

**League of Women Voters of Winchester
Steering Committee Meeting May 14, 2019, 7pm
Jan Dolan's home, 7 Lakeview Terrace**

Host: Jan Dolan, **Facilitator:** Lynne Brodsky, **Secretary:** Judy Blaine

In attendance: Jan Dolan, Patty Shepard, Judy Blaine, Lynne Brodsky, and Meredith Crowley. The meeting convened at 7:15. It was noted that Patty and Jan are ending their four-year terms on the SC.

Minutes: The April minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Patty and Robin will draft a budget for next year (to be distributed to membership before the Annual Meeting). The SC will need to assign a second signer for checks. Treasurer's report was submitted and approved.

Membership: No report this month.

Communications update:

Patty will follow up with Denise on the status of the web site.

Diane Davies of the Jenks Center has asked us for any photos of events we sponsored at the Jenks Center. Susan Woodward may have some.

Voter Services

Jan is still trying to meet with the Town Clerk to try to answer the following questions:

- What is the percentage of registered voters that vote PER PRECINCT?
 - What can we do to target lower voter turnout precincts to promote voting?
 - What are the demographics (old - hard to get to voting place, young - not engaged yet?)?
- Jan suggested asking town meeting members to encourage their constituents to vote.

Update on Recent Events:

Spring Book Read: April 24, 3:30pm at WHS: "All the Real Indians Died Off" and 20 Other Myths About Native Americans. Was deemed a success. Lynne suggested asking Clara, the incoming leader of the high school Social Justice group, to attend the annual meeting.

Climate Change Event (we co-sponsored) – was also a great success. Kudos to Ruth Trimarchi for an excellent program that was very well attended (estimated 80-100 attendees, no one left early!).

Upcoming Events:

Town Day, June 1: Booth has been reserved for our usual spot in front of Dunkin' Donuts. Jan will organize and set up. So far, Jan, Merry, Judy, and Jeanette have volunteered to take a shift. Patty will send out an email requesting volunteers to help staff the booth.

MA League Convention in Westford, June 7-8

Jan, Jeanette, and Lynne will be delegates.

Annual Meeting: At Sanborn House, Saturday, June 15

- Patty will introduce the Civic Award recipient, Sandy Thompson, if no one else offers to do it. Meredith is ordering a clear Lucite award, appropriately engraved. She will get a guest list from Sandy. The RSVP deadline is June 10.
- Jan will be the moderator for the business meeting. Lynne will be the recorder for the business meeting. Judy will be the first reader. Merry will be second reader if there is no volunteer from the floor.
- Patty showed us the handouts for the event. Patty will email the Steering Committee nominees to send her brief bios to include in the handouts. Lithocraft will print them. The new Steering Committee members are: Lucille Cannava, Sue Carney, Kim Foley, Jean Herbert, and Erica Lane.
- Patty will bring a microphone. We will need a podium (need to request it from Sanborn House).
- Lynne made some changes to the menu, to add more protein choices. Our cost will be \$13.95 per person. We will charge \$20. Lynne will ask Laura (of Fuller Cup) if she can provide coffee, or Lynne will bring it. Lynne will come early to set up, and will bring water, paper goods, and utensils. She will ask that the food be delivered by 10:00 AM.
- Eleanor Quill will be asked if she wants to make small flower arrangements for the tables, and a larger one for the center table. There will be seating for 50 people.

Update on 100 Year LWV and Suffrage Anniversary in relation to the LWV Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion priority:

Patty and Lynne spoke and met with members from MAWOCC, MA Women of Color Coalition. We are partnering with them to promote dialogue about the historical betrayal of women of color within the League and the Women's Suffrage Movement in an effort toward reconciliation. **The first of several bi-monthly Facebook Live conversations will take place on June 30 at 4:00 PM.** This first conversation will be led by Angelina Camacho, of MAWOCC, and Patty, with help from Lynne and Chioma Nnaji, Eastern VP of MAWOCC. Patty handed out a draft of the schedule and format of the event.

New Member Orientation

Lynne will lead in July at a date to be determined. She will compile the notebooks for the new members.

Miscellaneous

After observing how well the Climate Change event went, Merry suggested we try to partner or co-sponsor with other Leagues, and other organizations on as many events as possible.

Rebecca Slisz and Lynne recommended having a program to get differing viewpoints about the Sachem logo and cultural appropriation. Jan said she could give a history of the Sachem logo.

Next meeting:

Some time in July.

9:30 pm meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Blaine