

**League of Women Voters of Winchester
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2020
9 Winter St., Winchester, MA**

Host: Sue Carney **Facilitator:** Meredith Crowley **Secretary:** Kim Foley

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Carney, Meredith Crowley, Kim Foley, Jean Herbert, Jeanette Kolodziej, Erica Lane, Robin Wolf

MEMBER CHECK IN: Update of family events shared.

MINUTES: Minutes reviewed and approved from meeting on January 14, 2020.

TREASURER REPORT: Robin reported a balance of \$13,375.55. Checks from 4 regular members and 6 sustaining members were deposited after January 31 so were not included in the January Treasurer's report. Tickets for fundraiser are starting to be sold.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Vicky sent a report of 87 members as of 1/31/20. We actually have 89 but 2 came in after the national reporting date of January 31. She thanks members of the steering committee who phoned with reminders in the last days of the membership drive.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE: Lynn met with Amanda, Susan, and Lauren and they will focus on enhancing our social media sites. Robin and Judy will be rotating off SC and we should consider future candidates now. We need a treasurer but Robin will stay on if necessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We Did It For You: Performance is March 8th at McCall Middle School @ 2:30pm. Volunteers needed. Robin will do house lights. Welcoming will be by Sue and Merry. Kim and Jeanette and Erica also volunteered. Please arrive at 1:15 pm. Posters will be placed in schools and churches, Community board at Woburn YMCA, and Kids Stock. Considering collaborating with local Girl Scout Troop to dress as historical figures and act as living history for the occasion.

Candidate Forum 3/15: Robin, Kim, Meredith volunteered to help. Plan to arrive at 1pm. Lynn has moderator scheduled. School committee and Board of Health seats are contested seats. Lynne is asking for volunteers. Robin and Sue volunteered to write a Letter to the Editor of the Winchester Star about the Forum and reminding people to vote on March 31st.

Town Election on 3/31: Jeanette reports banner should be ready tomorrow.

Fundraising Event April 4th: Jean reports it is progressing on schedule.

Spring Read: Jeanette reports having trouble contacting the WHS student group but continues working on suggestions for books. The Solitude of Self is a book about Elizabeth Cady Stanton that is a good option. Also, suffragette, feminism, social justice articles abound. No date set as yet for the event.

Town Common Task Force: Robin will be the treasurer for the group. Any addition league members are welcome to join.

Citizenship Award and speaker for Annual Meeting in June: A question was raised about whether someone outside Winchester could be nominated. Meredith checked the by-laws and they can. Jean suggested asking membership for names via email blast. March 15th will be the deadline for nominations. Robin suggested Dr. Susan Ware, a Harvard professor, as a potential speaker and will investigate her availability.

Report on Events:

MAWOCC: Tabled until Lynne can report.

Voter Registration Update: Jeanette reported that the WHS turnout was lower than last year (60 in 2019, 30 this year) possibly due to automatic voter registration when you get a license.

State League Survey: Lynne wants SC to decide if we want to sign on to this. Climate Emergency question 2 we support. LWVMA not support question 7 and we concur. Feels it's not transparent. Jeanette will respond to survey.

Reverse 911: Lynne hasn't yet connected with Chief Tustin.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

NEXT MEETING: March 10th, Winchester Public Library, 7pm, Public Meeting

Future Meetings

DATE	HOST	FACILITATOR	SECRETARY
3/10/20 Public	Library (Jean)	Erica	Sue
4/14/20	Jean	Sue	Robin
5/12/20	Meredith	Robin	Jeanette
6/13/20 Annual	Sanborn House	Jeanette	Jean