

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

Date: January 20, 2018 **Time:** 2:30 p.m. **Place:** Greenfield Public Library

Board Members in Attendance: Marie Gauthier, Nicole Moore, Laura Luker, Marge Michalski, Joannah Whitney

Board Members Not in Attendance: Christine Turner

Members in Attendance: 19 — Marie has sign-in sheet

Documents:

League info on AVR bill

blank postage paid postcards for AVR advocacy to legislators

Since meeting was held post-Women's Rally there were a few new faces at the meeting, so we began by introducing ourselves. Then we conducted a roll call of counties represented. We still need more member representation from East County.

Committee reports:

Membership: Needs members; currently consists of Nicole and Joannah. Could use volunteers for membership contact re: renewing. Personal outreach is key.

Equality & Justice: Adina Giannelli is new chair and will be contacting members to get things going.

Community Outreach: Janice James volunteers to join Christine on this work

Voter Services:

- Pat is coordinating a proposal to *The Recorder* for a League-sponsored civics column.
- How to run for office session March 4 at 170 Main St, Greenfield
- civics bee for high school students in May

- Voter registration
- Updating e-book on local towns' governance

Committee re-sorting:

Rather than structured committees, we can focus on flexible working groups to come together as necessary for particular purposes.

First actions in this vein are holding small social meet-ups with members around the county. Several members volunteered to coordinate meet-ups in Northfield, and other towns. Need to consult sign-in sheet to check which ones.

Kay suggested a New Voter Fair, with entertainment by teen girl group Calliope Jones. Followup email wonders if timing wouldn't work until later on in the year. Purpose: to target young voters, encourage registration and League visibility to youth. >>Junior League of Women Voters?

Discussion of open meeting scheduling: Saturday afternoon meetings continues to be the best for most members. Hopefully holding social meet-ups around county will fill in the gaps.

Closed meeting by writing postcards in support of AVR bill, encouraging legislators to bring out of committee and to a vote.

Next open meeting: February 24, 3:00pm, Location TBD