

NOTES ON LIVELY ISSUES 2020
APPLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY ROOM C
JANUARY 11, 2020

Local Announcements: Jeanne Roberts, President

- We will be holding candidate forums for Mayor, City Council and School Board.
- Voter Registration Training will be held 01/15/2020 at 6:30 at the Appleton Library, room A.
- The next Centennial Event will be held on 02/18/2020 at the Timber Rattlers Stadium. The speaker will be Jessica Neuwirth. Registration is required.
- Michelle Duster will speak at the Red Lion Paper Valley 03/07/2020.
- MLK Day of Service will be held on 01/20/2020 starting at 9:30 at Appleton West.
- The Complete Count Committee is looking for volunteers.
- The State Convention will be held in Appleton in June. We will be participating in the Flag Day Parade as part of the Convention.
- LWVUS will be holding a Women Power the Vote Day of Action on 02/14/2020.
- Poll observers will be needed for all polling days.

Climate Change Preparedness Study: Jill Mitchler, Study Committee Chair

There are 13 members and 2 advisors on the committee. They have been meeting weekly and have done a dozen interviews with experts and elected officials. They are conducting the study in two phases, the first, a broader view and the second, a more detailed study. After their consensus meeting on 02/08/2020 they will have a draft position statement for the first phase. What they have found so far is there could be more coordination between communities regarding preparedness. Also, the way in which emergency responses are funded needs to be addressed: at this time, a lot of the funding is through grants. There is also little connection between experts, officials and organizations. Keith Reopelle, the Dane County Preparedness director will speak on 04/20/2020 for our monthly program (plus Earth Day), which is being moved to Fox Valley Tech to accommodate a larger audience.

Priority Topics for Study/action/programs: Irene Strohbeen, VP-Programs

The following topics were offered by the group for consideration for education and/or action in 2020-21. With the continuation of the Climate Change Preparedness study, we do not expect to have a Recommended Study to bring forward at the Annual meeting.

Based on priority “dot voting” by members at Lively Issues, the items highlighted in yellow (above 10 votes) and blue (between 7 and 10 votes) should be considered for education and/or action. I have summarized a recommended plan here:

TOPICS RECOMMENDED FOR EDUCATION	TOPICS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION
1. Housing: availability of low income housing; zoning to address gentrification	1. Non-partisan redistricting
2. Advancing racial equity; racism as a health crisis	2. Climate Crisis

3. Social isolation & belonging; strengthening our community	3. Reproductive health care – update
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5. What is taught as US history in our schools? Inclusive of racial history?	
6. Alternative facts, fake news, media sources, civil discourse	

Full list of topics:

1. Animal Welfare
2. Public School Education Safety-----1
3. Meeting needs of special needs individuals, birth through adulthood-----1
4. Crimeless revocation of parole due to parole violation
5. Identity theft protection & education
6. Conscious Bias-----1
7. Voting: Election Integrity, Voter Education & readiness-----4
8. Availability of low/moderate priced housing, housing for disabled, zoning, permits to address gentrification-----11
9. Non-partisan redistricting-----20
10. Role of local government in public art
11. Single use plastics-----2
12. Social isolation & belonging; strengthening our community-----7
13. Accurate & fair census
14. Climate Crisis-----16
15. Advancing racial equity; racism as a health crisis-----15
16. Public funding of private schools (school vouchers)-----3
17. Privatization of prisons
18. Mental Health in school systems; #counsellors
19. Elder Abuse: awareness & lobbying-----3
20. Reproductive health care – update-----8
21. Health care: financing, access, cost-----5
22. Inequities in justice system
23. Transportation: more efficient, climate impacts, access for different population segments, system effects, changes to access-----5

24. Gender gap/age gap in information & communication—across generations-----1
25. Early voting in Appleton: it's not working for everyone; impact on budget; absentee ballots-----2
26. Trans voting rights
27. Refugee & immigrant rights-----5
28. What is taught as US history in our schools? Inclusive of racial history?-----9
29. Appleton as a welcoming community to refugees, esp climate refugees-----2
30. Alternative facts, fake news, media sources, civil discourse-----7