

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF METROPOLITAN COLUMBUS

Voter Services Committee Meeting Minutes 8/26/2018 at 1:00pm

Upper Arlington Main Library [2800 Tremont Rd, Upper Arlington, OH 43221](#)

Attendees: Mary Burkey, Thallia Blight, Kaye Cragg, Kathleen Lensenmayer, Stuart Wright, Barbara Beardsley, Mary Austin-Palmer, Betsy Sidoreno, Ellen Rapkin, Kathy Kennedy, Linda Magoto, Beatrice Lee, Hari Ruiz, Mary Jo Baumeister, Tina Cottone

- I. Welcome & Introductions, Approval of July minutes

- II. Old Business:
 - A. VoterGirls 2018: Saturday, October 20, Columbus Culinary Institute, [2435 Stelzer Rd, Columbus, OH 43219](#). Planning meeting immediately following 8/26/18 Voter Services meeting with Amanda Williams, Program Services Manager at Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland. Subcommittee planning to begin – volunteer via eVoter. Amanda Williams, Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Advocacy & Engagement coordinator, is a fantastic partner on this project. She reports that the fall program with VoterGirls information is being sent to every Girl Scout & leader this week, and that over 20 girls have already signed up via the online link here: <https://www.gsoh.org/content/gsoh/en/events-repository/2018/votergirl.html> Help spread the word!

 - B. Voter Information Bulletin will be distributed in early October & online at www.vote411.org

- IV. New Business
 - A. The push to November election is on! LWV members receive the eVoter email newsletter each Monday – be sure to check for volunteer opportunities and upcoming co-sponsored candidates forums! Plus, last-minute requests might arrive in separate email – be sure to whitelist vote@lwvcols.org so info doesn't go to spam. We need your help to fulfil the MANY outreach opportunities over the next few weeks and will pair you with an experienced LWV member if you've never registered before. Check the LWVMC online calendar as new events are added often: <https://my.lwv.org/ohio/metropolitan-columbus/google-calendar>. Also, share information about the Safe at Home program to assist victims of domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, rape, or sexual battery by shielding their personal information from public record and providing them with a safe and secure way to participate in our democratic process: <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/secretary-husted-office/office-initiatives/safe-at-home/>

 - B. Plan to attend the Voter Registration training meeting on September 9, 1:30 – 3:00pm at the Old Worthington Library [820 High St.](#) No need to sign up. If you can't attend the meeting, we have how-to register resources linked on our LWVMC webpage: <https://my.lwv.org/ohio/metropolitan-columbus/voter-registration-training>

C. New focus from LWV of Ohio for Voter Registration: Verify via www.ohiovotes.us & track registrations. Report from members who participated in conference call. Stuart Wright tested the tool at home and urges LWVMC to be sure that this new tool is as accurate as the MyOhioVote.com website when using with citizens.

D. Update from Mary Austin-Palmer on High School project: The focus of the Empowering the Voters of Tomorrow project is educating & registering teens in the spring, however the success of last year's program has also resulted in requests for events this fall at Otterbine College & Eastmoor Academy. Watch for opportunities to participate in the eVoter newsletter, and Mary invites interested potential volunteers to stop in and observe one of the sessions to learn more.

E. LWVMC Website resources: Board minutes & Voter Services minutes are also now posted: <https://my.lwv.org/ohio/metropolitan-columbus/lwvmc-board-meeting-minutes>

F: Upcoming League events:

September Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, September 25 at the Clintonville Woman's Club ([3951 N. High St.](#)) 6:00pm Social Hour; 6:30pm Dinner; 7:00pm The featured speaker will be Ed Leonard, Director of the Franklin County Board of Elections. Info in eVoter.

Attend any of the LWVMC committee meetings listed in the eVoter email

G: Reports from voter services members point out some questions and concerns learned through registration events. Some voters who had recently moved thought that when they filled a change of address at the Post Office this would also change their voter registration – not so, a change must be filed through the Secretary of State online or on a voter registration form. A person who had served a sentence as a felony offender thought they couldn't vote – this person just needed to re-register and can now vote in Ohio. A homeless woman worried that she couldn't vote – our LWV member helped her use the Women's Shelter address and now this woman will be able to vote.

V. Adjournment 2:15pm

Next meeting: Sunday, September 16, 1:00 – 2:00pm UPPER ARLINGTON MAIN LIBRARY meeting [room B 2800 Tremont Rd, Upper Arlington, OH 43221](#)