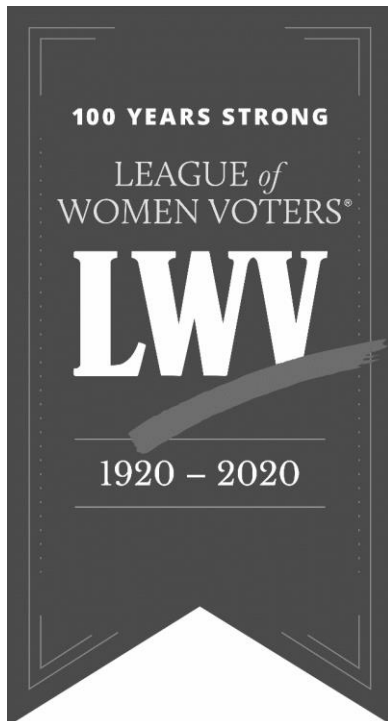




Annual Meeting Materials

2019-2020

Special Accommodation: Annual Meeting Business Ballot*
(In Lieu of Regular May Membership Meeting)



Agenda – Due Dates

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| April 15-May 14 | Read Annual Meeting Materials and Annual Meeting Reports |
| May 1 | Last day to email any questions to the office |
| April 15-May 15 | Vote and mail the enclosed Ballot (Goldenrod Sheet) |
| May 15 | Last day to mail Ballot |

*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and Safer at Home directive, the 2019-2020 Annual Meeting Business is being conducted by written ballot to the membership.



The League of Women Voters of Dane County Annual Meeting Materials

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OPERATING REVENUE

We are planning for a significant increase in revenue for the fiscal year 2020-2021. Our membership base continues to grow and we expect to engage our members in a broad range of volunteer and financial giving opportunities. We will continue to utilize current fundraising appeals while developing new targeted appeals and exploring grant funding opportunities. Finally, we will reach out to the greater Dane County community working to build relationships that result in long term financial support.

We realize our revenue budget is aggressive but feel it is achievable. It is not unreasonable to assume the national census and presidential election will generate increased citizen activity and financial support of many organizations. We feel confident we are in a good position to grow our fundraising efforts and engage both members and the community at large in supporting our mission.

OPERATING EXPENSES

As with the revenue budget, the expense budget increases significantly in fiscal year 2020-2021. The major increases are in the Voter Services area as we gear up for a presidential election year.

Within the Operating Expense category, the move to the new office has nearly doubled the rent. Our former landlord, Flad Associates, contributed \$25,000 in the current fiscal year to help defray a portion of these costs. The other major increase is in Contract Services as we provide for outside accounting and tax support.

The Committee/Program Activity category includes funds to support the fundraising and volunteer services groups. Donor Management Relationship software will provide us with better tools to not only manage our financial donor base but also better utilize the skills and time of our member volunteers. A specific budget for Publicity is included for the first time as we broaden our community outreach. We plan to expand our Program (membership, voter services and programs) activities in the coming fiscal year, expanding voter outreach, reaching out to new communities, and supporting both new and current members who are constrained by financial resources.

