

LWV ABC 81st Annual Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 8, 2019

6:00 PM at the Andover Senior Center

6:00 PM **Members of the board will provide dinner. Enjoy social time.**

6:30 PM **Call to Order and Introductions: Business Meeting**

- Approval of minutes from 2018 Annual Meeting was done at the subsequent Board meeting – these are included in this document for your information on page 17
- Adoption of Budget – page 10; **see also Treasurer's reports on pages 20-22**
- Election of Officers – page 14-15
- Review local positions and nonpartisan policy, renew or change? – pages 11-13 – please read these before the meeting so you are prepared. We will delegate any changes to a committee which will be formed for that purpose, rather than spend meeting time on group editing.

6:45 PM **Zilla Way Award** – congratulations to for their work raising the profile of LWV ABC!

6:55 PM **Program and Action - Areas of Work - where will you contribute? Learn about these areas of opportunity – some new, some ongoing – where we all can make a difference in our communities. Add your name where you will be part of the action! Our current committee chairs will provide their reports on this year's work in this segment.**

- LWV ABC Program Committee – Sue Butler, Susan Anderson leaders. Kathie Whelchel joining
 - Brief summary of 2018-19 program work (report - 1 minute max)
 - Possible amendment of LWV ABC positions
 - Meeting planning:
 - Second-Monday evening meetings
 - Potential daytime meetings in winter (new – evaluate possibilities, plan)
 - Drafts and Discourse (where to go with this?)
- LWV ABC Membership Committee - Sandy Connor, Pat Kennedy, Rochelle Turan and Kathie Whelchel
 - Brief summary of 2018-19 membership work (report - 1 minute max)
 - Committee will welcome new members, follow up on interests
 - Creating/implementing New Member orientation
 - Help members engage and leadership development – new, Kathie Whelchel leader
- Voter Service Committee - we are all on this committee! Geri Nelson and Arlene Gillett, leaders
 - Brief summary of Voter Service work in 2018-19 (report - 1 minute max)
 - Voter registration – continue high school registration and new – identifying and reaching under-served communities
 - Candidate forums – city leads needed
 - Possible Legislative Interviews – December 2019?

- LWV ABC Zero-waste hospitality – evaluate best options, implement - Cindy DeReuter, leader
- LWV ABC Communications - Kathy Aanerud, leader
 - Brief report on communications work in 2018-19 (report - 1 minute max)
 - Newsletter - Gretchen Sabel and Kathy Tingelstad
 - Website conversion/management - new website coordinator sought to work with Gretchen Sabel and Bruce Pomerantz

NEW WORK AREAS/COMMITTEES (Gretchen to describe each, members discuss)

- Local Action Committee – Anoka County observation, reporting and action – a new effort building on our Observer Network, building on lessons learned in the recent work with the County Administrator appointment process – Wes Volkenant and DeeAnn Christensen, leaders
- State Action Committee –
 - LWV MN Lobby Corps – how to be an LWV citizen lobbyist, gearing up our local contingent – Gretchen Sabel will get it started, leader needed
 - Review of state positions – which need updating – recommend areas for future state revisions -new work – who wants to help with the review and recommendation?
- LWV US Context and Action Committee – understanding priorities; helping LWV ABC support US action – Jeorgette Knoll, leader
- Civic Engagement Fellows - new idea - working with high school student interns – evaluate possibilities, initiate pilot program if it's a good idea
- Census – working with Coon Rapids Complete Count Committee, sharing info with other LWV ABC communities (Kathie Whelchel, leader)
- ??More??? – what are we missing? Ideas?

8:15 PM Adjourn

The Annual Meeting is the most important business meeting of the League year. It is the entire membership's opportunity to direct the course of LWV ABC.

The Annual Meeting has four basic goals:

1. To elect a slate of officers representative of the membership.
2. To adopt a local Program on governmental issues which reflects the interests of the membership and to re-adopt or drop present local positions.
3. To adopt a budget that provides for the financial support of the League as a whole.
4. To review and/or amend local League bylaws.

In addition to these basic goals, the Annual Meeting is an opportunity to:

- Recognize special individual and group efforts;
- Renew interest in future League activities;
- Reacquaint with members and welcome new members

Reports:

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting: were approved by the board at the 2018 Annual Retreat, see page 17 for a refresher on what transpired

Treasurer's Report: Kay McCulley, Treasurer:

- Report will be provided at the meeting.

LWV ABC Membership Report: April 2018 -2019

Going forward, Sandy Connor and Kathie Whelchel will be joined in the membership committee by Rochelle Turan and Pat Kennedy. Thank you both for joining the Membership Committee!

KATHERINE WHELCHEL/SANDRA CONNOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

April 2018 – March 2019

Current paid membership total as of March 2019: 74

March 2018 Membership total: 78

Life Members: 2

Renewing Members: 64

New Members: 10

Members attending Meetings: 255

Guests attending Meetings: 26

DATE	TOPIC	ATTENDANCE ABC MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE OTHERS
4/09/2018	Annual Meeting Election of Board members Approve budget Review positions Committee Reports Program Charge-up	31	2
5/14/2018	The Minnesota Groundwater Protection Act History of the act, what has been accomplished, what is in progress, what still needs to be done Gretchen Sabel	22	3 2 of them joined

