

MINUTES
Board Meeting
League of Women Voters of Franklin County - MAL Unit

Date: October 18, 2017 **Time:** 6:00 p.m. **Place:** People's Pint

Board Members in Attendance: Marie Gauthier, Nicole Moore, Marge Michalski, Christine Turner, Joannah Whitney

Members in Attendance: Laura Luker

Report from Marge re: the League Leader Luncheon on Oct. 14 at 9:30am at the First Baptist Church, 111 Park Avenue in Worcester:

- Legislative Action Committee is launching Legislative Envoy Program: trains envoys from local Leagues to work w/state reps in districts and be point persons to communicate/lobby. Launch date January 2018.
- Central Berkshire League is working w/local TV to get word out
- Marge will send copy of literature electronically.

Discussion of sizes of various Leagues and concerns re: membership renewals and process this winter.

Discussion of how to be recognized as a full-fledged local League and when we should aim to get the process rolling vis a vis membership renewals, PMPs, and our fiscal year.

vote411.org: still have questions on whether the fee is per League or per town

VOTE TODAY sandwich board: look for bids/pricing/production timeline for a sign to advertise voting day.

Stone Soup: Need to choose dates/shifts among leadership and then put out a call for volunteers among membership. DATE: Dec. 2, shift TBD

Upcoming dates:

No Nov. open meeting - next open meeting Dec. 16

10/19 GCTV precinct candidates' forum

10/21 Oct open meeting

10/24 Candidating Night at GCC

10/26 GCTV at-large and SC candidates' forum

11/4 Legislative Coffee at Blue Rock

Among the important bills to pay attention to, we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that the ADA is also in jeopardy, and should include that as a priority item to ask our legislators about at the Coffee, as in how can MA safeguard its residents and shore up its own protections for people with disabilities?

Next Board meeting: November 29, 2017, 6:00pm, People's Pint