OPERATING OVERAGE/SHORTFALL

Plans for fiscal 2020-2021 are aggressive. Our current budget, if fully implemented, will require us to use \$20,862 of our investment earnings, which have been accumulating the last several years. With the recent receipt of the Ogg Fund final distribution (\$195,700), the Memorial Fund has increased substantially, allowing us to make these commitments to growing the organization. A caveat to the proposed budget is of course the impact of the Covid 19 virus and the resultant economic volatility we are currently experiencing. If the current economic contraction continues long term and affects charitable giving, our revenues and expenses will be adjusted to new sustainable realities.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY	Actuals	Current Year	Current Year	Proposed
2020-2021 Annual Budget	July 2018- June 2019	Budget 2019-2020	Actuals thru 2/29/2020	Budget 2020-2021
Member Dues				
Member Dues	27,455	29,000	31,426	30,620
Subtotal	27,455	29,000	31,426	30,620
Member Contributions				
Valentine's Day Appeal	11,085		16,545	10,000
May Challenge Grant	7,510		0	12,000
Member General	9,636		10,088	12,000
CA Member Contributions	2,500		0	5,000
Member Targeted Appeals	0		0	15,000
End of Year Appeal (December)	0		0	7,500
All Other	2,415	34,000	13,443	3,500
Subtotal	33,146	34,000	40,076	65,000
Non-Member Contributions				
General Contributions/Memorials/Bequests	13,656	12,000	7,326	20,000
CA Non-Member Contributions	2,580	2,000	0	0
Ogg Fund Income/Distribution	5,157	4,800	197,454	0
All Other	295	0	1,198	0
Subtotal	21,688	18,800	205,978	20,000
All Other Income				
Grants	1,302	3,500	150	10,000
Dane County Contract Reimbursement (Voter ID Coalition)	20,439	0	0	21,000
Annual Luncheon & Annual Meeting	1,374	1,500	1,708	1,500
Sublet Rental Income	3,959	3,900	2,837	4,560
Miscellaneous Income	251	1,500	34,954	0
Subtotal	27,325	10,400	39,649	37,060
TOTAL OPERATIONAL INCOME	109,614	92,200	317,129	152,680
Operating Expenses				
Office Rent	12,147	13,400	11,933	24,069
Communications/phone/internet	2,047	2,000	1,539	2,264
General Supplies & Postage	3,614	3,800	2,560	2,400
Software/Office Equipment & Maintenance	6,477	5,400	4,128	1,310
Government & Bank Fees	930	1,100	1,110	1,200
Insurance	1,234	2,000	272	1,300
Contract Services	870	5,000	1,459	9,500
Payroll Expenses	23,515	22,000	15,574	26,000
Miscellaneous	1,172	1,000	2,310	300
Subtotal	52,006	55,700	40,885	68,343



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2020-2021 Annual Budget	July 2018- June 2019	Budget 2019-2020	Actuals thru 2/29/2020	Budget 2020-2021
Committee/Program Activity Expenses				
Board	678	11,100	3,745	2,050
Publicity	0	0	0	1,500
Fundraising	0	100	0	3,000
Membership	822	3,300	647	6,085
Voter Services	10,577	21,800	9,820	39,000
Program Expenses	2,385	3,800	1,170	8,150
Subtotal	14,462	40,100	15,382	59,785
External Membership/Contract Program Expenses				
LWVWI and LWVUS Payments	16,648	23,500	23,559	25,234
Dane County Contract Expenses (Voter ID Coalition)	20,105	0	0	20,000
Subtotal	36,753	23,500	23,559	45,234
TOTAL EXPENSES	103,221	119,300	79,826	173,362
OPERATING OVERAGE/SHORTFALL	6,393	-27,100	237,303	-20,682
Transfer from Savings	0	27,100	0	20,682
NET OPERATING OVERAGE/.SHORTFALL	6,393	0	237,303	0



**League of Women Voters of Dane County
Program Proposal for 2019-2020**

Introduction

Each year, or every two years, local, state, and national LWV organizations review and restate their Programs for the upcoming period. As the LWVUS put it in its 2018 Leaders' Guide to Program Planning,

League program is the education and advocacy platform that we adopt to move our mission forward. . . [Per Art. XII, Sec. 22 of the LWVUS Bylaws] The program shall consist of action to implement the Principles and those governmental issues chosen by the convention for concerted study or concurrence and action.

At its 2018 Convention, the League of Women Voters of the United States approved retaining as its Program the Campaign for Making Democracy Work®, which “includes ensuring a free, fair and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters by focusing on voting rights, improving elections, campaign finance/money in politics and redistricting” as well as the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

In 2019 the National Board of the League approved the following statement on climate change: "The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and our planet. . . . [A]n interrelated approach to combating climate change—including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources—is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem."

At the local level, “Program” can include a variety of activities to further the selected League positions, for example, forums and other public events, book groups, discussion groups, letter and op-ed writing, action alerts, the observer corps, and targeted issue advocacy.