6/11/2018	Learn about health care insurance and options. Becky Fink, executive director of Nucleus Clinic and LWV ABC member, will provide information and discussion regarding public health care health care programs and eligibility and coverage; the Affordable Care Act, MNSure, health care tax credits and how they apply to the private insurance market at Nucleus Clinic about Health Care Insurance programs, MNSure, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act particularly in the context of work at a community clinic.	30	2
7/09/2018	Mary Cook and Jefferson Fietek, Sandy Hook Promise Ambassadors from Sandy Hook Promise Anoka-Hennepin Branch, will address the issue of the epidemic of violence in our schools at the July Program Meeting on July 9Ms. Cook and Mr. Fietek will talk about programs offered by Sandy Hook Promise that address issues of student isolation, de-escalation of students in crisis, suicide prevention and knowing the signs to look for when a student is considering hurting themselves or others. They will also address the new initiatives recently rolled out by Sandy Hook Promise that help students better report warning-sign incidents and also how to start clubs in their school that promote inclusive environments. The presenters will talk about action steps community members can take to help address this national crisis.	32	2
8/13/2018	Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve and potluck	unknown	unknown
9/10/2018	No meeting – working on forums	No meeting	No meeting
10/8/2018	Representatives of Fair Vote Minnesota explained how Ranked Choice Voting works, its' advantages, and how those voters and candidates who have experienced it feel about the system. They answered questions for the audience	23	5
11/12/2018	Recap and evaluation of forums and high school voter registration – what went well and what could be improved.	27	2
12/10/2018	Kathy Tingelstad talked about her internship investigating transparency at Connexus Energy. She shared information about the board and its meetings and elections. Lively Issues discussed State and Local positions to recommend they be kept, amended, or ended.	25	4
1/14/2019	Members participated in discussion and consensus building for League of Women Voters possible new position on the Governance of the Metropolitan Council.	19	1

2/11/2019	Solar Energy Development Brian Burandt, VP Power Supply and Business Development, Connexus Energy discussed the planning, implementation and success of solar energy so far and plans and challenges for future expansion. Answered audience questions.	20	2
3/11/2019	Recycling Update Maggie Yauk and Colleen Sinclair updated us on recycling in Anoka County – what to recycle, what to use for home compost, what to put in curbside compost, what to reuse, and what cannot be recycled. They explained the complexities of what cannot be recycled and why some things that could be recycled in the past can't be recycled now.	26	3
	Annual average 28 per meeting		

During the 2018-2019 fiscal year membership in LWV-ABC decreased by 4.

During spring 2018 Student Voter Registration at Blaine High School I encouraged new voters to consider joining LWV.

Attended voter registration training on April 29 and sent e-mail to everyone who indicated an interest in League of Women Voters. One person joined May 14.

Sign in sheets at 18 candidate forums asked for those interested in LWV-ABC. Everyone who indicated an interest was contacted.

LWV-ABC opened an exhibit at the Anoka County History Center which celebrates 100 years of LWV with emphasis on LWV in Anoka County. 21 members and 18 non-members attended the Grand Opening. The exhibit will be open all of 2019. We hope this will attract new members as people learn about LW

Spoke on LWV and the Exhibit at the Anoka County Historical Society annual meeting

Program Committee: Susan Anderson and Sue Butler, co-chairs

Date	Topic	Presenter	Number Attending	Cable TV
5/14/2018	1989 Groundwater Protection Act, Did it Work?	Gretchen Sabel, retired MPCA policy analyst	25	Yes
6/11/2018	Tour the Nucleus Clinic and presentation Health Care Insurance and Options	Becky Fink Executive Director Nucleus Clinic	32	No
7/9/2018	Sandy Hook Promise Programs	Jefferson Fietek and Mary Cook, Sandy Hook Ambassadors from Anoka-Hennepin Branch	35	Yes
8/13/2018	Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve Presentation on the work of the reserve and a walk to the bison	Caitlin Potter, Director	30	No
September	No meeting as many forums were scheduled			No
10/8/2018	Award 2018 Friend of League Award and Ranked Choice Voting	Jeanne Massey Executive Director of Fair Vote MN	28	Yes
11/12/2018	Review the Candidate Forums- What Did We Learn?	Geri Nelson facilitated	29	No
12/10/2018	You Own a Co-op and Lively Issues Discussion	Kathy Tingelstad; Susan Anderson	25	No
1/14/2019	Members participated in discussion and consensus building for League of Women Voters possible new position on the Governance of the Metropolitan Council	Susan Anderson facilitated	20	No
2/11/2019	Solar Energy Development through Connexus	Brian Burandt, VP Power Supply and Business Development Connexus	22	Yes
3/11/2019	Recycling in Anoka County	Maggie Yauk, Anoka County Recycling and Resource Solutions; Colleen Sinclair Coon Rapids Recycling Center Coordinator	29	Yes

Members are invited to submit ideas for future programs. Not just invited – member ideas for future programs are NEEDED!

Voters Service Report – Geri Nelson/Arlene Gillett, Voters Service Co-Chairs:

Voter Service by the Numbers 2018

Voter Registration

- **450 voters** registered 2018. We are registering again this spring.
- **9 schools** visited in spring and fall; **3** other venues
- **21 Volunteers** participated in Voter Registration (28 person visits)

Candidate Forums in 2018

- **16 Forums**
- **51 races**
- **10 venues**
- Organized by **10 Forum Chairs**
- **19 moderators** were trained; **14** moderated at least one forum. **Great Job!**
- **172 total volunteers**; an average of **10.75** per forum. **THANK YOU, MEMBERS!**
- Average **attendance: 61** and total attendance: **851**. (2016 average was **40**)
- **14 press releases**
- **\$1525 in stipends** to Forum Chairs and Moderators
- **\$314 in other expenses**

All Voter Service Activities

- LWV Minnesota granted us **\$1564** through Martin & Brown Foundation; **\$275** came from our treasury
- We estimate **1758 volunteer hours** from LWV ABC members!

