

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY - MAL UNIT  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** March 17, 2018 **Time:** 3:00 p.m. **Place:** Greenfield Public Library

**Board Members in Attendance:** Marie Gauthier, Nicole Moore, Laura Luker, Christine Turner

**Board Members Not in Attendance:** Marge Michalski, Joannah Whitney

**Guests in Attendance:** 1

**Members in Attendance:** 10 (Marie has sign in sheet for count)

**Call to Order:**

At 3:08pm, Marie Gauthier opened meeting and welcomed members, and everyone introduced themselves.

Our guest speaker, N2N lead organizer Jacqueline Velez, was unable to attend.

**1. Planning for new voter fair event**

1. Would like to carry out before the end of the school year - May?
2. League representatives would set up tables at different schools during lunch times. Message to students "make your voice heard - vote"
3. Ideally, we will partner with students from the schools (student government, Key Club, etc.) so the drive will be peer-led rather than just adults. Members volunteer to contact various high schools to see if student groups can attend next League open meeting for planning
4. Future plans to also hold voter reg. events at GCC, Leyden Woods, Greenfield Gardens, and Oak Courts
5. Possibility of a "voter mentor" program where older voters assist new voters

**2. 1st Franklin State Representative race**

1. Many candidates have entered the field - up to 7 with the possibility of more. Deadline to be included on the ballot is the end of May
2. League is planning for two events
3. Event A: before primaries.
  1. Date TBD (weeknight in August)
  2. Location TBD (Whately Inn? Ashfield Lake House?)
4. Event B: after primaries - opportunity for those on the ballot to speak to voters

1. Details TBD
2. Would need a moderator from outside of our League to maintain neutrality

### **3. Legislative Coffee**

1. Following the success of last fall's event at Blue Rock in Shelburne Falls
2. Marie will invite legislators and ask which date is preferable
3. Target dates June 9th or 16th
4. Somewhere in east county to offer balance in locations (Shutesbury Athletic Club? Wild Roots Coffee House?)

### **4. Tampon Drive**

1. Caitlin McKenna is open to leading the project but would like a co-leader
2. We discussed logistics and possible recipients for the items we collect
  1. Women's shelters in Greenfield
  2. Survival Center in Turners
  3. Franklin County Jail

### **5. Proposal for Greening Greenfield**

1. Greening Greenfield is holding a forum Sat. Nov. 17th at GCC
2. Theme is "May You Live in Interesting Times: Creating Just Communities in a Time of Chaos"
3. The League has been invited to submit a proposal for a session/workshop. We brainstormed possible themes of single payer healthcare or women's issues. We plan to ask Amherst or Northampton Leagues if they might already have teams working on these topics so that we can build on what other Leagues have created
4. Deadline for submission is March 22

Marie thanked members for coming and next meeting was scheduled.

**Next Meeting:** April 21, 2018, 3:00 PM  
Location: Greenfield Public Library