



**Guest speaker:**  
**Marcos Guevara: Immigration Reform**

As the Nation talks about separating children from their families at our southern border and in our local community, the conversation about comprehensive immigration reform becomes both more difficult and more inevitable. To help us declutter the topic and find ways that we can act to help resolve the issue, we've invited Marcos Guevara, a member of the local chapter of Voces de la Frontera (a grassroots group that advocates for immigrants, refugees, and low wage workers in Wisconsin), to share some science and some facts about race-relations and immigration. Marcos will also be facilitating a conversation on this important issue.



Sheboygan county has 15 or 20k non-native residents who are not Asian: 6K-12K are eligible for citizenship options. Estimate only 100 DACA.

They are using school enrollment numbers to identify just how many people.

**Tools** that help us talk about difficult things. Based in cognitive science.

**Attributional error** - the natural reaction to difference. Where would I have to be in my head to look like that and behave that way?

**Confirmation bias** - 2 people look at the same set of data and come away with different conclusions.

**Cognitive Dissonance** - presented with a situation where we're wrong, or we've been duped by the people.. I'm not responsible for making those decisions. Doubling down effect.

These are barriers to having open conversation.

Rampant **Anti-intellectualism** - "You haven't studied it; you aren't the expert..." undermines discourse and useful policymaking.

How do we combat these 4 things? **Mindfulness**. Be hyper aware of thoughts and feelings, "Why am I angry right now?" "Why am I rejecting what I'm seeing?"... It takes a long time to practice mindfulness.

"This is a Fact" Nope, it's complicated. Don't try to argue with facts. Let's make it less about facts and more about the human. What would make you walk 3k miles with a toddler and an infant? Center the human in the situation instead of arguing about statistics.

Separation of families is happening right here in Sheboygan. These are people working in our companies and living in our neighborhoods. Policies in our Sheriff's Department and at the Sheboygan DA right now are terrorizing our fellow people in Sheboygan.

Marcos can provide you with resources to help, please contact him at [me.guevara@gmail.com](mailto:me.guevara@gmail.com)

Voces Initiatives: getting drivers licenses back or able to be renewed.

What can we do? Get policies in place to protect people. Call the Sheriff, Cory Roeseler 459-3111. Call the DA, Joel Urmanski 459-3040. Call the schools. Call the county supervisor. Call the chief of police. Ask them to make policies that allow the systems to be freed up for real prosecutorial crimes. Driving without a drivers license should not be treated as seriously as human trafficking.

<p><b>Election of new president and nominations for open positions</b></p>	<p>Approval of May meeting minutes  Nick Dussault motion  Jane Mandel second  Discussion: none  Motion carried</p> <p>Treasurer's report tabled until September meeting</p> <p>Noted that Membership and Publicity are now filled.  TREASURER - nominations from room? This could be a position that 2 people hold in order to support the role.</p> <p>VP of President of Program and Advocacy can also be done as a co-chair position.</p> <p>This will be need to be addressed at our September meeting.</p> <p>PRESIDENT - Lauren is now overly employed and needs to discontinue in the role of President.  Luan Burton has offered to be nominated to be President  Motion: Maeve - nominate Luan for President  Second: Kristin Casey-Booth Second</p> <p>Discussion: Lauren has kindest of remarks for Luan's qualifications.  Nominations closed, motion for unanimous ballot  Carol Zorne - moved  Nick Dussault - second  Motion Carried</p>
<p><b>Convention Reports will be given at the September meeting</b></p>	<p>At the September meeting</p>
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Voter Access and Registration</b> - City Clerk Meredith De Bruin met with committee today. Early voting has already begun, she invites us all to come early to vote at city hall.  NOTE: City clerk has moved across the street to the old Social Security building on 9th street. The August election will involve all new ballots and new machines. The more people we have trained, the better we'll be able to service the public. Anyone who lives in the county can come help in the city. The city has a dire need for poll workers.  Training sessions for poll workers are 2 hours each in Loft space at Mead Library. Call Cheryl, the workshop organizer at 459-3361 to reserve your space for one of the following sessions:</p> <p>7/25 8:30 a.m., or 12:30 p.m.  7/26 8:30 a.m., or 12:30 p.m.  7/30 8:30 a.m., or 12:30 p.m.  7/31 8:30 a.m., or 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>If you're interested in getting info out about voting and how easy it is, at the fair, farmers markets, coffee shops... we need more than just this committee going out into the community. An email/signup for times will be shared soon with the entire league.</p> <p>Committee's Presentation to Sheb Co. Housing Authority - report next time.</p>

<p><b>Name tag fundraiser</b></p>	<p>Lauren Hofland and Sue Grasse - are running a name tag fundraiser  2 reasons: so we get to know each other better and so that we raise a few funds. Name tags are \$20 each. Contact Lauren if you are interested in one. <a href="mailto:laurenrosehofland@gmail.com">laurenrosehofland@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Election Night Reporting</b> (request from LWV-WI): Volunteers needed*</p>	<p>The state league is looking for volunteers for election night reporting. Lauren has information forms if you are interested.</p>
<p><b>August 7 Inaugural Year Social Event</b></p>	<p>Sue Grasse - described the event: cake, snacks and refreshments  This is so we get to know each other, build fellowship, sign up new members and register voters. The event is at Three Sheeps Brewery on August 7 starting at 6pm. Bring friends, get them involved!</p>
<p>OTHER</p>	<p><b>Looking for people to sign up to volunteer for Candidate Forums:</b> moderators, greeters, timers, etc.  Forum dates Dates TBD in October.</p> <p>Contact: Joan Rogers  Email us at <a href="mailto:lwwsheboyganwi@gmail.com">lwwsheboyganwi@gmail.com</a></p>