At the 2020 Annual Meeting, members of the LWV of Dane County are invited to choose a few important issues to spotlight in the coming year. The Program should reflect members' opinions and energies since its success depends on the interests and work of the members. This year LWVDC member opinion was surveyed in an on-line questionnaire publicized in our weekly email in early March. There were 51 responses. On March 14 the Program and Advocacy Committee met to review the survey and make recommendations for the 2020-2021 Program. Based on the responses, we recommend continuing to work on the two themes selected for last year: **Making Democracy Work at the Dane County Level** and **Addressing the Climate Crisis in Dane County**. A number of survey comments called for more attention to local issues, e.g., affordable housing and homelessness, racism, food instability, and barriers faced by the disabled and the mentally ill, and for more action to make a difference. Respondents want to continue to apply the lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion in thinking about these issues. We think that there is ample room under our major themes to investigate these topics.

Motion on 2020-2021 Program Recommendation

The Program and Advocacy Committee recommends the following motion to the members:

Under the general oversight of the Board and the Program and Advocacy Committee, LWV of Dane County will continue the two sub-committees formed in 2019-2020 to implement program activities associated with:

- a. **Making Democracy Work at the Dane County Level**. This sub-committee will study and educate residents and take action on laws and practices that impact the exercise of civil rights, democratic governance, fair ballot access, and efficient and accessible conduct of elections.

- b. **Addressing the Climate Crisis in Dane County.** This sub-committee will focus on environmental education, policy changes, and realistic actions to mitigate climate change that can be furthered by LWV Dane County.

Other Recommendations of the Program and Advocacy Committee

Assuming that the Program proposal is approved, the Committee recommends these future standards:

1. The Board may request attention to an emerging issue if it is deemed critical and/or strategic, or is a high priority for the national or Wisconsin League that needs to be communicated to the Dane County membership.
2. All activities are to be designed with an emphasis on follow-up actions, not just information and education.
3. Under our bylaws, the Board appoints the Program and Advocacy Committee annually. The Program and Advocacy Committee will meet monthly to oversee the design, development and implementation of LWVDC's program activities at a macro level. It should look for ways to make educational events accessible to all residents of Dane County by varying locations and styles of learning, and should include the Program Chair and the Unit Coordinator. Members of this year's Committee and other interested members may volunteer.
4. The subcommittees will collaborate on a coordinated calendar of events for the coming year. Each will choose a facilitator and will meet regularly to plan and implement targeted Program activities. Members interested in joining a subcommittee to help with one event or for the entire year are warmly encouraged to contact the Program Chair or the facilitators.
5. Each Program subcommittee should include a representative from the Program Committee, a representative from the DEI Working Group, and individuals with expertise or interest in learning subject content, technical know-how, and/or community outreach.

 **LWVDC Nominating Committee**
Slate of Candidates for 2020-2021

Candidates for BOARD OFFICERS:

President Christine Clements 7/1/20 – 6/30/22

***Co-Vice President** Marilyn Stephen 7/1/20 – 6/30/22

***Co-Vice President** Jean Jacobson 7/1/20 – 6/30/22

Treasurer Jean Jacobson 7/1/20 – 6/30/22

Candidates for BOARD DIRECTORS:

Fundraising Director Linda Dietrich 7/1/20 – 6/30/22

Membership Co-Director Mary Ellen Schmit 7/1/20 – 6/30/21

Membership Co-Director Joan Schwarz 7/1/20 – 6/30/22

Program Director Georgina Hernandez 7/1/20 – 6/30/22

Publicity Co-Director Bonnie Chang 7/1/20-6/30/22

Publicity Co-Director Laura Grueneberg 7/1/20-6/30/22

Candidates for NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Chair Jan Van Vleck 7/1/20-6/30/21

Non-board member Elizabeth Kanne 7/1/20-6/30/21

Nominating Committee Gail Krc 7/1/20-6/30/21

[Two Board members will be appointed to the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee by the incoming Board at its first meeting of the fiscal year (LWVDC Bylaws, Article IX, Nominations and Elections.)