We tried to have **legislative interviews** in February, but the coldest day of the decade caused everything to be cancelled. Seven of 14 legislators were planning to come to Coon Rapids Civic Center for the event. What do you think of scheduling interviews before the next session, possibly in December?

Communications Committee: Kathy Aanerud, Chair

Following is a summary of partnerships, outreach, and publicity to create community awareness of LWV ABC programs, candidate forums, and our advocacy, and to promote civic engagement.

Activity	Summary/Notes
Print Media Contacts	<p>Community Newspapers: Our numerous press releases and community calendar submissions were all published by the local papers below. Subjects included monthly programs, our LWV Centennial Tea, and all candidate forums.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Anoka County Union Herald</i> • <i>Blaine Spring Lake Park Life.</i> • <i>Champlin Dayton Press</i> • <i>Sun Focus – Fridley and Columbia Heights</i> <p>The publications took particular interest in our candidate forums, and the forums were featured on their websites, and in their daily newsletters; and <i>Champlin-Dayton Press</i> and <i>Sun Focus</i> sent reporters to the forums.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some submissions were also made to Hannah Covington, reporter at <i>Star Tribune</i>, and to the <i>Star Tribune's</i> events calendar, but weren't published.
Social Media	<p>Facebook: Gretchen Sabel and Jeorgette Knoll kept up our presence with relevant posts</p>
Newsletter (<i>The Voter</i>)	<p>Thank you to Gretchen Sabel for assembling this monthly communication that's emailed to members and friends (and by postal mail if requested) and for posting it to our website. Thank you, members, for submission of news items.</p>
Website for LWV ABC	<p>Bruce Pomerantz continued as our webmaster on this communication tool that he established for us in 2016; and he provided ongoing technical assistance with Pay Pal functionality on the website.</p>
Community Partnerships	<p>In addition to our partners for voter registration and candidate forums that are described in Voter Service report, we partnered with: City governments, county departments, pollinator awareness groups, political parties, water protection and environmental groups, community colleges, Anoka Conservation District and more.</p>
Community Television	<p>-QCTV recorded five of our monthly programs for on-air on-demand viewing on their website. -QCTV recorded eight candidate forums for primary and general election candidate forums and City of Ramsey's Special Primary and Special General Elections and made them available for on-air and on-demand viewing on their website. -North Metro TV recorded the candidate forum in Ham Lake for on-air and on-demand viewing on their website.</p>
Photos/Dropbox	<p>Photos of programs and events are stored in our Dropbox folders, with identifying notes, for use in promotional activities</p>
Friend of League	<p><i>Friend of League</i> is our annual award to an individual or organization in the community who has made a significant impact on LWV ABC through cooperation and support. Member Mary Jo Truchon creates a beautiful watercolor artwork certificate</p> <p>In 2018 we honored Mel Aanerud for his portrayal of Will Rogers at a successful fundraiser dinner that introduced LWV to a new audience, for his support of our Observer Corps that led to a better understanding of Anoka County Board of Commissioners and transparency issues, and for forging civic partnerships.</p>
Member Handbook	<p>The 2018-19 edition will be posted on our website and will be updated for 2019-20. The handbook, compiled by Jeorgette Knoll, contains information about our organization, current leaders, committees, activities and more.</p>

New Business

Bylaws – changes will be needed; to be provided at a later date this summer.

Proposed Budget – Presented by Geri Nelson, Budget Committee Chair:

More detailed budget and spending information will be presented at the Annual Meeting and will include actual spending from the current year as well as info on what was budgeted previously. Thank you for your patience!

LWV ABC Proposed Budget 04/01/19 to 03/31/20			comments
Revenue:			
Dues		4,800.00	est. 80x\$60
Contributions/Members		1,000.00	
Contributions/Food, etc. at meetings		150.00	
Fundraiser/Miscellaneous		500.00	
Items for Sale: books, stickers (I'm old enough to vote)		50.00	
Memorials; special donations		500.00	
Grants (Voters service)		0.00	will be available in 2020/2021
Total Revenue		\$7,000.00	
Expenses:			
Admin & Committees:			
	Gen'l supplies, postage, archives	200.00	
	Fundraiser	150.00	
	Pay Pal Fees	50.00	
Member Services:			
	Printing	100.00	
	Annual meeting	50.00	
	Member tools (brochures, etc.)	300.00	
Community Relations:			
	Voters service/community activities	500.00	
	Civic Engagement Fellows/Student interns	1,000.00	new program by LWVMN
	Publications	100.00	
	Publication: 100th Anniversary Booklet	1,250.00	
	Public relations and publicity	50.00	
	Web URL renewal (biennial 29.76)	0.00	
	Web site-annual fee	400.00	new vendor: set-up +

