

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF METROPOLITAN COLUMBUS

Voter Services Committee Meeting Agenda 7/15/2018 at 1:00pm

Upper Arlington Main Library 2800 Tremont Rd, Upper Arlington, OH 43221

Attendees: Mary Burke, Elizabeth Grieser, Beth Korda, Mary Beth Smith, Jackie Nielson,

Ellen Rapkin, Kaye Cragg, Kathleen Lensenmayer, Stuart Wright, Margaret Morris,

Barbara Beardsley, Elizabeth Hixon, Mary Austin-Palmer, Sally Morgan,

Mary Jo Baumeister, Janyce Katz, Barb Hykes

NOTE FUTURE DATE CHANGE: AUGUST 26, 1:00PM UA LIBRARY

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Old Business:

A. Minutes from the June 2018 meeting were approved.

A. Sadly, the postcard project has not been funded. However, the Board of Elections did suggest that LWVMC take part in the "Service Organizations for Democracy" program, where poll workers volunteer to donate their compensation to LWVMC, as a possible fundraiser that could fund this in the future. Barbara Beardsley shared her experiences as a poll worker & encouraged others to take part. Barb Hykes shared background of the LWVMC phone bank project with Channel 10. Elizabeth Griesen shared that the Ohio Voter Rights Coalition needs non-partisan volunteer poll monitors to stand outside polling places.

B. VoterGirls 2018: Saturday, October 20, Columbus Culinary Institute, 2435 Stelzer Rd, Columbus, OH 43219. Planning meeting immediately following 7.15.18 Voter Services meeting. The VoterGirls meeting covered the basic steps taken so far, and brainstormed ideas for the event. A save-the-date Sign Up Genius will kick-start the volunteer efforts for this subcommittee. Also immediately following the Aug 26th voter services meeting, VoterGirls subcommittee will meet with Amanda Williams, Program Services Manager at Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland.

IV. New Business

A. Finalize the wording for candidate questions included in the printed Voter Information Bulletin & online vote411.org. Elizabeth Grieser, LWVMC Operations Manager, shared her role in soliciting & compiling the VIB information. Elizabeth noted that LWV of Ohio selects the questions for statewide offices, and that the Delaware LWV handles the District 12 maintenance & posting of candidate information. Members asked clarifying question about the process and expressed a desire for information about the elected representative's job description & salary to be added to the VIB, and Elizabeth will copy this information from the governmental website. Members approved the questions below to be take to the LWVMC Board for final approval:

Franklin County Offices

1. What is the most important issue facing Franklin County, and how do you plan to address it within the office you seek?
2. How would you describe the effectiveness of this office and the impact it has on the county?
3. List your endorsements.

Ohio House and Senate

1. What will be your one or two priorities if elected to office and how would you accomplish those goals?

2. Describe what you have done or will do to work across political differences to solve problems.
3. Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to restrain or check local government decisions?
4. List your endorsements.

US Congressional Representatives (D3 & D15)

1. What do you think is the most pressing problem facing the federal government in 2018? What solutions will you offer?
2. What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?
3. Describe what you have done or will do to work across political differences to solve problems.
4. List your endorsements.

B. Build upon our Vision & Mission Planning noted in June minutes. Members are encouraged to be on the lookout for specific actions, events & venues should we target, and to send suggestions to Mary Burkey or Elizabeth Grieser at <vote@lwvcols.org>

C. LWVMC Board minutes resources are now available on the website:

<https://my.lwv.org/ohio/metropolitan-columbus/lwvmc-board-meeting-minutes>

Look for Voter Services minutes to be posted on the site soon, as well. Plus, links to the training videos from our Ohio Vote voter registration are now on the LWVMC website.

D. Elizabeth Grieser detailed the requirements from our ACE Grant funders (Asian American & Pacific Islander Civic Engagement Network of Ohio) for information that need to be gathered from any voter registration projects. Elizabeth also noted that the ACE grant sponsors would like us to register at citizenship Naturalization Ceremonies and members volunteered ideas to facilitate this effort.

E. Be sure to check the eVoter every Monday for training & volunteer opportunities. LWVMC President Barb Hykes reminded members that if you are a member of LWV Metro Columbus, you are automatically a member of LWV Ohio & National, so you'll get messages from those groups as well.

F. If you would like to explore the idea of co-chairing Voter Services, please contact Elizabeth in the LWVMC office <vote@lwvcols.org>.

V. Adjournment at 1:25pm

Next meeting: Sunday, **August 26, UPPER ARLINGTON MAIN LIBRARY** meeting room B 2800 Tremont Rd, Upper Arlington, OH 43221