



Monthly Member Meeting August 10, 2017

Tonight's agenda:

- Housekeeping
- Communications
- Speakers' Bureau
- Upcoming Events
- Committee Reports
- Adjourn to subcommittee meetings

Housekeeping

- Name Tags
- Email: Are you receiving it?
- New policy implemented regarding sharing of email addresses
- Treasurer's Report: Luan Burton
- Survey Results: New Meeting Date

Sharing emails

Having issues with sending emails via BCC via Google Documents. The program does not allow BCC. Secretary apologizes for accidentally sending emails to all via CC instead of BCC. It is policy NOT to share email address.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reviewed August 10 financials. (Attached to minutes)

Provisional budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 is based on the assumption that will reach 100 members; We currently have 86. On January 31, League affiliates are assessed \$32 for each member to the national LWV and \$30 to the state LWV. Lauren Hofland stated that Andrea Kaminski (state LWV executive director) informed her that payments to the national and state LWV will be based on our January 2018 census and will not be due until August 2018. An adjustment to the budget will be made to reflect this fact. Budget will be voted on at the September meeting.

Our current membership structure is \$50 for regular membership, \$75 for couples, \$25 for students and \$25 for seniors. State membership is \$60 for regular memberships, \$90 for household memberships and \$30 for students: They do not offer a reduced rate for seniors.

To make membership accessible to as many people as possible, we do not charge the full amount (\$62 per person). Many other Leagues also do this. We will have a box for donations at each meeting so that members can sponsor a senior or student. Valarie Ortega Van Sickle volunteered to make the box. We will also create a fundraising committee. If anyone wants to volunteer for that committee, please do.

Quorum

It was suggested that if there is an actionable item on the agenda, we make a note on the agenda before the meeting so that members understand we will need a quorum.
Note: Meeting is not quorate. May want to revisit our quorum requirements as it's currently 51% of membership.

Meeting Date (beginning September)

We surveyed our membership to find new day for meetings. Mead Public Library allows us to reserve the room for six months at a time. Survey results were: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at Mead Library in the Rocca Room.

Communications

- Need a member to chair this function
- Meeting notifications to be sent to the local news outlets
- Flyers to be posted throughout the community
- Website: Stephanie Szemetylo, Lead
- Newsletter: Need template design and editor
- Bookmark or oversized business card with LWV facts: Need lead

Communications

We've set up a standard operating procedure for meeting notifications: 2 weeks prior and again 2 days prior to meeting.

Need someone to chair this function. Stephanie Szemetylo and Melissa Prentiss will be involved in the publication of the newsletter. Other volunteers are invited and encouraged to assist.

Barb Zemple and Suw Charman-Anderson volunteer to co-chair communications committee.

Speakers' Bureau

Our goal is to make presentations to and solicit members from a balanced representation of our county's demographics

- Need a chair to coordinate
- Possible groups and venues include:
 - AAUW, Altrusa, Rotary, PEO, 4-H (youth outreach), UW-Extension, UW-Sheboygan, Lakeland University, Coastal Connections, INK (Kohler Co.), Acuity 5-year Club, JMKAC, Sheboygan Garden Club, Granny Caucus
 - Others as identified by membership

Speakers Bureau

Ruth Rank has already given one presentation on the League to a community group, but we need a group of people who are willing to speak publicly about LWV, to solicit new members and educate the public on voting rights, etc. A list of possible venues has been started.

Chris Burr and Nanette Bulebosh have volunteered to be on the committee.

Upcoming Events

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- Lauren to attend State LWV Diversity workshop end of August
- Others as identified by membership

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Stephanie: Environment committee is meeting with president of Manitowoc league, Monday 2pm to talk about the watershed problem if anyone is interested.

Lauren read an email from Andrea Kaminski: the state board is creating a new committee to engage underserved groups, focusing first on Latino community. Two representatives from Sheboygan are invited to take part. First meeting in September, in Madison. Jo Johnson and Alexandra Nugent volunteer.

Next Meeting

September 13, 2017

6:30 pm

Mead Public Library

Next meeting Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 in the Rocca Room at Mead Public Library.

Anyone who wishes to join committees, please speak to leaders after the meeting.

When sending emails, we will now include list of leadership team names and contact details.

Committee Reports

Voter Registration and Access: Maeve Quinn

National Women's Equality Day (sponsored by the Granny Caucus): The Celebration will be at Fountain Park, Saturday, August 26 from 9am - noon. There will be three information tables: Voting Rights/Registration, Fair Maps, and Keep Money Out of Politics. The LWV voter rights/access committee will help with the Voter information/registration table. Contact Maeve if you would like to help (maeve.quinn@earthlink.net).

Committee Reports

- Voter registration and voting access: Maeve Quinn
- Education: Ruth Rank & Yajarel Ortega Van Sickle
- Environment: Stephanie Szemeylo and Luan Burton

Are there reports from any of these groups tonight?

Point from the floor: Have information on what is allowed to be shared when you register to vote, as some states are having people deregister - WI collects very little information and should make that more well known.

At the Voter Rights/Registration table there will be opportunities for people to register online as well as gather information of what they need in order to register to vote.

More than 300,000 people in Wisconsin were removed from the voting polls this year. If someone has not voted in the last four years they were sent a postcard alerting them that they would be removed from the voting lists. The committee is concerned that not everyone received the postcard and...more importantly...it is your right to choose not to vote. It makes the efforts of this committee even more important...ensuring that all citizens are registered to vote.

LWV member John Binder is going to be knocking on the door of everyone who is not registered in Plymouth. There are 18,871 adults not registered to vote in our county. His goal is to make Plymouth 100% registered. Our committee is thinking about creating groups to focus on registering people in their community. It would be great to help Sheboygan County reach

	<p>100% registered voters.</p> <p>Four opportunities to vote in 2018: Feb 20, Apr 3, Aug 14, Nov 6.</p> <p>Voter Rights/Access committee meets the hour before the LWV meeting, and may also meet mid-month. Email notification will be sent to interested members.</p> <p>The committee will be communicating the concern regarding polling station being moved from Longfellow area, as those people would need to take two busses to get to new polling station. The committee thinks it should be in the local elementary school. The committee will also be communicating the concern of the opening hours of the DMV in light of the new requirement of a photo ID in order to vote.</p> <p>A sign-up sheet for those interested in working as a poll worker was passed around the room. Response was robust!</p> <p>Finally, the Voter Rights/Access committee would like to recommend that in next 6 months, the Education Committee put something out there on voter ID and registration, and get city clerks to have a presentation about voting.</p>
	<p>Education: Ruth Rank</p> <p>Committee is focusing on health care literacy and “fair map project,” formerly known as gerrymandering and redistricting.</p> <p>We need to make sure that how we’re pursuing healthcare literacy is coordinated with other groups in town that are also providing information to the public. Until we understand what others are doing, we are putting public presentations on hold.</p>
	<p>Environment: Stephanie Szemetylo</p> <p>Focusing on watershed issues. Manitowoc League is providing mentoring and updating fact sheets on Lake Michigan watersheds. Once they are published around Labor Day, local Leagues will hold educational sessions and meetings on these. Meeting on Monday to discuss how to work with Manitowoc on watershed issues. History of Water in WI, was a fabulous speaker who spoke at the Library. Could we have him back?</p> <p>The committee has discussed and vetted other topics, but they are setting those aside and focusing on the watershed. Can add other issues later once watershed is rolling.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned after committee reports.</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 @ 6:30, ROCCA ROOM, MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY.</p>