

**League of Women Voters
LWV Sheboygan County Chapter
Meeting minutes**

4/19/17 7pm

Attendees:

Maeve Quinn
Mary Lynne Donohue
Ruth Rank VP Education
 VP Education (Ruth's friend)
Luan Burton Treasurer
Melissa Prentice VP Membership / web for now
Nona Beining Secretary / web for now
 invite Kristin Plucar to web/digital
 President

(Unable to attend: Kristin Plucar and Paula Kletzien)

Action:

Set up conference call with Andrea Kaminski, Madison LWV to discuss a couple questions: partisanship on social media and officer roles, timing of adoption of bylaws/policies and the election of officers in June. Should we decide on membership fees at this meeting (May) so that we have paid members who are voting by consensus in June?

Maeve and Melissa will create powerpoint deck for May meeting.

Nona and Melissa will create google account for chapter based - Nona will circulate a list of potential email handles for team to agree on this week.

Key points to cover at May meeting:

- 1) Review key points from Andrea Kaminiski's presentation (needed for those who were not able to attend in March). Point out Non-partisanship policy (taken from their website)
- 2) Introduce and recruit for Officers - minimum 4 and 1 *should* be republican or we're not really legitimately non-partisan
 - Maybe we'd have 2 v.p.s - in charge of different parts of the organization (membership, voting services, forums, etc.)
 - Look at Management Team model on LWV website
- 3) Share plan of electing officers and the adoption of bylaws/policies....(this will be voted at June meeting)
- 4) Review how decisions are made at LWV...what is consensus (this will be highlighted in bylaws/policies)
- 5) Share plan of membership fees with the group to get their input - vote will take place in June or May??
Our chapter will be different than other chapters - more about membership, so the \$\$ can't be 60/member or we'll lose them. We will borrow the language from the Manitowoc and Madison Chapters. We will likely to fundraising or grant writers
- 5) Confirm 5 paid members so that we can begin the chapter in May
- 6) Share 3-6 topics for the chapter to focus on this first year. The June meeting will allow us to determine 2-3 for this first year (decide by consensus)
- 7) Create 2-3 goals for our chapter this first year.

Goals of May meeting:

- present the nominees (primarily from around the table)
- Discussion of what the leadership team looks like
 - Recruit for additional leadership roles (president, web, etc)
 - We will vote on officers in June
- How will decisions be made - what is consensus
- Policies - written and adopted by the group
- Cost of membership - sliding scale
- Glimpse into goals for 1 yr (and 5 yr)
- 2 or 3 main topics of focus for the Sheboygan County chapter
- Invitation for all - June 9-10 annual meeting in Green Bay

Topics: (please add more)

- Environment
- Forums - education topics
- Photo ID
- Change hours of DMV to include one late evening
- Change a polling station to go back to its neighborhood (Senior Center to Longfellow School)
- Gerrymandering Issue
- Voter registration drive - if people have valid ID, they can register online - can we facilitate an online registration drive?

Membership dues discussion:

Model on Manitowoc's fee structure

- Single membership 50
- Two in same household 74
- Special rate member: what you can afford
- Additional contribution: _____

It costs \$61 per member to cover just state and national dues. Whatever the club does not raise via member dues will be fundraised.

Additional contribution should go towards:

- Sponsor other member (anonymous sponsor fund)
- Lobby costs in DC/Madison
- Forum/Education sponsorship
- General fund

Handouts: in Google Drive