

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

**Date:** September 23, 2017 **Time:** 5:15 p.m. **Place:** Greenfield Common

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

**Board Members Not in Attendance:** Joannah Whitney

**Members in Attendance:** Laura Luker

After a quick overview of the Civics Trivia Night format and the upcoming candidates' nights, we discussed the Voter411 app. Questions to investigate:

Is the \$100 fee per town? Per cycle? Per League?

There's still a need for paper copies of voter guides, since access is always an issue, but that's an aspiration for the future.

Next item discussed was the email from Kate Boland regarding the League Leader Luncheon on Oct. 14 at 9:30am at the First Baptist Church, 111 Park Avenue in Worcester. Nicole and Christine can't go, and Marie has a LIPPI session that day, so Marge will be our representative. Marie & Marge will go over the questions from Kate so Marge feels prepared for her place on the New League Units panel.

The next open meeting will be October 21. Marie will write to Gretchen Krull re: her letter seeking support for a Women in Prison bail fund, and ask her to come to our next meeting to talk about it and discuss collaborating. We'd love to host a fundraiser forum with Gretchen, and women from her Voices from Inside project.

Next we jumped into brainstorming ways of moving our events into the smaller towns of our county, especially since our October events are so Greenfield-focused. Ideas:

- Beth Bandy - [RuralCommonwealth.org](http://RuralCommonwealth.org): serves rural communities all over state, listens to issues, concerns, works on legislative agendas/ plans. Can Beth perhaps speak at a future meeting about their work and how the League can contribute?
- We The People voter engagement movies - can we hold house screenings?

- Legislative coffee hour in one of the smaller towns. Marie will contact our reps and see if they can schedule this for Nov. 4, and if so, then we'll work on a venue. Initial thoughts: Mocha Maya's in Shelburne Falls, Montague Book Mill

We discussed methods of reaching out to members and mobilizing them:

- phone tree
- Twitter
- Blog
- [remind.com](http://remind.com) / text messaging
- Book club
- A regular wine night / social gathering

**Next Board meeting:** October 18, 2017, 6:00pm, Location TBD