

MINUTES
Board Meeting
League of Women Voters of Franklin County
Mesa Verde, Greenfield
January 13, 2020, 6:00pm

Present: Marie Gauthier, Marge Michalski, Christine Turner, Joannah Whitney

Absent: Nicole Moore, Laura Luker

I. Treasurer's report

Included in hard copy files.

II. Census event

Plan a census awareness event for March 1. Possible locations:
Marie will ask Ruth about reserving 170 Main, and if that's booked already, we'll see about the space next to Federal St. Books.

III. Community Outreach

We'll reapply to H & O's Soup and Games Night for 2020, since it was a successful and enjoyable fundraiser with great community support.
We'll hold another Service Day at Stone Soup on March 28.
Another fundraising opp to research: 100 Who Care

IV. Spring Tag Sale

We'll do this again, May 16, same location, First Congreg. Church on Silver St. Marie will forward contact info to Marge to book the church.

V. Scharfman Grant

Marie applied. Should hear back within a couple weeks.

VI. Annual Meeting

Set a date of June 18. Brainstorm speakers and possible locations.

VII. GCC Meet & Greet, Thurs. Sept. 3

Tim Dolan at GCC contacted us about co-sponsoring another meet & greet for the state elections, to be held before the primary.

VIII. Joannah's project

Individual recipients of Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) (who are disabled, blind, or over 65) are not allowed to have more than \$2,000 in their bank account on the day their monthly SSI check is deposited, including the amount of the check. Having just a dollar over \$2,000 makes a SSI recipient lose a whole month's benefit. This penalizes people for saving THEIR OWN MONEY to pay for expenses such as the cost of moving, adding accessibility features to their home or apartment, or other expenses for which people typically save ahead.

The \$2,000 resource limit has not been increased for 30 years. Joannah suggests a collaboration with the League to advocate around this issue.

Joannah will send around more info, and then Marie will contact the state League for guidance.

IX. Set next meeting date

Monday, Feb. 3 at 6pm. Mesa Verde again? TBD