



ANNUAL MEETING: June 18, 2022

In-person @ noon @ Rocky's Restaurant , Northville, MI

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## ANNUAL MEETING RULES: 2022

1. Voting shall be limited to members of the LWV Northwest Wayne County.
2. Only members shall have the privilege of the floor. The membership may grant privilege of the floor to guests if it chooses.
3. No person shall speak twice until all who wish to speak have had the opportunity to speak.
4. The Chair may limit debate, if necessary, to make sure all members are given the opportunity to speak.
5. Members will remain in the meeting room after a vote until the decision is announced.
6. Amendments: An amendment which would change the intent or greatly enlarge the scope of an item will be refused by the Chair as not being germane. The chair may consult with other board members.
7. Resolutions: There shall be no resolutions except those of a courtesy nature presented to or adopted by the members present.
8. Procedure of Program: All main motions will be placed before the members at one time and at the time set in the Order of Business adopted by the members present. Those pending main motions will be discussed.

### **Our Mission: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.***

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate. We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

The League is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members

## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING: JUNE 10, 2021**

The Zoom/Virtual Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne Co. was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Paula Bowman.

**Present** : 28 members

### **Approval of Agenda**

The approval of the agenda was forgone due to this being a Zoom meeting. The Annual Meeting booklet was sent to all members for review ahead of the meeting. Members without access to email received mailed ballots, but none were returned.

### **Request for Volunteers for Committees**

P. Bowman requested volunteers for several committees and the attendees responded:

### **Nominating Committee**

1. Linda Curry
2. Gwen Hooks
3. Lena Packard

### **Budget**

1. Claude Curry
2. James Moon-Dupree
3. Angela Ryan

### **Minutes Reading Committee**

1. Lori Gilbo
2. Toni Jones
3. Liz Poterla

### **Peer Review Auditor**

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### **Introductions**

Members introduced themselves to the group. Paula recognized 5 lifetime members in our League. These are members who have participated for 50 years or more. She acknowledged Laura Callow (present) Diane Wittl (present), Rachel Rion, Pat Tavidian

and Roberta Young for their faithful service throughout the years. Nancy White is a new lifetime member who was congratulated tonight and will be honored with a certificate from the LWVUS. President Bowman noted that Nancy has served in every position at various times and was the State League President from 1985-1989. Paula also remembered Esther Friedrichs ( May 16, 1921-April 24, 2021) who continued her work with us for 60 years and was honored with the first Salute to American Women Award from the Livonia's American Association of University Women.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Susan Rowe presented the highlights of the Treasurer's Report.

Total Assets \$32,936.59

Checking Account Balance \$10, 269.21

Education Fund \$12,200.70

## **Voter Service Report**

Carrie Moon-Dupree reported that we had many candidate forums via Zoom which were posted on our website and on our YouTube channel. The various forums are detailed in the Annual Meeting Booklet. Two forums are scheduled in June ( Mayor and City Council) for the August primaries in Westland. There will likely be additional forums for the races for the general election. The 2020 Vote 411 website posted verbatim answers to questions that were posed to candidates. It also featured 7 ballot proposals and featured 60 races in 30 communities. 2020 voter guides were printed and distributed to libraries and senior centers.

## **Observer Corps Report**

Valerie Nelson reported that our chapter's Observer Corps started at the beginning of 2021 and that she has an enthusiastic group of observers attending government meetings and seeing how decisions are made and how public funds will be used. The meetings being observed include Van Buren and Livonia school boards, Van Buren Recreation Committee, Van Buren, Livonia Canton and Plymouth Township Planning Commissions, and Plymouth and Northville Township Boards of Trustees. Eleven active observers have attended or viewed over 30 meetings of public interest since January 2021. She thanked observer members including Jackie Peters, Linda Curry, Lena Packer, Paula Bowman, Kathy Faitel, Barbara Miller, Marjorie Lynn, Manny Lavin, Donna Gilkey-Lavin, Lois and David Baughman and Maureen Hughes.

## **Membership Report**

Maureen Hughes reported on the growth of our membership highlighting that our chapter has grown from 37 members in 2013 to 113 members currently. She thanked the lifetime members for their continued inspiration to all of us. She reminded us that annual dues are being collected now and we may pay by check to Susan Rowe or via our website through PayPal. For any member who joined after August 2020, dues will be prorated and must be paid by check.