*Note from the Ad Hoc Strategic Oversight Committee:

Two Vice Presidents and added shared role in Finance of one Vice-President:

In the last three years, the LWVDC has experienced astonishing growth in membership from about 200 members to over 500. While this is truly exciting, it also poses several challenges. We want to engage our new members by offering interesting volunteer opportunities where they can serve our community and make wonderful new friends. To accomplish this, we need a stronger organizational structure. Some devoted long-time leaders currently spend many hours every single day on League work. A change in the 2020-2021 structure to have two Vice Presidents with one serving as Treasurer and the plan that each Board Director will have a committee to assist and advise the director is one way that leadership will be broadened to include more people to manage the work. There will be other changes in the coming year to provide relief to some volunteers and include many more people in the important work of the League.

Candidate names were submitted by the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee: Jan Van Vleck (chair), Kathy Krusiec, Marilyn Stephen, Edith Sullivan and Donna Van Bogaert.

Candidates for BOARD OFFICER Positions:**Christine Clements, Candidate for President (2020-2022)**

I joined the League in the fall of 2017 just after retiring from my career. Involvement with the League was a commitment I looked forward to, having been exposed to their excellent work over many years. For the last two years, I have served as LWV Dane County Fundraising chair and library liaison, registered voters and worked as a poll worker in the City of Madison. During the last year I served on the Program Committee, the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee. Most recently, I have been active with the Ad Hoc Strategic Oversight Committee. My work with the board and many League volunteers has grown my appreciation for their high levels of commitment to making democracy work. For 24 years prior to retirement, I was a management professor at UW-Whitewater and served as the dean of the College of Business during my last 12 years. After retiring from Whitewater, I worked an additional three years as Executive VP of Membership and Chief Diversity and Inclusion officer for a global business school accrediting and membership organization. The League has experienced major growth in membership, volunteer commitment and programs over the last several years, and I am excited for the opportunities we must enhance member diversity and engagement and grow the impact of the League.

Marilyn Stephen, Candidate for Co-Vice President (2020-2022)

When I was a young mother of three little girls in the 1970s, I was looking for an adult volunteer activity to join. The League of Women Voters was a natural for me because I'd been politically active in college and was excited about the voice women were finding in my community in Michigan. I learned about the principles of the League, participated in a substantial study of school funding and learned about decision making by consensus. In the early 80s, I went to law school. Without the League, I'm not sure I would have had the confidence to make that decision. I eventually joined the local Prosecutor's staff in the Family Law Division where I worked for fourteen years obtaining court orders for child support, handling custody and parenting time for families. I had found my niche. I couldn't solve all the problems of the thousands of families I met, but I could help with some important pieces of their lives. In 2002, I became the director of the statewide child support program where I stayed for ten years until I retired. I learned how to advocate for families with elected officials and bureaucrats at federal, state and local levels and I used consensus-based decision-making with my partners in the program. My husband of 50 years and I have been happily retired since 2013.

Jean Jacobson, Candidate for Co-Vice President and for Treasurer (2020-2022)

I am currently chair of the LWVDC Finance Committee that oversees the general finances, annual budget and financial advisory sub committees. In addition, I am now handling the day to day accounting activities of the League under the guidance of the current treasurer, Helen Horn. Having retired from a 30 year accounting career it is wonderful to be involved in the financial world again. Most of my financial career was spent working for Springs Window Fashions, Inc. a local window treatment manufacturing company. In addition, I spent time at our parent company headquarters in South Carolina where I was Manager of Internal Audit. Upon my return to Wisconsin and Window Fashions, I held the positions of Controller as well as Director of Finance until my retirement in 2008. Prior to my retirement I spent 3 years on the Habitat for Humanity Board, serving as treasurer. After retirement, I spent 10 rewarding years volunteering for Agrace Hospice both as a gardener and as a patient volunteer.

