

Meeting minutes

October 18, 2017 6:30 pm at Mead Public Library

Non-partisan reminder and welcome: LWV is striving for age, gender, party affiliation and cultural diversity in chapters. Partisan comments offend someone: Be mindful of what you say. Voted to charge for partisan comments at meetings and events. \$1 vs \$5 Voted for \$1 via honor system

Approved Sept. minutes. Maeve Quinn 1st, Valarei Van Sickle 2nd

2018 membership meetings will be quarterly instead of monthly. All at 6:30pm. Jan. 10, Apr. 11, July 11, Oct. 10. Annual meeting TBD.

The Wisconsin LWV is having their annual issues briefing event October 28 at Madison College. Members are encouraged to attend, and information can be found on the website. Luan Burton and GERALYNN LEANNAH are attending.

Stephanie Szemetylo is working on the website.

LWV Lake Michigan Region needs a representative for the board. Contact Luan Burton if interested.

Welcomed new members and guests: Nick Dussault, Tom Peneski, Nadine Johnson. Maeve Quinn thanked Nick Dussault for his presentation on Fair Voting Maps.

If she is available, Mary Lynne Donohue will discuss the Supreme Court hearing on Fair Voting Maps (Gill v. Whitford) at the next meeting. You can listen to the 2 hours of testimony: Google the Supreme Court.

Lauren Hofland said LWV Sheboygan County will be a pilot site for a diversity initiative. The focus of the pilot is 'Latinx' voters, 100,000 of whom have not voted statewide. The pilot includes Sheboygan, Beloit and Milwaukee. What we learn from this project can be used in strengthening relationships with other groups (African American, Southeast Asian, etc.). The goals of the study are to stimulate leadership growth with Latinx communities, to expand voter enfranchisement, to enhance services and communication with Latinx communities, and to strengthen LWV statewide.

Committee Reports

Voter Registration: Maeve Quinn Sept. 26 was National Voter Registration Day. Members staffed information tables at Plymouth and Oostburg libraries, Mead Library, UW-Sheboygan and Paradigm Cafe. Plan to keep offering these sessions to inform and encourage people to register to vote. In Sheboygan County, 22,094 adults are not registered to vote. In City of Sheboygan, 13,000+ not registered.

Information will be offered in the future about becoming a poll worker. Stephanie Szemetylo is having LWV/Voter Information cards printed which members can hand out to interested adults. Suggestions were made to use the Senior Center for voter information days and to give info to Welcome Wagon to include for new resident packets.

Voter Education: Valarei Van Sickle

Program, 'What is the ACA?', will be presented October 25, 6:30 pm at the Sheboygan Community Health Center. There was member discussion about issues involving ACA coverage at both Aurora and Prevea sites in the city/county. These can be addressed at the presentation. Members interested in being on the committee, please give your e-mail address to Val.

Environment Committee: Luan Burton, Stephanie Szemetylo

Program, Monday, October 23, 7pm at Maywood Ecology Center: 'Loving Our Lake' will be presented by Krista Grimm, president of LWV Lake Michigan Region. She will present issues effecting the Lake Michigan watershed and how everyone can help to protect our watershed.

Question was asked if LWV takes a stance on policy issues. Yes, at the State and National levels. Go to these LWV websites for a list of the issues and more information.

Next meeting: November 8, 2017 6:30 pm at Mead Public Library in the Rocca Room

Motion to Adjourn Maeve Quinn 1st, Kim Margraf 2nd

Submitted by: Ellen Klusmeier