## **Redistricting Report**

Angela Ryan spoke about the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission (MICRC) and her role as an observer for the State League. She has made redistricting presentations to several different communities, including the NW Wayne County League's Town Hall that took place virtually on May 26, 2021 and is currently available for viewing on our website. She suggested that members also look at the Commission's website, [www.michigan.gov/micrc](http://www.michigan.gov/micrc).

Individuals are urged to submit comments, even without giving testimony. Manny Lavin was able to get the communities of Van Buren, Sumpter and Belleville to declare themselves COI and he worked actively with Kevin McNamara to testify at one hearing.

## **Convention Attendee Comments**

23 members from our League attended the state convention and comments of praise were shared by each member individually. Members roundly agreed that this was an overwhelming success and great appreciation for the panels, presentations, easy access, inclusivity, technical expertise and ease of voting/engagement were briefly described by individual attendees.

## **Voting Results**

Nancy White moved to approve the budget as it appears on pages 3-4 of the annual Meeting book. ( No second needed since motion came from Committee). APPROVED.

Susan Rowe moved to approve Redistricting and Voting Rights as our Issues for Emphasis in the coming year. Motion was seconded and APPROVED

Lena Packard moved to retain all our League's existing positions. APPROVED

Susan Rowe moved to approve the 3 recommended by law changes that appear on page 3 of the annual meeting book. Motion was seconded and APPROVED.

Angela Ryan moved to approve the following members to the Board of Directors:

Carrie Moon-Dupree, President  
Angela Ryan, Vice President, Development  
Val Nelson, Vice President of Voter Service  
Susan Rowe, Treasurer  
Eva Koelzer, Voter Editor  
Donna Gilkey-Lavin Director  
Lena Packer, Director

Motion was seconded and APPROVED

### **Parting Remarks by President Paula Bowman**

President Bowman mentioned that members may submit orders for name badges with our logo for \$10-\$12. Order deadlines is June 25. Three upcoming League events in June were mentioned:

June 17, 7:00 pm “ *Sorting Out Sex and Gender*”, Link is on our website.

June 22, 7:00 pm “ *Advocating for the League* “ Contact Carrie Moon-Dupree or Paula Bowman, if interested.

June 28, 4:30 pm “ *Anti-Voting Bills in Michigan*” Link will be available soon.

Paula thanked both Ann Abdoo (present) retiring Editor of The Voter and Judy Patrick (excused absence) for their excellent service over the last two years.

She also reminded us that she will be assuming a role as the new Co-President of the State League , where membership is also growing. She reminded us of the important role the members of our League serve in providing non-partisan and truthful information to the public.

### **New President Carrie Moon-Dupree’s Comments**

Incoming President Moon-Dupree thanked President Bowman on behalf of an incredibly grateful board and membership for years of important leadership and mentorship.

Belleville Lake Festival-on behalf of Donna Gilkey-Lavin ( excused absence) President Moon-Dupree urged members to volunteer for the June 26 event for 1-2 hour shifts. Our League will have a table to pass out information and hopefully encourage new membership.

### **Directions to Board**

Treasurer Susan Rowe announced that we have a substantial bank balance and suggested that we restart the scholarship fund to increase awareness of our mission and assist in student tuition.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by 8:51 pm by President Paula bowman

Minutes submitted by: Deanna Master, Secretary

Approved by:

# LWV Northwest Wayne County Proposed Budget

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

EXPENSE ITEMS		EXISTING BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23
<b>1. Board &amp; Administration</b>			
<b>A. Officers</b>	Expenses/office supplies	\$50.00	\$65.00
	President's Discretionary Account		\$100.00
<b>B. Committees, Meeting Supplies</b>	DEI, handouts etc	\$25.00	\$125.00
<b>C. Meetings</b>	Room Rentals	\$250.00	\$250.00
	Annual Report	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>2. LWV Conventions</b>	State	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
	National (Denver)	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
	State Meetings/Workshops	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>3. Voter</b>	Print & Paper (for hard copies)	\$75.00	\$125.00
	Postage & Labels	\$25.00	\$60.00
<b>4. PMP (104 members as of 1/31/22)</b>	State (104 @ \$23)	\$2,530.00	\$2,392.00
	National (104 @ \$32)	\$3,410.00	\$3,328.00
<b>5. Educational</b>	Program, Action, Video Recording*	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
	ZOOM accounts	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Voter Service (Includes Postage & Labels)	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Voter Guides	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
	They Represent You	\$500.00	\$700.00
	LWVNWW Web Page/Domain Name**	\$450.00	\$500.00
	Ways to Get Involved	\$50.00	\$75.00
<b>6. Operations</b>	Liability Insurance (Board & Events) (LWVM)	\$150.00	\$150.00
	Postal Box	\$120.00	\$130.00
	Telephone (minutes for a year)	\$120.00	\$150.00
	Constant Contact account	\$175.00	\$175.00
<b>7. Fund Raising</b>		\$400.00	\$400.00
<b>8. Miscellaneous</b>	Dues to LWV Lake Michigan Region	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Holiday Party Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>9. Rainy Day Fund</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>10. Scholarship</b>	Friedrichs - Bowman Scholarship	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$14,355.00</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>