Candidates for BOARD DIRECTOR Positions:**Linda Dietrich, Candidate for Fundraising Chair (2020-2022)**

I am a relatively new member of the League of Women Voters, Dane County, currently serving on the Fundraising Committee. After 31 years with UW Health I retired as Director of Marketing Communications. The role was an expansive one, including strategic planning, data review, writing, advertising and collaboration with the UW Foundation on fund raising projects. These included campaigns for the UW Hospital and Clinics, the School of Medicine and Public Health, the Carbone Cancer Center, UW Sports Medicine, the UW Schools of Pharmacy and of Nursing. The work included

development strategy, and producing case statements, solicitation materials, special events (including engaging Walter Cronkite and Amy Tan as speakers), grand openings for the School of Pharmacy, the Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research and the UW Sports Medicine and Fitness Center. Prior to my work for UW Health I spent five years at St. Norbert College in publications and public relations, reporting to the vice president for development. This role included all communication and special events support for camps fund raising efforts. Between positions at St. Norbert and UW Health, I worked as Marketing Coordinator for the First National Bank Corporation in Appleton.

Mary Ellen Schmit, Candidate for Membership Co-Director (2020-2021)

I was born in Pasadena, California but from an early age I have been a Badger. In fact, I have deep roots in Wisconsin and am part of 3 generations of UW-Madison Alumni (including my 93 year old Mother, husband, and two children who are all LWV of Dane County members as well). After retiring from Pediatric Occupational Therapy service at UW Hospital and Clinics, I promptly joined LWV. I have just completed a two-year term as Membership Co-Chair on the Board of LWV of Dane County and would be honored to serve for an additional year in a second term. In the past two years membership at LWV of Dane County has increased from 300 to over 500 people. As Co-Director with Sally Gleason the past two years, I have attempted to engage members in a variety of ways that work at enhancing diversity, equity and inclusion. My goal for the next year is to establish a team to develop a new member integration program.

Joan I. Schwarz, Candidate for Membership Co-Director (2020-2022)

I practiced civil law for thirty (30) years in Stoughton WI with an emphasis on family, business and real estate law, probate, discrimination cases and litigation. I retired from my legal practice in December 2015. I also have taught a World of Ideas class (historic and current focus on what constitutes a Good and Just Society) and a Gender Law and Policy course (institutional and societal focus on gender issues) at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for the last twenty-eight (28) years. I received both my J.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. I am currently a member of the Legislative Committee for LWVWI with portfolios in Social Policy (equal rights) and Government (citizens' rights, individual and civil liberties, right to privacy in reproductive choices and administrative justice, redistricting and campaign finance). I have also been Legal Counsel for United to Amend, a non-partisan organization working on getting money out of politics. Being Co-Chair of Membership will allow me to be more involved with the LWVDC.

Georgiana Hernandez, Candidate for Program Director (2020-2022)

I have volunteered with the League of Women Voters for nearly two years since relocating to Wisconsin from California in mid-2017. I've spent my career working in the nonprofit sector in the San Francisco Bay Area, most recently serving as either an executive director or as a planning consultant to a diverse set of nonprofits. These range from those working on criminal and juvenile justice reform, to those focused on arts and culture within the Latinx community, and to others focused on workforce development. I earned my masters in nonprofit management in 1980 and my doctorate in organization and leadership in 2000, both from University of San Francisco. But more than any degree, it is the spirit of volunteerism that has shaped me. I started volunteering when I was 15, each weekend sorting recycling materials into their proper bins and, with the American Friends Service Committee, going on weeklong work projects to help build houses for agricultural workers in the Central Valley. I was hooked and subsequently spent decades serving on many nonprofit boards of directors. For the 8-9 years prior to moving to Madison, I served as a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate for children in the foster care system. When my husband and I moved to Madison to be close to our daughter, who is pursuing her doctorate in philosophy at UW-Madison, I thought long and hard about the kind of organization I should volunteer with, and ultimately I contacted the League of Women Voters. Over these past two year— through my involvement with the climate crisis committee and through other League planning initiatives—I've had real joy meeting and working with scores of smart, dedicated, and interesting League members.

Bonnie Chang, Candidate for Publicity Co-Director (2020-2022)

I am a PhD candidate at the University of Wisconsin who has become deeply involved in the state and local LWV as well as other community organizations. My passions are voter's rights and empowering the voiceless in our community. To that end, I am currently serving on three LWVDC committees: Program, DEI and Voter's Service. I am also employed part time at the LWVWI office assisting with technology and administration. I support work that fosters a robust relationship between the LWVDC and the UW campus and have worked as a chief inspector and election official at campus wards for nearly a decade.

