

**League of Women Voters of Winchester**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**  
**At the home of Judy Blaine, 15 Dix Street, Winchester**  
**Facilitator, Patty Shepard, Secretary, Robin Wolf, Host, Judy Blaine**

**The meeting convened at 7:10 pm.**

**Attending:** Judy Blaine, Lynne Brodsky, Meredith Crowley, Jan Dolan, Jeanette Kolodziej, Gail O'Reilly, Patty Shepard, Robin Wolf

**Member Check-in:** Denise Goluboff has resigned from the Steering Committee.

**Minutes**—Minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Membership Report** – Membership renewal letters have been sent out to 76 current members and 143 prospects. This has yielded 2 two new members so far. We are increasingly using event sign-up sheets to obtain names of people we can solicit for membership.

**Communications Report** – It was noted that our web site needs to be updated. Robin will work with Susan Woodward for web site and email training.

**Treasurer's Report** – was submitted and reviewed.

**Voter Services** – Our “VOTE!” banner will be hung as usual before the November 6 election. However, due to its poor condition it needs to be replaced. Judy and Jeanette will get quotes for a replacement banner.

A voter registration drive will be held at Winchester High on October 10. It is scheduled during WinBlock for maximum participation. It has been publicized in morning announcements and in newsletters. We have nine volunteers. We will have 9 Chromebooks and three tables. Registration can happen either by paper or online. Precinct maps, state-created information on ballot questions and candidates, and dates for early voting will be available to students.

**Program Follow-Ups** – Our participation in the Community Organizations Fair on the Common was a success, as was the program we sponsored with the Winchester Multicultural Network—“Living a Civil Rights Issue Supporting Justice for the Transgender Community.”

The Candidate Forum is being held October 21, 2018 at the Jenks Center, featuring State Rep candidates Colarusso, Day and Kumar, State Senate candidates Jehlen, Calvo-Bacci and Lewis and Governor's Council candidates Dixon and Kennedy. We will use the forum format as opposed to a debate.

### **Upcoming Events**

1. Thursday, Dec 6, 2018 Moveable Feast – Jan Dolan will chair. Location will be Town Hall--Winchester Room. D'Agostino's is expected to provide the food as in the past. Attendance is usually around 90 people

2. Consensus Study on the Ballot Question Process in MA with Arlington LWV on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019, from 1-3 pm at the Sanborn house. Snow date 1/13/19. Patty will lead with Denise and Robin. Material will be available in December.
3. Spring Book Read—Jeanette will coordinate. The Senior Focus class or the Social Justice Club might be appropriate partners.

### **New Business**

1. Our non-partisan policy was discussed and will be reviewed in depth at a future meeting.
2. National LWV 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—this is an occasion that deserves recognition and will be discussed at a future meeting.
3. Potential mini-fundraiser—Local resident Randall Kromm and two of his daughters might be available for a fundraiser—TBD
4. Possible future events -- Donna Patalano on justice in sentencing; Anne Emmerich and Stand Against Racism, with potential co-sponsorship by WMCN.

### **Calendar**

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 – Possible 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, December 6, 2018 – Moveable Feast at the Library

Sunday, January 6, 2019 – Consensus Study, 1-3 PM

Sunday, January 13, 2019 – Consensus Study Snow Date

Thursday, February 15, 2019 – Ballot Question Process consensus results due.

**Next Meeting**— November 13 at 7:00 pm at the home of Judy Blaine. Robin will facilitate and Meredith will be secretary.

**Adjourned** at 8:50 pm.