			annual fee
Program and Action:			
	Contribution to UMRR ILO (watershed)	300.00	
	Contribution to LWVMN	500.00	
	Meetings and events	300.00	
	Local study - action and/or updates	500.00	
	Awards	50.00	
	Total Admin, Committees, Services, etc.	\$5,800.00	
Delegates Travel and Affiliation:			
	State Convention/Council (biennial)	2,000.00	less in 2020/2021
	National Convention (biennial)	0.00	more in 2020/2021
	Workshops	250.00	
Dues/PMP (Per Member Payment):			
	CMAL & Expenses	0.00	
	PMP-LWVUS (Sept. 2019)*	2,224.00	67x\$32=2144.00 5x\$16=80.00*
	PMP-LWVMN (March 2020)*	1,876.50	67x\$27=1809.00 5x\$13.50=67.50*
	UMRR ILO (Dues)	25.00	
	Total Delegates Travel and Affiliation, Dues/PMP	\$6,375.50	
Total Expenses		\$12,175.50	
Net Revenue (Loss)		(\$5,175.50)	FY 04/01/19-03/31/20
	(Transfer from checking balance, as needed)	\$5,175.50	
	Checkbook balance 04/01/19 est. 7,400.00	\$7,400.00	(FYI: 04/01/18: \$8,995.71)
75 members as of April 1, 2019 (80 member estimate for 2019/20)			*72 mem 12/31/18 for LWVUS/LWVMN PMP

Local Program – Susan Butler and Susan Anderson, Program Co-Chairs:

At the Annual meeting members review and elect to keep, update, or drop local positions. Local positions are the result of studies conducted within LWVABC and are used to advocate within the LWVABC service area. They are not included in LWVUS or LWV Minnesota program.

LWV ABC local positions were reviewed April 10, 2018. Change made at that meeting are shown in **highlights**. Final wording for each was not decided at that meeting, we will need a committee to finalize it all after the 2019 Annual Meeting. One item – rental properties – needs more work than final wording.

Appointive Process in Local Government (1978) (reviewed and elected to keep April 8, 2018)

- LWV ABC supports publicized and orderly application and appointment process which will maximize participation of qualified individuals and assure efficient operation of advisory boards and committees.

Appointive Process in Anoka Hennepin School District 11 (1979)

- LWV ABC supports publicized and orderly application and orientation process, which will maximize representation and efficient operation of advisory committees.
- This was revised to include all school districts in our LWV ABC boundaries on April 10, 2018.

Metro Watershed Management Organization and the Implementation of the Metro Surface Water Management Act (1992)

- LWV ABC supports the establishment and implementation of comprehensive surface and ground water management for the metropolitan area.
- This was revised in 2018 to include the mention that we could be active in the comprehensive plan in each city.

Anoka County Park System (1994) (Revised 2010) (reviewed and elected to keep April 8, 2018)

- LWV ABC supports the establishment of a well-publicized citizen advisory board to ensure that Anoka County government will be aware of and sensitive to county residents' park concerns.
- LWV ABC supports regular meetings of representatives of city and county park staff to exchange ideas and common concerns and to ensure that city park boards are aware of county park board plans and activities.
- LWV ABC supports a greater base of citizen support for the park system through the employment of a full or part-time coordinator to organize activities of volunteers.

Licensing of Rental Properties (2004)

- LWV ABC believes that municipalities need a licensing policy for rental properties and have an obligation to regularly inspect rental properties in their jurisdiction. Inspections should include examination of both the exterior and interior of the rental dwelling unit and the common areas of the interior used by all tenants. Cities should enforce code compliance to ensure the health and safety of the property's tenants. City codes/ordinances should include a reasonable time for the correction of code violations. Emergency cases: when a violation constitutes an imminent peril to life, health, safety or property, the city may require immediate compliance and, if necessary, take appropriate action to correct the violation.
- At the 2018 review, we voted to update this to include Airbnb and other types of rentals, but we didn't do this. More work needed here.

Home health Care (2007) (revised 2008) (reviewed and elected to keep April 8, 2018)

1. LWV ABC supports the provision and delivery of safe, affordable, flexible home health care services for all, including the elderly and disabled.

At the Annual meeting members review and elect to keep, update, or drop local positions.

Members are encouraged to let the board know when they 'take action' based on one of LWV ABC's local positions.

Non-Partisan Policy – Geri Nelson, Voters Service Co-Chair:

LWV ABC Nonpartisan Policy

To ensure the credibility of the League as a nonpartisan organization, each League's board of directors is responsible for drafting and carrying out its own nonpartisan policy and for seeing that both its members and the public understand the League's nonpartisan role.

The League Shall Not Support or Oppose Any Political Party or Any Candidate

Reviewed and Approved April 8, 2018

1. The President and Voter Service Chair will refrain from public involvement in political campaigns during their terms of office. Involvement includes such things as having one's name on campaign literature, displaying yard signs and holding coffee parties for a candidate. (Attending a precinct caucus is fine.) Board members who are candidates for political office should resign from the Board or take a leave of absence during their own campaign.
2. No League member who is highly visible in a political party, closely associated in some way with a candidate, or identified with an issue under discussion at a candidate forum should be involved in running that event. The object is to prevent, in the eyes of the public, either an actual or apparent conflict of interest.
3. Explain to incumbent candidates (and to new League members) that while League may have lobbied the office holder on an issue, that function is kept separate from voter service activities for the general public. The League position on an issue is never stated by the League during a public candidate forum.
4. Co-sponsorship can present problems of perceived bias, especially if the other organization is identified with a point of view or endorses candidates before the election. If LWV ABC's name is on a project, be certain that League guidelines for non-partisanship and fairness are agreed upon ahead of time and followed. If the group has endorsed issues or candidates before the forum, League should decline to be involved. Explain that we are concerned about even the possible appearance of endorsement.
5. Moderating for other forum sponsors: League does want to encourage citizen involvement and to provide experienced moderators for the community but does not want to jeopardize its reputation by participating in poorly conceived or executed forums. If you are asked to moderate for another group, you must explain our nonpartisan policies to them and find out the following:
 - a. Motivation of the sponsoring group
 - b. Have all candidates been invited? Are they attending? If not, why not?
 - c. What are the issues in this election?
 - d. Format and ground rules? Do the candidates know them?
 - e. Will timers and ushers for collecting questions be provided? (You may want another League member to sort questions and to help you keep track of speaking rotation if there are several candidates.)
6. All voter service projects, including candidate meetings, should include a disclaimer that League neither endorses nor opposes candidates for political office.