Laura Grueneberg, Candidate for Publicity Co-Director (2020-2022)

As a Gen Z I understand how important it is to have an online presence. This is an essential part of PR because it allows us to better foster relationships with the community at large and make a lasting impact. As a PR co-chair I will strive to increase our online presence and community engagement while promoting league values and of course the right to vote.

Candidates for NOMINATING COMMITTEE Positions:**Jan Van Vleck, Candidate for Nominating Committee Chair (2020-2021)**

I am the Nominating Committee Chair for 2019-20. I grew up in Ohio and graduated with a BA from Ohio State University in 1962. I then moved to Chicago to work for the Social Security Administration for 2 years before moving to Wisconsin for my husband's graduate work. After 40 years, in 2007 I retired from Wisconsin State government having worked in various administrative and management positions in a variety of state programs. These included Job Service, Unemployment Compensation, Vocational Rehabilitation, Revenue, Child Support and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). I also spent 2 years in Egypt with my husband from 1969-1971 where I received an MA at the American University in Cairo. After retirement, I joined the League to further the League's efforts to improve and expand voting opportunities. After wintering in Florida for several years, I am now full time in Wisconsin and have increased my League involvement.

Elizabeth Kanne, Candidate for Nominating Committee (2020-2021)

I was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. My undergraduate degree is a BA in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations, double major in French, from Newcomb College of Tulane University, in 1997. In 2000, I graduated with a JD from the University of Georgia School of Law. After my first two children were born, I was involved in many community organizations in Cleveland, Ohio. After a third child and a move to Wisconsin, my full attention was turned to homeschooling my three children. The oldest is starting college in the fall, so as my home career lessens, I am happy to step up my involvement in the LWVDC. I joined in 2017 and have worked with voter registration. My family and I live in Middleton.

Gail Krc, Candidate for Nominating Committee Member (2020-2021)

I joined the League in August 2013. After I retired from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in 2010, I volunteered for voting registration and voter outreach activities. Before the Special Registration Deputy Program was eliminated, I was certified as a Special Registration Deputy and registered voters in Middleton, Madison and many surrounding areas. I have been a poll worker for the City of Middleton for several years and register voters on Election Day. Currently I am the LWV Library Liaison to the Middleton Public Library and the Senior Liaison for Middleton working with the Middleton Senior Center, assisted living facilities and independent senior living facilities. I also help register students at Middleton High School and follow up with Middleton voters who vote provisional ballots to be sure they understand what they need to do so their ballots are counted. Since 2011 I have been a volunteer at the Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) in various roles including data entry, client hosting and staffing the reception desk at the food pantry. From working with the LWV, and occasionally volunteering to register clients at the St Vincent's food pantry, I also have developed various voter outreach services for MOM food pantry clients. These activities have let me see how important and rewarding it is to help people exercise their right to vote!

Continuing Board Officers and Directors for 2020 – 2021

Secretary – Joan Provencher

Bulletin Editor – Maria Spinozzi

Voter Service Co-Director – Paul Lindquist

Voter Service Co-Director – Marian Matthews

League of Women Voters of Dane County, Inc. Minutes of the Annual Meeting – May 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm. We have a quorum.

President Aileen Nettleton recognized current LWVDC members, LWVWI board and staff members present, former LWVDC Presidents, and members who joined this year. Cheryl Daniels will be our parliamentarian for the evening.

Last years' minutes were reviewed by Joan Provencher and Marion Matthews as required by Roberts Rules of Order when meetings are infrequent, and it would be too late to correct them intelligently at the next meeting. This year Kathy Johnson and Barbara Mortensen have agreed to review the minutes. Susan Sweet and Janet Anderson have agreed to act as tellers should a count be needed for any motion.

Brook Soltvedt made a motion to adopt rules, seconded by Eileen Rabson. Adopted

Ingrid Rothe made a motion to adopt agenda, seconded by Janet Van Vleck. Adopted

Gail Bliss, retiring Secretary accepted a yellow rose for her years of service on the board.