		EXISTING BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
<b>1. Dues</b>	<b>104 members @ \$60</b> (as of 1/31/2022)	\$6,600.00	\$6,240.00
<b>2. Contributions</b>	<b>Member - cash</b>	\$1,000.00	\$2,200.00
	<b>Member in kind</b>	\$100.00	\$135.00
	<b>Friedrichs - Bowman Scholarship</b>	\$0.00	\$400.00
<b>3. Fund Raising</b>			
<b>Auction</b>		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
<b>Misc/Co-op elections</b>	<i>Election assistance at Co-Op's</i>	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>LWVMI - Grant</b>	<i>Making Democracy Work (MDW) &amp; Redistricting Town Halls</i>	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>4. Dividends - checking account</b>		\$5.00	\$5.00
<b>5. Ed Fund Reimbursement</b>		\$3,050.00	\$4,000.00
<b>6. CD dividends (renewal 11/11/21)</b>		\$100.00	\$20.00
<b>7. Transfer from Reserves</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$14,355.00</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>
* \$150 per Video Candidate forum			
** website platform, renewal of domain names (every other year)			
<i>Budget Committee: Linda Curry - Chair, James Moon-Dupree, Angela Ryan, Susan Rowe - Treasurer</i>			

## PROPOSED PROGRAM: 2022-2023

League program is the education and advocacy platform that we adopt to move our mission forward.

No new studies or updates were suggested by members or recommended by the board. The board recommends the following program items/issues for emphasis for the 2022-2023 fiscal year: “The Campaign for Making Democracy Work”

- Voting Rights
- Improving Elections
- Money in Politics
- Redistricting

## LEAGUE POSITIONS:

- Our local League positions can be found on [LWVNorthwestwayne.org](http://LWVNorthwestwayne.org)
- State positions can be found on [LWVMI.org](http://LWVMI.org)
- National positions can be found on [LWV.org](http://LWV.org)
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## RECOMMENDED BYLAW CHANGES

There is one bylaw change proposed that has to do with Board of Directors:

### **Article VIII-** Purposed changes highlighted in **purple**

#### Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of up to 5 members. At least one board member shall serve on the committee, but the board representation shall be less than 50% of the committee. {... the board representation shall be no more than 50%...}

Committee members shall be designated at the Annual Meeting.

**{ Committee members shall be recruited at the Annual Meeting. }**

### **NOMINEES FOR OFFICES: 2022-2023**

Vice President, Voter Services:	Val Nelson (2 year term)
Secretary	Sandy Main-Niemesto (2 year term)
Voter Editor:	Marjorie Lynn (1 year term)
Director	Randy Priest (2 year term)
Director	Carin Meyer (2 year term )
Director	Gwen Hooks (2 year term)

Thank you to our 2022-2023 Nominating Committee:

Linda Curry (Chair)  
Lena Packer  
Gwen Hooks  
Linda Priests  
Randy Priest

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### **Continuing the second year of their two year terms:**

President	Carrie Moon-Dupree
Vice President of Development	Angela Ryan
Treasurer	Susan Rowe
Director	Donna Gilkey-Lavin
Director	Lena Packer

The following directors appointed by the board will continue the second year of their two year terms: Lois Baughman, Maureen Hughes, Toni Jones, Manny Lavin, and Jackie Peters.

## **Voter Service Report 2021-2022**

### **Valerie Nelson, VP Voter Service**

This past year our league conducted 4 candidate forums (on Zoom), and several more are being planned for this busy election year. Our League hosted candidate forums for Westland Mayor, Northville its Council, Livonia City Council and Westland City council.

Our [Vote411.org](https://Vote411.org), our on-line voter information site will soon be live for the 2022 primary election. Many thanks to Megan Chenoweth for handling [Vote411.org](https://Vote411.org), which provides information about all the candidates and proposals that voters in Northwest Wayne County will see on ballots. Last year, that included 12, races, 1 ballot measure and 40 candidates, 34 whom responded to questions.