At the annual meeting LWV ABC members review and if necessary, update the Nonpartisan Policy.

Current Board 2018-2019

Officers and committee chairs are elected at the annual meeting. Other members of the board are appointed at the annual retreat.

All members are encouraged to serve on the board. Contact a member of the nominating committee if you are interested.

Board members for 2018-19

Reconciled 3/26/19

Office	Member	Elected/Appointed	Terms
President	Jeorgette Knoll Gretchen Sabel appointed in 2018 to finish term	Jeorgette was elected 2017	2 years
Vice President	Gretchen Sabel ----- Kathy Aanerud appointed in 2019 to fill vacancy until election 2019.	Gretchen was elected 2018. ----- Election in 2019 will be for one year to bring election cycle back on even-year cycle	2 years ----- 1 year
Secretary	Arlene Gillett	Elected 2017	2 years
Treasurer	Kay McCulley	Elected 2018	2 years
Membership Chair	Katherine Whelchel ----- Sandra Connor	Elected 2017 ----- Appointed to fill vacancy until election 2018; Elected 2018 for one year to bring election cycle back on odd-year cycle	2 years ----- 1 year
Voters Service Chair	Co-Chairs: Geri Nelson and Arlene Gillette	Elected 2018	2 years
Communications Chair	Kathy Aanerud	Elected 2018	2 years
Program and Action Chair	Co-Chairs: Susan Anderson and Sue Butler	Elected 2018	2 years
Board Member at large/Parliamentarian	Zilla Way	Appointed 2018	1 year
CMAL Representative (Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues)	Susan Anderson and Sue Butler	Appointed 2018	1 year
UMRRILO Representative	Lonni McCauley	Appointed 2017	ongoing
Membership Committee Member	Kathie Whelchel	Appointed 2019	1 year
Voters Service Committee Member			1 year
Communications Committee Member	Gretchen Sabel	Appointed 2018	1 year
Program and Action Committee Member			1 year
Budget /Finance Committee Chair	Geri Nelson	Appointed 2018	1 year
Nominating Committee Chair (Off Board)			1 year
Nominating Committee member (Off Board)			1 year

Nominating Committee Member (Board)	Mary Jo Truchon	Appointed 2018	1 year
Bylaws Committee Chair (Off Board)	<i>Jeorgette Knoll</i>	Appointed 2018	1 year
Bylaws Committee Member (board)	<i>Kay McCulley</i>	Appointed 2018	1 year
LWV ABC Historian (Membership Committee/off board)	Kathy Tingelstad	Appointed 2018	1 year

Nominating Committee Report for 2019-20:

President	Gretchen Sabel	2 years
Vice President	Kathy Aanerud	Elect for 1 year to fill the remaining term of Gretchen Sabel
Secretary	Arlene Gillett	2 years
Membership Chair	Sandy Connor	2 years
Nominating Committee Member (off board)		1 year
Nominating Committee Chair (off board)		1 year

- Elected offices in odd-numbered years are: President, Secretary, Membership Chair, Nominating Committee Chair (off board) and Nominating Committee Member (off board)
- Elected offices in even-numbered years are: Vice President, Treasurer, Voter Service Chair, Program and Action Chair, Nominating Committee Chair (off board) and Nominating Committee Member (off board)

Many thanks to those volunteering to serve on committees! Special thanks to Pat Kennedy and Rochelle Turan for joining the Membership Committee! We will roll out the committee roles and responsibilities at our May meeting, based on the signups at our Annual Meeting. The May meeting will also include a primer on how LWV works. Make sure this meeting is on your calendar!

Other Business:

Recognition

- Zilla Way Award
 - The 'Zilla Way' award was created by the LWV ABC Board in 1996 to honor a local League member who has shown outstanding leadership in guiding our organization. It was named for Zilla to honor her more than 60 year participation in League and her role as LWV ABC mentor and advisor. Congratulations to ... for their 2019 award!
- Friend of League Certificate
 - The 'Friend of League' certificate is presented at our fall kick-off meeting to an individual or organization in the community who has made a significant impact on

LWV ABC through cooperation and support. *Suggestions for recipients* should be given to any board member. Member Mary Jo Truchon initiated and designed the 'Friend of League' certificate in 1991.

Hospitality sign-up

Three members are needed for each of our monthly programs to bring food for a light supper and to set-up the room. Members can be reimbursed for food and supplies. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting. Many thanks to Cindy DeReuter for taking on responsibility for managing this element of our meetings! (Graphic below shows where we are as of 3/31/19 with signups for the next year – check your calendar and know where you can put your name!)