Budget & Finance

Helen Horn, Treasurer, presented her reports:

1. Budget 2017-18 and 2018-19 year to date – including clarifications on major differences,
2. Financial Advisory Committee Report – No changes to investment portfolio and Annual Budget – as recommended by the board.

Question – Should we provide more money for scholarships for memberships? Our Flex fee membership is available as requested so we don't need more scholarships.

Brook Soltvedt made a motion to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Barbara Arnold.

Approved unanimously.

Program

Mary Anglim presented the 2019-20 Program Plan as summarized in the motion below:

1. The LWV Dane County reaffirms its support for the positions agreed to by the local, state and national LWV in the past.
2. Under the general oversight of the Board and the Program Committee, LWV Dane County will establish two sub-committees in 2019-20 to implement program activities associated with:
 - a. **Making Democracy Work at the Dane County Level.** This sub-committee will support and coordinate with the work of the Voter Services Steering Committee and the Dane County Voter ID Coalition by, for example, helping to recruit Voter Education Ambassadors, sponsoring forums on subjects such as redistricting or lame duck legislation, and monitoring/recommending action on local government decisions related to voting rights.

- b. **Addressing Climate Change in Dane County.** This sub-committee will focus on education, policy changes, and realistic actions that can be carried out by LWV Dane County.
3. Recognizing that **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** should be part of our organizational practice LWV Dane County will establish a working group that coordinates with the Program Committee to apply a DEI lens to all LWVDC program activities.

Ingrid Rothe made the above motion, seconded by Georgiana Hernandez. Approved unanimously.

Nominating Committee

Kathy Fullin, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Board Officers as follows:

Aileen Nettleton	President	7/1/19 – 6/30/20
Helen Horn	Treasurer	7/1/19 – 6/30/20
Joan Provencher	Secretary	7/1/19 – 6/30/21

President Nettleton asked for additional nominations. There were none. Andrea Kaminski moved to close the nominations, seconded by Ingrid Rothe. Motion approved.

When there is only one candidate for each office, the Bylaws allow for instruction of the Secretary to “cast the ballot of the Annual Meeting for every nominee” Kathy Johnson moved to instruct the Secretary, as allowed by the Bylaws, seconded by Brook Soltvedt. Motion approved.

Kathy Fullin, presented the slate of Board Directors as follows:

Marian Matthews	Voters Service Co-Chair	7/1/19 – 6/30/21
Paul Lindquist	Voters Service Co-Chair	7/1/19 – 6/30/21
Donna Van Bogaert	Publicity	7/1/19 – 6/30/20
Maria Spinozzi	Bulletin Editor	7/1/19 – 6/30/20

President Nettleton asked for additional nominations. There were none. Barbara Arnold moved to close the nominations, seconded by Mary Ploeser. Motion approved. Motion to instruct the Secretary to cast the ballot for every nominee was made and seconded. Motion approved.

Kathy Fullin presented the slate of non-board members of the nominating committee as follows:

Jan Van Vleck	Chair	7/1/19 – 7/1/20
Kathy Krusiec	non-board member	7/1/19 – 7/1/20
Edith Sullivan	non-board member	7/1/19 – 7/1/20

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Brief oral reports were provided by some committees, others were available to answer questions about the printed reports.

- Doug Johnson – seeking more volunteers for the Adopt a Highway cleanup twice a year.
- President Nettleton presented the Discussion Units report for Diane Liebert. Two new units have formed, one in Fitchburg, the other meeting at the UW Memorial Union. Approximately 35-50 people are active in unit meetings.
- Christine Clements highlighted the May Member Challenge. Fundraising is our major revenue source. We only keep \$13 from membership dues. So far this year we have raised \$39,000.
- Outgoing Publicity director Sue Fulks accepted a yellow rose for her years of service on the board.

