

League of Women Voters of Winchester
Steering Committee Meeting
FINAL MINUTES
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
At the home of Judy Blaine, 15 Dix Street, Winchester
Facilitator, Robin Wolf, Secretary, Meredith Mason-Crowley, Host, Judy Blaine

The meeting convened at 7:10 pm.

Attending: Judy Blaine, Meredith Crowley, Jan Dolan, Patty Shepard, Robin Wolf, Vicky Coccoluto

Minutes—Minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

Membership Report – Vicky reported there are 76 members. There are several new members based on a recent membership drive. She and Gail sent 155 out letters to prospective members using the sign-in sheets for the last six events; as a result 13 new members have joined the WLWV.

Communications Report –

1. Robin will work with Susan Woodward on website and email training.
2. Patty will check with Susan to add the most recent minutes to the last two meetings.
3. Judy is working on gathering estimates on the banner replacement which she will send to Susan.
4. Robin will also be able to update the website.

Treasurer's Report – Robin will email the Treasure's Report to the Steering Committee. The current balance in the LWV account is \$11,096.12.

Voter Services –

1. A voter registration drive was held at Winchester High on October 10, which was coordinated by Jeanette Kolodziej. She submitted a written report which was read at the meeting.
2. Non-Partisan Policy: Robin will review the policy and will proposed language to clarify that members who are TMM may serve on the Steering Committee.

Program Follow-Ups –

1. League Leaders Lunch: Jan and Patty attended. Patty and Jan reported on an array of topics. Patty listened to a presentation at the luncheon on Steering Committee guidelines of the leagues present only two out of 30 had term limits. Other issues mentioned included partnering with other Leagues on events and attending to handicapped voters.
2. After the League Leaders Lunch meeting, Jan checked with Mary Ellen regarding issues with handicapped voters in Winchester. She learned that documentation is presented by citizens who are eligible to utilize specialized adapted voting booths. There are 30 people town wide. Jan mentioned the future possibility of working with precincts in Winchester with low voter turn-out.
3. We will have a follow-up discussion in December when Lynn is present. The Candidate Forum was held October 21, 2018 at the Jenks Center. Representative candidates Colarusso, Day and Kumar, State Senate candidates Jehlen, Calvo-Bacci and Lewis and Governor's Council candidates Dixon and Kennedy.
4. Jeanette Kolodziej coordinated a voter registration drive at Winchester High on October 10 during WIN block. Jeanette indicated holding the event during WIN block proved to be optimal timing free from the distractions of the lunchtime hours. The drive was publicized in WHS morning announcements and in newsletters. There were nine volunteers who assisted students while they registered. The laptops arrived on time and the space was set up in advance. Precinct maps, state-created information on

ballot questions and candidates, and dates for early voting were available to students. Approximately 60 students registered during Win Block in the cafeteria. The majority were pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds. Judy Blaine, Lynn Brodsky, Anna LaViolette volunteered. Patty provided supplies. Jeanette handed in the completed paper registration forms to the Town Clerk at Town Hall.

Upcoming Events

1. Thursday, Dec 7, 2018 Moveable Feast – Jan Dolan will chair. Location will be Town Hall- Winchester Room. D’Agostino’s is expected to provide the food as in the past. Attendance is usually around 90 people. Jan is planning this event and could use some assistance. Patty will look up a sample for email blast to the membership for volunteers and send to Jan. Vicky will help coordinate as well. There are usually 16 volunteers. Needed are 4 servers and 4 greeters.
2. Consensus Study on the Ballot Question Process in MA with Arlington LWV on Sunday, January 6, 2019, from 1-3 pm at the Sanborn house. Snow date will be January 13. Patty will lead with Denise and Robin. Material will be available in December. Patty will write and email to send out to the membership. Patty will facilitate and Robin will be taking notes. Meredith will take notes on an easel. Patty will buy paper for easel.
3. Spring Book Read—Jeanette will coordinate. The Senior Focus class or the Social Justice Club might be appropriate partners. Usually early spring.

New Business

1. Our non-partisan policy was discussed and will be reviewed in depth at a future meeting.
2. National LWV 100th Anniversary 2020—this is an occasion that deserves recognition and will be discussed at a future meeting. Looking at the history of Winchester LWV. Possibly considering input from Ellen Knight, Nancy Schrock, or retired WPL librarian, Janet Nelson.
3. Potential mini-fundraiser—Local resident Randall Kromm and two of his daughters might be available for a fundraiser— Patty and Lynn are considering partnering with Stoneham to be held at Sanborn House. Possible topic on rank choice voting.
4. Possible future events -- Mass Incarceration issues, possibly partnering with Donna Patalano. Patty may look at possible dates for this event, possibly in April and May.
5. Patty will send out info on a diversity webinar.
6. Phone-a-thon we may not have an event this year.

Calendar

Thursday, December 7, 2018 – Moveable Feast at the Town Hall in the Winchester Room

Sunday, January 6, 2019 – Consensus Study, 1-3 PM

Sunday, January 13, 2019 – Consensus Study Snow Date

Thursday, February 15, 2019 – Ballot Question Process consensus results due.

Next Meeting— December 11, at 7:00 pm at Winchester Public Library with Patty as the host, Meredith will facilitate, and Jan will be secretary.

Adjourned- at 8:55 pm.