

Minutes
Board Meeting
League of Women Voters of Franklin County
January 25, 2021, 5:30 pm

Attendees: Nicole Moore, Joannah Whitney, Marie Gauthier, Marge Michalski, Laura Luker, Jean Cherdack, Christine Turner

I. Treasurer's report

- 17 members have not yet renewed, but a few are making arrangements
- 33 members are current
- We haven't had anyone claim the dues assistance funds

II. Bylaws: DEI

- Need to update to gender-neutral language
- Language then must be voted on and approved at June annual meeting
- Christine will update and present a draft at March board meeting

III. SSI Advocacy Update

- Bill has been read and referred to various committees
- Especially pressing now during these uncertain economic times
- Not much movement as of yet, which is not surprising in such a big election cycle
- Unsure what next steps should be - we need effective strategies to gather support
 - Jim McGovern might be apt to respond if League leaders/constituents reach out and ask for a meeting
 - Joannah will draft a letter for McGovern and Neal to invite them to a meeting with the League on this issue
 - Elizabeth Warren has already shown an understanding in this topic
- Each state League would have to go through the steps of getting permission to advocate for the bill

IV. Spring virtual Legislative Coffee > deadline to file new legislation postponed till Feb. 19

- Two possible dates: March 13th or April 10th

V. Program planning > set Feb date

- Feb 22 @ 5:30 pm
- Bulk of meeting will be program planning and we'll invite membership to attend and participate

VI. "She Shapes History" exhibit

- Large panels on foam backing need to have an installation area that is relatively large
 - Pushkin?
 - Hawks and Reed windows (while H and R is closed)?
- License expires June 2022

VII. Other

VIII. Set next meeting date