- Mary Ploeser spoke briefly about the Upper Mississippi ILO encouraging others to get involved.
- There were several Voter Service reports. Paul Lindquist was asked how many people worked on voter registration. He estimated over 100.
- Kathy Fullin sought volunteers to expand provisional voter outreach beyond Madison, Middleton and Stoughton, as well as Library Liaisons for McFarland and Verona, and maintaining literature displays in Madison libraries.
- Sue Fulks sought additional volunteers for the High School Voter Education project.
- Priscilla Thain is stepping down from coordinating the Westside Farmers' Market and was thanked for her many years of service.
- Marian Matthews, new co-chair of voter service, covered several registration efforts and LWVDC training. – No questions

Vice President - No questions

Webmaster – No questions

President's report – Nettleton highlighted the 130 new members this year, and the focus on engaging new members, the Observer Corps, and our recently adopted Diversity Equity and Inclusion, which follows the LWVUS language. – No questions.

The LWVWI meeting is June 8 in Green Lake. We no longer need to elect delegates. Nettleton requested individuals planning to attend to identify themselves. The following individuals expressed interest: Ralph Peterson, Bonnie Chang, Kathy & Doug Johnson, Linda Chad, Steven & Mary Ploeser, Georgiana Hernandez, Marion Matthews, Mary Ellen Schmit, Sally Gleason, and Al Nettleton. In addition, the following individuals expressed interest earlier: Brook Soltvedt, Helen Horn, Mary Anglim, Gail Bliss, Christine Clements, Kathy Fullin, Marilyn Stephens and Earnestine Moss.

President Nettleton asked for Instructions from the meeting. Barbara Arnold asked the delegates to learn a lot & have fun

President Nettleton made brief announcements.

- There will be a Ratification parade June 23.
- We are being honored by Forward Theater as part of its June 20-23 Two Steps Forward Monologue Festival.
- LWVDC will celebrate our Centennial March 28, 2020.

Motion to adjourn by Al Nettleton, seconded by Pat Levin.

Respectfully submitted

Gail Bliss
Secretary

Appendix

LWV Wisconsin Guidance on Conducting Board and Annual Meetings during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Summary/Excerpts, March 26, 2020

Motion approved by the LWVWI Board of Directors, March 30, 2020:

That the LWVWI board adopt a policy that In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for local Leagues to conduct business virtually to keep their members safe, specifically permits (but does not require) Wisconsin's local Leagues to conduct elections by written ballot. And, to permit local Leagues to conduct their annual meetings in a month that is not the time prescribed in their local Bylaws as long as the annual meeting takes place by the end of August 2020.

Board Meetings

“Conducting board meetings remotely presents no problem as you can conduct them by written consent, electronically, by written ballot, or by teleconference.” - Electronic board meetings are fine.

Annual Meetings

”Current local League bylaws under the section Written Ballot expressly prohibits written ballots to be used for elections or amendments to your bylaws...

Action Being Taken

“LWVWI is moving forward immediately with a recommendation from our nonprofit lawyers at Scholz Nonprofit Law LLC. Because local League bylaws must comport with the LWVWI bylaws under the group exemption, the LWVWI Board will be asked ASAP to pass a policy that states that in light of the current situation with COVID-19 and the need to conduct business virtually to keep its members safe, LWVWI specifically permits ...local chapters to conduct elections by written ballot.”

What Local Leagues Should Do

“No action is necessary on your part to change your bylaws regarding Written Ballot, etc., as the LWVWI Board policy, once approved, provides the necessary override.

“In preparing your written ballot voting procedures, please keep in mind that a written ballot to members must contain the following information:

- 1. The number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements. ... state the number of ballots to meet quorum.**
- 2. The percentage necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors.** If your ballots include items other than elections, the written ballot will need to state the percentage approval needed to pass – greater than 50%, basically a majority vote. For elections, you do not need to include the percentage, might be more than two candidates for any given position.
- 3. The time by which a ballot must be received by the corporation in order to be counted. ...by the local League.**

Additional note: LWVWI does not have the power to allow teleconference or electronic elections as a means to conduct membership business. “The rationale behind the in-person or written ballot vote is to protect members from a Board or other small group ramming through action that the members as a whole don’t have time or space to discuss.