

## **MePCSW Call**

August 9

Attending: Cara Courchesne, Marianne Moore, Amy Gallant, Regina Rooney

### **Planning for Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> retreat**

According to the Doodle, this date will work for most people. However, it has come to our attention that the Maine Women's Lobby & Policy Center will be holding their [Economic Security Summit](#) that day, so we wanted to be sure that we would not lose Commissioners who would need to prioritize that event. **If you will be attending the Summit and not the retreat, please email Regina by the end of this week. If needs be, we will reschedule.**

People indicate that Augusta area is a good location, and that we'd like to find a location that would facilitate a pot luck. **If anyone has access to an Augusta-area meeting space with kitchen privileges, please email Regina.**

Participants on the call suggested some potential facilitators, including Kate Faragher Houghton, Destie Hohman Sprague, Kate Brennan, and Jane Haskell (if we change the date). We note the need to find a volunteer facilitator. **If others have ideas, and/or if you are willing to help with outreach to facilitators, please email Regina.**

We discussed goals for retreat. The people on the call have the following in mind; please email Regina if you have additional thoughts:

- Clarity of purpose around the Commission's work and mission.
- Review of our mission statement: Where do we need to go? Where do we focus our energy?
- Debrief and compare the report "models" (the pagers versus the more in-depth products we've produced in the past), in order to inform what model we'd like to use in future.
- Membership commitment and workload: How do we bring on new members? How do we structure the work and distribute it to both avoid burnout and facilitate engagement?
- Time for getting to know one another and share about what we do