

Minutes
Open Meeting
LWVFC
Greenspace Meeting Room, Greenfield
November 18, 2018, 3:00-4:30pm

I. Treasurer's report

- A. \$250 Sharfman Grant will pay for Dec. legislative Coffee
- B. Also waiting for money to come through for t-shirt sales
- C. 2 members have renewed

II. Ballot Question Study

- A. Webinar last week after Voter Services mtg.
- B. Adrien (our representative to committee) will report to LWVFC membership at open meeting
- C. Marie explained the process and purpose of the study. The basic idea is to come to a consensus League position on citizen-initiated ballot questions
- D. State League has prepared a slide show and extensive background materials for the study group's use
- E. The process is meant to initiate discussion and consensus, not unanimous voting agreement
- F. After consensus is presented at open meeting, board would discuss and vote to approve. At least two hours will be needed for open meeting to present study results
- G. Amherst League has initiated an inter-League study committee to meet Nov 19th at 4 pm at Forbes Library in Northampton

III. Fundraising

- A. Tag sale May 18th at Congregational Church on Silver St

IV. Voter Services

- A. "Democracy Minute" - approach local radio stations to air spots for basic civic education
 - 1. Need a committee of interested people to design examples to present to local stations
 - 2. Possibility of using Facebook and Instagram instead or in addition
 - 3. Start in the form of a trivia question?
- B. Legislative Coffee
 - 1. December 8th unconfirmed
 - 2. Manager of Blue Rock has not responded to Marie's communications
 - 3. Nicole will attempt to contact her tomorrow
 - 4. Alternative locations: Shelburne Community Center, Trinity Church,

V. Community Outreach

- A. Stone Soup Dec 15th
 - 1. Marie will promote on email to members
 - 2. Order shirts and wear to volunteer day

- B. Great Falls Books Through Bars
 - 1. Feb volunteer possibility
 - 2. Prisoners request books and the organization fulfills the request as closely as possible
 - 3. Can donate money or time
 - 4. Christine will email the org. about a group date

VI. New Business/Announcements

- A. Inter-league committee for CT Watershed Conservancy kicks off with a meeting on Monday
- B. Report from Amherst town council forum - Charlotte served as moderator from LWVFC
- C. Discussion led by representative from Ranked Choice Voting group