



LWVMC Educational Programs

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2020, 4:00-4:45 pm

Via Zoom

Members In attendance: Jane Pajot, Sandy Breitenbach, Barb Coleman, Jo Foley, Karen Schmitt. Meredith Kulisheck

Absent: None

1. **Shirley Brozzo Presentation – Barb:** Barb will contact Shirley to explore the possibility of presenting her Native American voting rights history presentation to both the League and the NMU community in September. The goal is to reach a larger and broader audience. A combination in-person/on-line format might be possible.
2. **Summary of the Year's Accomplishments - Jane:** Jane will make a rough draft of the committee's accomplishments from 1/19 to the present for the league's newsletter.
3. **Update on Redistricting – Jo:** Jo solicited ideas on how to encourage more Upper Peninsula residents to apply to be on the redistricting commission. Females, young people, and minorities are especially underrepresented. Some ideas were: 1) send out an email to members with the request to forward to others; 2) Barb will ask Shirley Brozzo how to reach the Native American community; and 3) reach out to Darlene and ask for publicity ideas. Jo will be addressing this concern at the May membership meeting.
4. **Presentations/Virtual Speakers going Forward:** Consensus was to take a "wait and see" approach to scheduling major presentations until we know our attendance numbers via Zoom, or when in-person meetings can resume. We will report "What's on the ballot" for July and October membership meetings. The group would like to hold an Absentee Voting/Election Security presentation before November's election.

Next Meeting: May 26 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Barb Coleman - Convener

Submitted by Karen Schmitt

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