League of Women Voters ABC Hospitality Volunteers 2019-20

Date	1 st Food Volunteer	2 nd Food Volunteer	3 rd Food Volunteer	Meeting Location	Key Person (pick up the Se Center key at Andover City Hall)
May 13, 2019	Arlene Gillet	Dawn Matheson	Jane Arnold	Andover Senior Center	Cindy DeRuyter
Jun 10, 2019	Dee Ann Christensen	Laney McCauley	Shirley Matheson	Andover Senior Center	Cindy DeRuyter
July 8, 2019				Andover Senior Center	Cindy DeRuyter
August 12, 2019				Picnic – location TBD	Cindy DeRuyter
Sept 9, 2019				Andover Senior Center	Cindy DeRuyter
October 14, 2019				Andover Senior Center	Cindy DeRuyter
Nov 11, 2019				Andover Senior Center	Cindy DeRuyter
Dec 9, 2019				Andover Senior Center	Cindy DeRuyter
January 13, 2020				Andover Senior Center	Cindy DeRuyter
Feb 10, 2020				Andover Senior Center	Cindy DeRuyter
March 9, 2020				Andover Senior Center	Cindy DeRuyter

All you need to bring is food for about 40 people between the three of you! LWV ABC provides plates, cups, napkins, coffee, tea and all that stuff. Cindy will send you a reminder email a couple weeks before your turn so you can coordinate with your hospitality partners. Thanks!



Announcements

- **Drafts & Discourse:** Monday, April 29, Torg Brewery, Spring Lake Park, 8421 University Ave NE, 7-8 pm, informal discussion with LWV members and visitors on the topics of the day
- **Annual Retreat:** Monday, April 24 at Davannis, 3430 129th Ave NW, Coon Rapids; lunch orders at 11:00, meeting starts at 11:30. Help us organize for the new fiscal year 2019-2020
- **LWV State Convention,** St. Paul Hotel, April 26-28; registration deadline is April 15. More information: <https://www.lwvmn.org/convention-2019>.

LWV ABC Annual Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 9, 2018

Andover Senior Center

The meeting was called to order by President Jeorgette Knoll at 7:00PM. This is our 80th Annual Meeting. Board members present: Jeorgette Knoll, Kathy Aanerud, Susan Anderson, Sandra Connor, Kay McCulley, Susan Butler, Bruce Pomerantz, Gretchen Sabel, Mary Jo Truchon, Geri Nelson, Zilla Way, Arlene Gillett. There were 32 members attending the Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were approved by the Board at the 2017 Annual Retreat.

Announcements: Lonnie McCauley reported that Water Action Day at the Legislature is Wed, May 2nd. It will give you a chance to talk to your legislator about clean water. ILO is asking for volunteers to come, starting at 8 AM.

Geri Nelson reported that we will be doing many candidate forums early this year, because early voting starts in September. Geri has put down some tentative dates starting in August, and will need city chairs and lots of other help at these forums. Also, Voter Registration training will be held at Northtown Library on Sun. April 29th, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM.

We will be holding a moderator training session for ABC members. Sara Berg-McConville will send out a calendar to be used to determine the best date for this. We would like to be able to have two moderators at some forums.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Kay McCulley submitted a detailed report. She said because we have a big balance from last year, we now will have more expenditures. We pay \$24 dues to the State League, and \$32 dues to the National League, which leaves \$1 of our \$60 annual dues for us. They are due as of April 1st for this year and can be paid directly to Kay or online with PayPal, with an option to increase the amount as a donation. Jeorgette Knoll reports that LWV US voted to exempt students from League dues from now until 2021. LWV ABC has approved a \$10/year student rate.

Membership Report: Sandra Connor reports that we currently have 78 paid memberships. She said that we have had a lot of good exposures to the community this year, from partnering with a local group about immigration, to our "Evening With Will Rogers" fundraiser, to co-sponsoring the film "Equal Means Equal" with Anoka Ramsey Community College.

Program Committee: Susan Anderson and Sue Butler, co-chairs, reported that we have had eleven programs with many good speakers this year, covering a variety of topics. Four of the programs were presented by staff and/or board members from LWV MN. Our members selected four areas to focus on for future programming. They are:

- 1 - Redistricting/2020 Census
- 2 - Automatic Voter Registration
- 3 - Government Transparency
- 4 - Civil Discourse

We welcome any and all member input and participation for future programs.

Voter Service Report: Geri Nelson and Arlene Gillett, co-chairs, report we registered 153 voters in 2017, an off-year for elections, and we will be holding voter registration events at area high schools again this Spring and Fall. We went to seven schools last year, and 17 members volunteered.

We held School Board forums in the Anoka-Hennepin district (43 attended) , and Spring Lake Park (26 attended). We held a Special Election Primary forum in Ramsey (30 attended), and one for an At-Large Council seat in Ramsey (19 attended). Geri Nelson interviewed Superintendent David Law and Chief Operating Office Chuck Holden for the Anoka-Hennepin Levy and Bond Issue.

Communications Report: Kathy Aanerud reports that we have maintained our media contacts with newspapers. The Anoka Herald is now the official newspaper for notices, not the Anoka Record. Gretchen Sabel does our Facebook page, and our newsletter with Bruce Pomerantz. Bruce Pomerantz continues as our webmaster, and would like to have a trainee to help and learn about it. QCTV taped our forums and many of our meetings, and these are always available on their website.

