00- 9:00 P.M

Facilitator: Meredith Crowley, Secretary: Jan Dolan. Host: Patty Shepard

Attendance: Judy Blaine, Lynn Brodsky, Meredith Crowley, Jan Dolan, Jeannette Kolodziej, Patty Shepard, Robin Wolfe

Member Check-in

Meredith called the meeting to order at 7:05. A brief member check-in followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the November 13, 2018 meeting were approved as circulated.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No new members since the last report, 11/13/18. Vicky provided a list of twenty-two 2017 members who have not renewed and that list was circulated. Steering Committee members indicated on the list which individuals each would contact. (PLEASE DO IT)

COMMUNICATION REPORT: Minutes of all past Steering Committee meetings have not been posted on our League web site. Robin requested a vote on the suggested change to LWV Winchester non-partisan policy as noted on the attached. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve the changes. Patty will post new policy on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robin submitted the Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2017. Total Expenses are \$659.58 - Total income \$1806.25. The report was accepted and put on record.

VOTER SERVICE UPDATE: Jeanette, in a follow up of the Voter's Registration for High School students held on 10/20/18, indicated that 16-17 year old students successfully pre-registered, one student filled out the form in pencil, and all of the computers were used. She will consult with Town Clerk, Mary Ellen Lannon, as to her recommendations for future student voter registration sessions.

BANNER: Judy and Jeanette are consulting with a firm located on Maple St. Stoneham, and have requested an estimate for a banner in preparation for the Tuesday, March 26, 2019 Town Elections. In the past, LithoCraft, located in Winchester, has provided the banner.

PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP:

Candidate Forum October 21, 2018: Lynne reported that the event was well received by the candidates and the attendees. This was a very ambitious and successful effort to allow voters to question each candidate so as to better understand the positions of the candidate. The format will be examined to determine the most effective plan to "streamline" the process. A comment was made by a participant as to the lack of WinCam coverage. Therefore, only those attending benefited from the questions and answers.

MOVEABLE FEAST: Jan reported the Moveable Feast was held on Thursday, December 6, at Town Hall, Winchester Room. Sixty-four Municipal Employees attended and 16 Winchester League members volunteered. D'Agostino,s delivered and set-up the hot food. Stop and Shop Bakery provided the cake. Dave Crowley, Meredith's husband, picked up the cake and delivered it to the site. The cost for FOOD

\$672.80: BEVERAGES \$18.37: PLATES NAPKINS ETC. \$35.02 TOTAL COST: 726.19. The Woburn Daily Chronicle featured front page pictures of the event and some additional pictures.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1.Consensus Study: This will take place on Sunday, January 6, 2019 (SNOW DATE: January 13) at the Sanborn House, 1 – 3 P.M. The Arlington League will join with us for a power point explanation of the Massachusetts Ballot Question process. You may preview the topic LWVMA.org/ the LWVMA Study-on-the -Massachusetts-Ballot-question-process. 4 League Steering Committee Members volunteered to bring cookies. The Ballot Question results are due Thursday, February 15, 2018.

2.Spring Book Read: Jeannette has contacted the social studies department and has spoken with Christopher Kurhajetz . He recommended a student for book suggestions. So far no contact has occurred.

3.Possible Mini-fund raiser: Voter Choice Ma. Organization presentation on Rank Choice Voting: Patty suggested that program be combined with a Fund Raiser featuring Randall Kromm and his daughters who are a local singing group. It was also suggested inviting the Stoneham League to join with us.

4.Program on Racial Justice/ Mass incarceration with Donna Patalono, ACLU and possible MAWOCC. Patty and Lynne will develop a plan for this program and suggest a date in April or May.

5.Possible 100th Anniversary Events: Patty contacted Nancy Schrock and suggestions made were about possibly doing a fundraiser with the play/musical "We Did It For You!" Nancy is locating pricing on this and had already kindly delivered some materials about it to Judy. Other ideas include: locate retired LWVW members, Town Historian, ask for help from retired WPL librarian, Janet Nelson.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Looking ahead to Town Elections and Candidates Forum: Meredith, Patty and Lynne will recommend a plan for this event: (Town Election scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2019.) In addition to the plan, the candidates declaring for each position need to be identified. The due date for candidates to return papers is _____.
2. Patty distributed copies of announcements from recent LWV State and National newsletters and encouraged members to read same.
3. NEXT MEETING: Jan. 8, 2019 Host - Meredith Crowley, Facilitator - Jan Dolan, Secretary - Lynne Brodsky

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted, Jan Dolan, (The Exhausted One)