

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** September 23, 2018 **Time:** 3:00 p.m. **Place:** 170 Main St, Greenfield

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

**Board Members Not in Attendance:** Kayla Gundrum, Nicole Moore, Laura Luker, Joannah Whitney

**Members in Attendance:** 6 (Marie has sign in sheet for count)

Summer recap

- We discussed the various candidate forums we co-sponsored or participated in, pros and cons, as well as the social meetups at Lefty's Trivia Nights. More of both on deck.

Voter Services

- Civics Trivia Night: Everything is ready, just need volunteers for both the gift basket raffle and the table runners. Janice, Louise, Christine, Marge, Jean, and Catherine volunteer to help that night. Catherine has question/answers printed out for the table runners, Marie will bring the answer sheets and raffle tickets, Ruth still has decorations from last year. Janice will enlarge posters to put on Louise's sandwich board outside the Elks that night.
- Voter registration: Louise and Catherine registered voters at GCC on Sept 11-12. The first day was uneventful, but the second day they had candy at their table and registered 16 people. Louise is coordinating to register voters at GHS on Oct. 1. Catherine will help.
- Pioneer Valley Regional School District School Committee candidates forum — Marie has been contacted by several people in the district regarding the League holding this forum. We are taking the lead, with an assist by the teachers' union. They already asked Rep. Mark to be the moderator. Marie is calling all the candidates to invite them to participate, and wrote to the local cable access TV coordinators to ask if they can film.  
Details: Oct. 30 at 7pm at Pioneer Valley Regional School.  
Format: Moderator & 2 neutral panelists — one League member, one teacher or other person experienced with the issues. Caitlin has someone in mind, will contact. Denise is a possibility for the League panelist.

Community Outreach

- CT River Source to Sea Cleanup, Sept 29, 9am at Cabot Camp — Christine will write with her logistical questions, Kayla will bring supplies, Marie will send another reminder to membership with final details.
- Related: LWV of Amherst re: CT River inter-League study/action group to work to implement the CT River Basin Inter-League Program. Deb is interested in being involved. Marie will send her contact info to the LWVA member heading this effort.

Ballot Study

- Marie shared the study timeline from the LWVMA website, spoke about the study process, and asked members to consider being on the ballot study committee, which only requires 3 members. We'll revisit next month.

LWVMA — 100 reasons why video

- 30 seconds: "I joined the League of Women Voters because. . ." — record on smart phone and email to LWVFC.

Other notes

- Ballot question forum? All agreed we should hold a forum on Question 1. 1 moderator, 2 “candidates” for each position, 2 panelists. Proposed date is Oct 17. Will reach out to contacts for “candidates.”
- Legislative Coffee: Last year’s was SRO, we need to get on the legislators’ calendars asap. Proposed dates: Nov. 10 or Dec. 8.
- Greening Greenfield: Nov 17, check out their website for full schedule. Exciting speakers!

**Next Meeting:** October 21, 2018, 3:00 PM  
Location: TBD