Our Friend of the League annual award, given to an individual or organization that has made a significant impact on LWV ABC, receives a beautiful water color certificate created by Mary Jo Truchon. Jeorgette Knoll compiles our Member Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS:

By Laws - There are no recommended bylaws changes.

Proposed Budget: Gretchen Sabel, Budget Committee Chair, reports that our total budgeted revenue is \$7,650 for next year. With our expenses, including dues to the State and Federal LWV, and adding our balance from last year, our balance as of 04/01/2018 is \$8,995.71. Geri Nelson asked that we increase the Voter Service expense to \$1,000, an increase of \$200. Kay McCulley suggested that memorials donated from the family of Sandra Shanley be used in our History Center exhibit. Gretchen Sabel moved that we accept the Budget, Mary Jo Truchon seconded, motion passed.

Local Program - Susan Butler and Susan Anderson, Program co-chairs, reviewed local positions April 10, 2018.

1 - Appointive Process in Local Government: KEEP as is, approved.

2 - Appointive Process in Anoka-Hennepin School District 11. UPDATED to include all school districts in our LWV ABC boundaries. Zilla Way moved, Joan Molenaar seconded, motion approved.

3 - Metro Watershed Management Organization and the Implementation of the Metro Surface Water Management Act. We discussed the need to UPDATE the language to include the mention that we could be active in the comprehensive plan in each city. Joan Molenaar moved to accept, Mary Jo Truchon seconded. Motion approved.

4 - Anoka County Park System. KEEP as is, approved. Wes Volkenant brought up the fact that the Park System is going to be restructured, so we need to keep an eye on it. Sue Butler suggested that we schedule a speaker on this topic - moved and accepted.

5 - Licensing of Rental Properties. We discussed the need to UPDATE the licensing of rental properties. Amir Malik brought up the Airbnb issue, do we want to do a study on it? Joan Molenaar said it could be an opportunity to learn more about it, that other metro communities will be looking at it, too. Wes Volkenant said that perhaps an update of our position on licensing would cover the Airbnb and the issue of a homeowner renting part of a home to a relative, not do a new study. Wes Volkenant moved we UPDATE our position, Susan Anderson seconded, motion approved.

6 - Home Health Care - KEEP as is, approved.

Non-Partisan Policy - Geri Nelson, Voter Service co-chair, asked us all to read it. She reports that it seems to be working well. Motion to KEEP it, moved and accepted.

Nominating Committee Report: Mary Jo Truchon reports that all of the current Board have agreed to continue to serve in the 2018 - 2019 year. We do need two Nominating Committee members for next year. Contact Mary Jo Truchon or Jeorgette Knoll. Mary Jo Truchon moved we accept the report, Marcia Baudino seconded, motion approved.

We celebrated Zilla Way's birthday, with a song and a cake. The Zilla Way Award this year is presented to Bruce Pomerantz, with a beautiful watercolor by Mary Jo Truchon.

The Friend of League Certificate will be presented in the Fall.

Sandra Connor told us about the League Tea, occurring on May 5th. It is a celebration as well as an re-enactment (our League started with a Tea), and a fund raiser for the History Center 100th Anniversary Exhibit. The exhibit will go up in January of 2019, and be up for a year. We plan to have memorabilia, artifacts, and member statements. We need help with the committee planning the display, please let her know if you can help. We still have some spaces available for the Tea, tickets are \$25.

Program Ideas: Suggestions:

Marcia Baudino - A meeting on climate change.

Wes Volkenant - Maybe a summer meeting about how our History Center exhibit is doing. He also said that several highways in Anoka County have upgrades coming up, a report on how these changes will impact our county might be of interest.

Jeorgette Knoll - Cyber Security and voting security are big topics.

Hospitality: Gretchen Sabel asks us to look at the list of hospitality volunteers, and let her know if you can help fill the blank spots.

Jeorgette reports that the Board Retreat will be on Monday, April 23th, and will let us know of the location. All are welcome. The Council meeting is in St. Cloud on Sat. April 28th, with lots of good workshops.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Arlene Gillett, Secretary

Treasurer’s Report – end of Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Treasurer- Kay McCulley

LWV ABC Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 2018-2019					
			FY	Budget	Budget
			Total	FY 2018-2019	Over (Under)
Revenue:					
	Dues		3,782.50	3,800.00	(17.50)
	Contributions/Members		1,292.86	1,000.00	292.86
	Contributions/Food, etc. at meetings		96.25	250.00	(153.75)
	Fundraiser/Miscellaneous		0.00	200.00	(200.00)
	Fundraiser/Tea		675.00	1,000.00	(325.00)
	Items for sale		86.00	100.00	(14.00)
	Memorials; special donations		1,282.00	500.00	782.00
	Grants (Voters service)		1,564.00	800.00	764.00
	Total Revenue		8,778.61	7,650.00	1,128.61
Expenses:					
	Admin & Committees:				
		Gen'l supplies, archives, postage	175.72	150.00	25.72
		Fundraiser/Tea	300.75	50.00	250.75
		Pay Pal Fees	25.26	50.00	(24.74)
	Member Services:				
		Printing	31.47	50.00	(18.53)
		Annual meeting	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
		Member tools (brochures and pins from national)	649.41	50.00	599.41
	Community relations:				
		Voters service/comm. activities/grant stipends; exp	1,839.10	1,000.00	839.10
		LWV ABC History Exhibit and Tea	749.11	1,600.00	(850.89)
		Publications	0.00	100.00	(100.00)

