

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WINCHESTER
Steering Committee Meeting, January 12, 2021 - via Zoom
MEETING MINUTES

FACILITATOR: Jean Herbert **SECRETARY:** Amanda Littell-Clark

ATTENDEES:

Steering Committee – Marilyn Mullane, Jeanette Kolodziej, Meredith Crowley, Caroline Shamu, Michele Nathan (Regrets: Lynne Brodsky, Sonya Rao)

Jean called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

MINUTES – The December 2020 minutes were approved. Kim Foley will be posting minutes on the website moving forward.

TREASURER’S REPORT - presented by Jean Herbert – accepted.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - presented by Kim Foley – as of 12/31, we had 77 renewals with 7 new members, for a total of 84 members which is slightly down from 87 last year. 28% of members paid online.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE - Amanda reported it was a busy 4Q with the election and numerous updates on social media and the website. Amanda and Marilyn reviewed our website and social media to remove any copyrighted materials. The website has been updated for 2021. Caroline is looking into setting up Google Drive to store documents and to avoid excess emailing. Caroline recommended Slack (or perhaps Google Chat) for small groups to have running conversations, rather than email. She will work with Amanda and Jeanette to explore further/set up.

LEAGUE LEADERS UPDATE – Marilyn attended a Zoom meeting where a meeting with the Congressperson of a peer local League was reported. At February meeting, SC can discuss a similar event in the spring for our League with Rep. Katherine Clark.

REPORTS ON PAST EVENTS AND AGENDA ITEMS:

LWVMA GALA in December – email Brynne Gorman (bgorman@lwwma.org) to receive a link and password to the unpublished YouTube recording of the event.

METRO WEST semi-annual Meeting – attended by Marilyn, Jeanette, Jean.

REPORTS ON CURRENT OR FUTURE EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

PHONATHON – Jean thanked those who are making phone calls (Marilyn, Jeanette, Merry, Sonya, Michele, Gloria Legvold).

MAIN TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION –Revision of by-laws and other documents

Jean reviewed the proposed changes to the by-laws, key highlights including:

- Treasurer role is not required to be on the Steering Committee, to be more flexible;
- Responsibilities of Treasurer were refined;

- Agreed that term limits make sense for both SC members and Treasurer, as follows – after serving two successive two-year terms, a one-year absence is required; and
- Annual Meeting and Summer Planning section was refined.

Jean reviewed changes to Ground Rules. The SC reviewed the descriptions of the various Roles of the SC and members. A question was raised about whether the Legislative Liaison role is necessary. Jean tabled discussion of the Policy Statements, to be discussed at February SC.

NEW BUSINESS

Caroline raised that it is difficult to find information on candidates for Town Meeting. With the upcoming March election, is there a way to collect/disseminate information about the candidates, such as a questionnaire that the candidate would complete? Referring question to Lynne B./Voter Services.

Jean ended the meeting at 9 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Zoom Host – Marilyn Mullane

Facilitator – Amanda Littell-Clark

Secretary – Merry Crowley