

**League of Women Voters of Winchester Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Host - Lynne Brodsky, 15 Dix Street, #11

Facilitator - Judy Blaine

Secretary- Meredith Mason-Crowley

Members in Attendance

Kim Foley, Jeanette Kolodziej, Jean Herbert, Ruth Trimarchi, Lynne Brodsky, Erica Lane, Judy Blaine, Meredith Mason-Crowley

Approval of Minutes The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Member Check-in

- Lynne went through all the supplies given to her by Patty. Jean has LWV cutlery will bring to Lynne if needed.

Treasurer's Report

- Jeanette provided the report from Robin indicating no summer activity and current account balance.

Membership Update

- Kim will talk with Vicky about sharing the overseeing of the membership duties.

Communications Update

- Lynne talked about updating the website different options for working through this task was discussed. She will contact Denise Golubuff about the specifics and possible referrals.

Update on Old Business

Fundraising

- An update was provided regarding the event to be held at the Next-Door Theater featuring Jimmy Tingle. The theater is not available in April and May. They are looking in to early June as a possible date. Current ticket price \$75 with direct mailing to members. Steering Committee approved ticket change 7-0.

Voter Services

- Erica reported looking in to voter registration.
- Reservation of the VOTE banner space at the rotary - Judy (3/17 to 4/1/20)

- Lynne is looking in to the Reverse 911 and is still seeking information as possible reminder to vote.
- Judy presented information on Town of Winchester civic dates obtained from the town website.
- Jeannette will approach WHS for voter registration event first week of February being the week of February 3rd, 2020.

Meeting Space Reservation

- Jean scheduled the WPL 12/10/19 and 3/10/20 for public meeting, and Sanborn House 6/13/20 for the Annual Meeting

Legislative Liaison

- Lynne will look in to WLWV Legislative Liaison for more information.

Update on LWMA DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion)

- Collaboration with MAWOCC reported on future events and collaborations. A number of local residents were participants in the Facebook Live event.

Spring Book Read

- Jeanette discussed contacting the WHS teaching staff to set up the event.

100th anniversary of Suffrage Movement

- The group possibly spotlights suffragettes to feature on our website or share with the public through the newspaper.

Upcoming Events

Farmers Market

- Table at Farmers Market community day (Sept. 21) – Judy completed the form for the event and will look in to finalizing the form. The timing of the event is 9:00am to 1:00pm. Judy asked about an email announcement to the membership regarding the Community Organization Fair. She will determine who provide the table. She will prepare an announcement for members to help staff the event.

Moveable Feast

- Meredith will meet with Jan Dolan 9/12 about the Moveable Feast to be held 12/5/19

CAAC Communication

- Ruth Trimarchi attended the meeting to give an update on an event by the Climate Action Advisory Committee, at Jenks, 'Climate of Hope,' by Union of Concerned Scientists on reducing carbon footprint to take place on 9/23/19, at 7:00pm to 8:30pm. The WLWV will co-sponsor the event and will make an

announcement on the LWV website. Lynne and Kim will attend and set up LWV banners to display.

Old Business

- Fundraiser update?
- Voter services.
- Voter registration and vote reminder emails - Erica
- Reverse 911 for election days? Can we get school PTA email lists? - Lynne
- Voter registration drive at the high school - Jeanette
- Candidate Forum – League moderator? – Lynne
- DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion): MAWOCC October 27, 2019
- Update on LWMA DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion): Collaboration with MAWOCC planning for a 100th anniversary event.
- Legislative Liaison – Lynne
- Spring book Read - Jeanette

New Business

Some programs suggested:

- How to run for town meeting.
- Open meeting law.
- How does town government work?
- 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.
- Single payer health care.
- Ranked voting

Calendar:

- September 21, 2019 - Community Organizations Day at Farmers' Market
- September 23, 2019 CAAC at the Jenks Center
- October 7, 2019 – Steering Committee meeting
- October 27, 2019- DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion): Collaboration with MAWOCC
- December 5, 2019 – Movable Feast
- December 10, 2019 and March 10, 2020 Public SC meeting at WPL
- Candidate Forum - March 15, 2020
- Town Election – March 26, 2020
- Annual Meeting – June 13, 2020