

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WINCHESTER**  
**Steering Committee Meeting, November 9, 2021 - via Zoom**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**FACILITATOR:** Lynne Brodsky    **SECRETARY:** Amanda Littell-Clark

**ATTENDEES:**

Steering Committee – Marilyn Mullane, Meredith Crowley, Caroline Shamu, Michele Nathan, Lynne Brodsky, Amanda Littell-Clark, Sonya Rao, Trā Evrigenis

Lynne called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

**A. MONTHLY ITEMS**

**MINUTES** – The Oct 2021 minutes were approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** - Accepted. We will invite Jean to attend SC meetings once in a while so we can ask/answer questions about the Treasurer’s report.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Sonya – On Sept. 24 had 97 members. Membership did 2 email blasts and follow up letter (Oct. 25) and will do targeted emails before Thanksgiving. There are 3 new members, 33 renewed members. Will look into Wild Apricot member email options for payment reminders / confirmations.

**VOTER SERVICES** – Lynne shared learnings on debates from LWV Northampton area. Spring voter registration event to be held before municipal election at end of March.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA** - No update on social media. Most SC members have been able to use Slack for communications, and Slack conversations about Moveable Feast seemed to work well.

**LIAISONS TO LWVMA AND METRO WEST** – Many of us attended Lobby Day for MA VOTES Act on Oct. 13. Marilyn attended Nov. 4 event on Offshore Wind.

**LEAGUE LEADERS** - Marilyn and Merry attended the League Leaders Leadership Development event on Nov 6; Merry separately shared her notes via email. Ideas we could consider: post our non-partisan statement on website; invite members from more local towns such as Medford and Stoneham; walk in local parades. Merry reported on Data Collection activity by LWVMA; she separately sent email with link for filling out survey.

**B. REPORTS ON CURRENT OR FUTURE EVENTS/PROGRAMS:**

**OCTOBER 16 FARMERS MARKET** – Several of us attended.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING** – The Oct. 27 forum on Demystifying Affordable Housing was well attended. Caroline produced 1-page flyer for distribution. Caroline wrote LWVW position paper for Network for Social Justice’s application for Citizen’s Housing and Planning Ass’n (CHAPA) funding. Marilyn wrote a public letter on our League’s position about affordable housing.

**NON-CITIZEN VOTING UPDATE** – Marilyn deferred update.

**HARVARD CASE METHOD UPDATE** – Deferred (Jeanette absent).

**WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON** – Trā discussed current need at the high school for donations of menstrual supplies/tampons. Further discussion to be held on Slack.

**MA VOTES ACT** – Bill passed in the Senate and is waiting on vote in House.

**MOVEABLE FEAST** – Merry reported the luncheon event will be held Dec. 9 in the Town Hall Auditorium. We anticipate 150-200 people, with seatings coordinate by reservation. Merry is getting bids on catering.

**LWVW DEC. 14 PUBLIC MEETING** – The speaker will be Ruth Trimarchi, addressing Winchester Climate Action Plan and climate change as a health issue. Amanda will send e-mail invite to all members with Zoom link.

**OTHER PROGRAMMING POSSIBILITIES:**

- **Basics of Govt A-Z** – Lynne - possible topic of Town Meeting
- **Updating Membership Brochure** – revisit in Jan. 2021

**Lynne ended the meeting at 9 PM.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Zoom Host – Marilyn Mullane

Facilitator – Amanda Littell-Clark

Secretary – Merry Crowley

January 11 – Merry (facilitator), Sonya (recorder)

Feb. 8 – Sonya (facilitator), Trā (recorder)

March 8 (public meeting) - Trā (facilitator), Marilyn (recorder)