

League of Women Voters NH - MWV Membership Meeting Report

April 30, 2019 – 11:30 AM – Gibson Center for Senior Services

Present: Board Members: Gerrie Beck, Ellin Booras, Annie Ficke, Betsey Harding, Julia King, Sheryl Kovalik and Judy Ludgate
Board Members Absent with Notice : Darlene McEnaney and Carol Ludington
General Attendance: Cheryl Merrill and Diana Levy

Next meeting: July 22, 2019 – 12:00 PM – North Conway Community Center

I. Approval of Last General Meeting Report

Sheryl moved to accept the January 22, 2019 General Meeting Report and Julia seconded. All voted in favor.

II. Opening Remarks

Gerrie Beck asked that everyone introduce themselves, indicate which town they are from and either their connection to our unit or their reason for attending this program. Cheryl Merrill and Diana Levy both expressed an interest in joining the League.

Gerrie gave a short recap of the LWVNH – MWV history and what we have accomplished over the last year.

III. Past and Current Projects

Contact Your Legislators Brochure – The brochure was completed by Gerrie and approved by Liz Tentarelli. Copies were printed by LWVNH and are being distributed throughout the Valley.

Attendee Survey - Sheryl Kovalik created a short survey for those attending the last General Meeting to get feedback on the program. Eight were filled out, mostly liking the program subject, location and time of day. Sheryl pointed out that this was not surprising since they were there.

Sheryl also used SurveyMonkey to send an electronic survey to all our LWVNH-MWV members. It seemed like the majority of the nine respondents were board members, so it didn't really give an accurate reading of what our non-board members are interested in.

Education Study – Julia King reported that the Education Study has taken somewhat of a backseat to the Redistricting bills going through the House and Senate. The House bill is strong, but the Senate not so much. LWVNH would like to see the Senate table its bill if the bill in the House doesn't pass. LWVNH has taken a stand on the *Learn Everywhere* initiative promoted by the State Board of Education. Julia will write an article about this for our next newsletter.

Meet Your Legislators Night – Gerrie reported that so far only one legislator (Steve Woodcock) has RSVP'd to the email invitation for June 3rd at 7:00 PM at the North Conway Community Center. Julia had spoken to Jeb Bradley and he asked that she contact his assistant, Janet. Gerrie will send a reminder email to all the legislators.

Ellin Booras asked what sort of questions/subjects would be asked/discussed and suggested that perhaps we create prompt cards for attendees who would like them. There will be a board member at each table to act as a facilitator. It was decided to table this discussion until the board meeting on May 6th, as time was an issue.

Student Voter Registration – Just before this meeting, Sheryl and Gerrie met with the *Eagles for Action*, an extra curriculum activity at Kennett High School to talk about student voter registration and what role LWVNH-MWV could play. There aren't as many students this year as last, but Gerrie and Sheryl were very impressed with their organization and what they have accomplished so far.

Eagles for Action held a Voter Registration day last year. Interestingly, more teachers who were new to the area signed up. It was thought that many of the qualified students had been galvanized by the Stoneham Douglas High School shooting and had already registered to vote.

Eagles for Action feels that the KHS administration isn't 100% behind them. Gerrie and Sheryl offered the League's help to give them a louder voice and pointed out that LWVNH-MWV has a webpage on LWVNH site with voter registration information that they can access. Ellin suggested that they should introduce themselves to the incoming principal at their earliest opportunity.

IV. Election of Leadership Team

The slate of officers was presented by Ellin Booras to serve a one-year term as follows:

Co-Chair – Betsey Harding, Jackson

Co-Chair – Gerrie Beck, Bartlett (she may not fill out her term if she moves)

Secretary – Annie Ficke, Bartlett

State Liaison – Julia King, Bartlett

There being no additional nominations from the floor, Ellin Booras made a motion to vote on the slate as presented. It was seconded by Judy Ludgate. It passed unanimously with a voice vote.

V. Meeting Program

The LWVNH-MWV General Meeting was changed from April 23 to April 30th because of school vacation week. We planned to have Marianne Jackson of the Gibson Center and Deborah Fauver, attorney at Cooper, Chargin and Chant, speak on *Aging in the Valley*.

As it turned out, Gibson Center was hosting *State Plan of Aging* Public Comment Session on the same day and the same time. So, the Gibson Center agreed that we could hold our Annual General Meeting there and invite our membership to attend its program on the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services *State Plan on Aging*.

Sheryl moved to adjourn the general meeting at 12:25 PM and Judy seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectively Submitted,
Annie Ficke
Secretary