



LWV of Marquette County
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2023, 6:30-6.38 p.m.
Marquette Regional History Center
Marquette, MI

Members In attendance: David Allen, Darlene Allen, Sandy Breitenbach, Diane Chielens, Pri Burnham, Jo Foley, Amy Frieden, Stephanie Gencheff, Susan Holliday, Jane Jamsen, Katlynn Jensen, Janet Joswiak, Diane Kent, Madalyn Koval, Meredith Kulisheck, Sandy Meyskens, Joanna Mitchell, Marie Moisiso, Barb Owdziej, Jane Ryan, Laura Sabo, Karen Schmitt, Jeanne Sekely, Susanne Smith, Will Sullivan, Rolf Swanson, Anna Wild, Justin Wild, Johanna Worley (29)

Guests: Judy Baldwin, Katie Carlson, Eleanor Dohrenwend, Carol Fitzgerald, Dave Fitzgerald, Grace Leslie, Gail Rinaldi, Betsy Rutz, Althea Schalow, Susan Wood (10)

Invited speaker: Sheri Davie

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Welcome:** Jo Foley, Convener, welcomed everyone, especially today's guests, and announced that Senator Stabenow is unable to participate in the program via Zoom due to illness.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Sue Holliday and seconded by Madalyn Koval to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of minutes:** Motion made by Jeanne Sekely and seconded by Pri Burnham to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2023. Motion carried.
4. **Announcements:**
 - a. Voter Guides for the November 7th election have been printed and are being distributed. Marquette County's contested races are in the Cities of Marquette and Negaunee. Candidates' responses to questions are also available online now at VOTE411.org.
 - b. Hooked on Voting events are introducing elementary school age children (and their parents) to voting. The next Hooked on Voting will be Oct. 14 in Negaunee and new volunteers are welcome.
 - c. A Candidate Forum is scheduled at 6 p.m., Thursday, October 12th at Kaufman Auditorium beginning with a mini-forum for the candidates running for the Marquette Board of Light and Power followed by the Marquette City Commission forum. Residents are invited to submit questions for the City Commission candidates.

The business meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Sandy Meyskens (LWVMC Education Committee member and MRHC Board member) welcomed everyone to the Marquette Regional History Center and introduced Sheri Davie to speak on "Challenges to Women Running for Michigan Office." Sheri is currently Executive Director of the Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, a Trustee of Lake Superior State University and a board member for Community Action Alger-Marquette.

Next Membership Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, 6:45-8:15 p.m. (6:30 social time)
Peter White Public Library, Studio 1 Lower Level, 217 N. Front St., Marquette, MI

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 2023, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Community Meeting Room at Baraga Place, 129 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI
All members welcome. To request an invite and agenda, email jfoley1950@gmail.com

Submitted by Joanna Mitchell, Secretary

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