	Public relations and publicity	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
	Web URL renewal/domain (bi-annual 10.00)	29.76	14.38	15.38
	Web site-annual fee	250.00	200.00	50.00
Program and action:				
	Contribution to UMMR ILO (watershed)	100.00	100.00	0.00
	Contribution to LWVMN	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
	Meetings and events	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
	Action and local study	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Awards	20.00	50.00	(30.00)
	Total Admin, Committees, Services	4,170.58	3,914.38	256.20
Delegates travel and affiliation:				
	State Convention/Council	300.00	500.00	(200.00)
	National Convention	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
	Workshops	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Dues:				
	CMAL & Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
	PMP-LWVUS (Sept. 2018)	2,400.00	2,336.00	64.00
	PMP-LWVMN (July 2018)	1,781.25	1,850.00	(68.75)
	PMP-LWVMN (March 2019)	1,731.37	1,755.00	(23.63)
	UMRRILO (Dues)	25.00	25.00	0.00
	Total Delegate, Travel, Affiliation, Dues	6,237.62	8,716.00	(2,478.38)
	Total Expenses	10,408.20	12,630.38	(2,222.18)
Net Revenue (loss)		-1,629.59	(4,980.38)	3,350.79
	Beginning checkbook balance (04/01/18)	8,995.71		
	Ending checkbook balance (03/31/19)	7,366.12		

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LWV ABC Treasurer's Report
for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 ending 03/31/19

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	YTD	Budget	Budget
	04/01/18-	04/24/18-	05/22/18-	06/26/18-	08/28/18	11/28/18	01/08/19	Actual	Total	FY End	Over (Under)
	04/23/18	05/21/18	06/25/18	08/27/18	#####	01/07/19	03/31/19	03/31/19	03/31/19	03/31/19	Year to date
Revenue:											
Dues	1,980.00	960.00	180.00	332.50	150.00	60.00	120.00	3,782.50	3,800.00	(17.50)	
Contributions/Members	577.50	320.88	81.62	53.24	179.86	53.14	26.62	1,292.86	1,000.00	292.86	
Contributions/Food, etc. at meetings	0.00	4.00	25.00	12.00	29.25	26.00	0.00	96.25	250.00	(153.75)	
Fundraiser/Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	
Fundraiser/Tea	300.00	350.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	675.00	1,000.00	(325.00)	
Items for sale	0.00	0.00	50.00	36.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	86.00	100.00	(14.00)	
Memorials; special donations	0.00	540.00	135.00	0.00	100.00	507.00	0.00	1,282.00	500.00	782.00	
Grants (Voters service)	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	0.00	0.00	1,014.00	1,564.00	800.00	764.00	
Total Revenue	2,857.50	2,174.88	496.62	983.74	459.11	646.14	1,160.62	8,778.61	7,650.00	1,128.61	
Expenses:											
Admin & Committees:											
Gen'l supplies, archives, postage	0.00	0.00	74.42	39.56	0.00	40.00	21.74	175.72	150.00	25.72	
Fundraiser/Tea	0.00	230.75	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.75	50.00	250.75	
Pay Pal Fees	0.00	0.00	12.26	2.74	4.11	2.74	3.41	25.26	50.00	(24.74)	
Member Services:											
Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.47	31.47	50.00	(18.53)	
Annual meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	
Member tools (brochures and pins from natio	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.03	591.38	0.00	649.41	50.00	599.41	
Community relations:											
Voters service/comm. activities/grant stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,179.10	-340.00	1,839.10	1,000.00	839.10	
LWV ABC History Exhibit and Tea	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	749.11	749.11	1,600.00	(850.89)	
Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	
Public relations and publicity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	
Web URL renewal/domain (bi-annual 10.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.76	29.76	14.38	15.38	
Web site-annual fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0	250.00	200.00	50.00	
Program and action:											
Contribution to UMMR ILO (watershed)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	
Contribution to LWVMN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	
Meetings and events	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	
Action and local study	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Awards	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	50.00	(30.00)	
Total Admin, Committees, Services	20.00	230.75	156.68	292.30	62.14	2,813.22	595.49	4,170.58	3,914.38	256.20	
Delegates travel and affiliation:											
State Convention/Council	100.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	500.00	(200.00)	
National Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	
Workshops	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	
Dues:											
CMAL & Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PMP-LWVUS (Sept. 2018)	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00	2,336.00	64.00	
PMP-LWVMN (July 2018)	0.00	0.00	1,781.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,781.25	1,850.00	(68.75)	
PMP-LWVMN (March 2019)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,731.37	1,731.37	1,755.00	(23.63)	
UM RRILO (Dues)	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	
Total Delegate, Travel, Affiliation, D	100.00	200.00	1,781.25	2,425.00	0.00	0.00	1,731.37	6,237.62	8,716.00	(2,478.38)	
Total Expenses	120.00	430.75	1,937.93	2,717.30	62.14	2,813.22	2,326.86	10,408.20	12,630.38	(2,222.18)	
Net Revenue (loss)	2,737.50	1,744.13	-1,441.31	-1,733.56	396.97	-2,167.08	-1,166.24	-1,629.59	(4,980.38)	3,350.79	
Beginning Cash/checkbook balance (04/01/18)	8,995.71							8,995.71			
Ending Cash/checkbook balance (to date)	11,733.21	13,191.46	12,035.93	10,302.37	10,699.34	-8,532.36	7,366.12	7,366.12			Treasurer's Report, Mar 31 2019, xds