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<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">League of Women Voters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">— Starting our Sheboygan Chapter —</p> <hr/>	<p>Rocca Meeting Room Mead Public Library</p> <p>Called to order 6:05pm by Lauren Rose Hofland</p>
<p>Purpose of tonight's meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote on bylaws and nonpartisanship policy • Vote on slate of officers for leadership team • Preliminary group work on goals and action priorities for year one 	<p>News: 73 members officially signed up by date of meeting</p> <p>Lauren recognized the work of the Chapter Board members: Maeve Quinn, Ruth Rank, Nona Beining, Stephanie Szemetylo, Luan Burton, Mary Lynn Donohue, Melissa Prentice.</p>
<p>Bylaws and Nonpartisan Policy: Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheboygan Chapter must adopt a nonpartisan policy, which will apply to individuals in sensitive positions such as President, media spokesperson, or anyone involved with voter services: http://www.lwv.org/About/NonpartisanshipPolicy.aspx • Agree to and adopt Bylaws for Sheboygan Chapter (modeled on LWV-Dane County Bylaws). 	<p>Mary Lynne Donohue moved, Maeve Quinn seconded, that the nonpartisanship policy be amended to include both state and local officers. The policy seems to require inclusion of both. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>We have our first vote</p> <p>Bylaws</p> <p>A member suggested that the bylaws explicitly state that board meetings are open to all members. Maeve Quinn moved, Nanette Bulebosh seconded that the bylaws be amended to state that board meetings are open to all members. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Article II, section 2: This section refers to the scope of activity that LWV chapters may undertake. It was suggested that the word "state" be removed to make the meaning clearer. Maeve Quinn moved, Jane Mandel seconded, that the word "state" be removed from Article II, section 2 of the bylaws. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>We have Bylaws</p>
<p>Leadership Team - Chapter Officers: Vote to Approve</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President - Lauren Rose Hofland • Vice Presidents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ruth Rank, Valerie Van Sickle - Education ◦ Melissa Prentice - Membership • Secretary - Nona Beining • Treasurer - Luan Burton • Web and social media - Stephanie Szemetylo </div>	<p>Slate of officers: it was moved and seconded to accept the slate of officers. Motion carried unanimously.</p>

<p>Sheboygan Chapter Action Priorities: Group Discussion</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>Voter registration and access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo ID requirements; expanding hours at DMV to include evening availability • Online registration drive • Expand early voting • Make sure polling stations are accessible and located in voters' neighborhood of residence. <p>Voter Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate and issue forums • Civic engagement / "Civics 101" • Redistricting <p>Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Michigan Watersheds education project 	<p>Local Issues:</p> <p>Voter Registration Issues: 43 votes Environmental issues: 43 votes Voter (Civic) Education: 37 votes</p> <p>Email groups are made and members will be notified.</p> <p>Group members are empowered to schedule meetings, nominate a spokesperson/leader to speak for group at chapter meetings and plan a calendar of activities, using LWV bylaws and rules as guides.</p>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>LWV-WI 2017 Annual Meeting</p> <p><small>Hosted by LWV Greater Green Bay at the Hyatt Regency Green Bay on June 9-10. Delegates from across the state will come together to adopt new program priorities, elect new leaders and adopt a budget to ensure success in the coming year.</small></p> <p><small>http://www.lwvwi.org/NewsEvents/2017ANNUALMEETING.aspx</small></p> </div> <div style="flex: 1; background-color: #00a696; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>LWV - Sheboygan Chapter</p> <p>Next Meeting: July 13 at 6:30pm, Mead Public Library</p> <p>Join the Chapter today!</p> </div> </div>	<p>Minutes will be published via email.</p> <p>Announcements of upcoming events will be through email and Facebook.</p> <p>We look forward to comments from those who attended (or a representative of those who attended) the Annual Meeting in Green Bay.</p> <p>OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request was made for a press release in Sheboygan Press and other local media outlets. - Suggestion was made for meeting flyers to be posted. <p>ACTION: Both will be discussed by board and officers, and an attempt made by next meeting.</p> <p><i>Message from the president:</i> THIS IS A CALL FOR DIVERSITY. We are only as strong as our membership. We will be most effective if we have input and opinions from all walks of life. Please, all, reach out to all communities you touch, and bring all interested friends along to join our chapter.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn: Stephanie Szemetylo Second: MLD 7:35pm</p>
<p>Additional:</p>	<p>Website presence is under construction.</p> <p>On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LWVSheboyganWi/</p> <p>Next meeting: Rocca Meeting Room, Mead Public Library, Sheboygan, WI 6:30pm, 7/13/17</p>