We are grateful to Susan Rowe, and Paula Bowman for being moderators, and for Jackie Peters and Ann Abdoo for producing candidate forums. Also thanks to Ann Abdoo, Liz Poterala, Maureen Hughes, and Marjorie Lynn for distributing voting rights handouts to the libraries in our area, and to Jackie Peters for creating a contact list for all our library, which made the task easier.

## **Promote the Vote 2022 Petition Drive**

### **Lois Baughman- Organizer**

LWVMI in support of "Promote the Vote 2022" (PTV2022) participated in collecting signatures for the PTV2022 constitutional ballot proposal beginning in mid-April 2022. The goal is to gather 425,059 VALID signatures by July 11, 2022 at 5pm to make sure this proposal is on the November ballot.

According to the PTV 2022 website, Promote the Vote is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to ensuring Michigan has a voting system that works for all Michigan voters. This coalition developed the Promote the Vote 2022 (PTV2022) ballot initiative which is a constitutional amendment that protects voting rights.

The ballot initiative will:

- Protect our fundamental right to vote and provide safe, secure and fair elections across Michigan.
- Protect the ability of every Michigan voter regardless of Party to be heard without intimidation, harassment or interference and enhance the fairness and integrity of our elections.
- Make voting more convenient and accessible, especially for seniors, rural voters, parents working two jobs and veterans who often have a hard time voting.
- Guarantee Michigan voters serving in the military will have their ballot counted postmarked by Election Day.
- Ensures convenience and accessibility for those that have to vote absentee by providing for secure ballot drop boxes and making absentee applications accessible
- Creates nine days of early in-person voting, enhances in-person voting and ensures convenience and accessibility for ALL eligible voters
- Enhances the integrity and security of our elections by modernizing how we administer elections to ensure every vote counts.
- By signing a petition to place Promote the Vote 2022 on the November ballot, we can protect the ability of every Michigan voter regardless of Party to be heard without intimidation, harassment or interference and enhance the fairness and integrity of our elections.

A list of organizations that are partnering with PTV 2022 can be found on the PTV 2022 website.

Thank you to the following Northwest Wayne League members who have volunteered to collect signatures: Jackie Peters( team leader), David Baughman, Paula Bowman, Claude Curry, Linda Curry, Lori Gilbo, Gayle Groshko, Maureen Hughes, Toni Jones, Carin Meyer, Carrie Moon-Dupree, Val Nelson, Lena Packer and Susan Rowe.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2021-2022**  
**Maureen Hughes, Chair**

As of June 1, 2022, our local League membership is 106 strong. The membership decreased by 7 members from June 1, 2021 to the present. However, over the past 9 years, membership has been increasing. For instance, in 2013 our membership was 37 members.

Membership by geographical area:

Livonia 23	Wayne 3
Belleville 16	Westland 5
Plymouth 22	Out of Area 6
Northville 14	Canton 17

Five of our members have been with the League for 50 years or more. We are very fortunate to have their knowledge and experience. We are grateful for their service.

## **DEI Report 2021-2022**

### **Lena Packer**

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is a newly formed committee in the Northwest Wayne League. Our focus is to formulate a strategy to help make our membership more diverse, inclusive and reflective of the communities we represent. Diversity includes many factors such as gender, socio-economic level, culture, race belief system, mental health, religion, work style, political perspective, to name a few. Equity is an approach to help ensure that equal opportunity is given to all. Different people may have different levels of access to resources. Equity seeks to balance this disparity. Inclusion is an ongoing process which allows people from diverse backgrounds to participate in the various activities and the decision-making in an organization.

In the coming year, more information about these three terms will be presented at our meetings. As more information is presented, we hope to address ways to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion into our League. Thank you to the following members who have volunteered to work on this committee: Lois Baughman, James Moon-Dupree, Roberta Young, Majorie Lynn and Toni Jones.

## **Observer Corps Report 2021-2022**

### **Lena Packer**

The Observer Corps is a group of members who have volunteered to attend governmental meetings(virtually or in person), to take notes , and report on the issues being addressed at those meetings. Observers learn more about local government and how it functions, and our present at meetings helps to promote open, transparent, and accountable government. It also makes our elected officials aware of the League's present in the community. Our members are observing decisions which affect our schools, the business community, the residents and our environment. We discuss issues which have come up at these government sessions, and if there are any issues of concern, they are presented to the Board to discuss whether any action by the League needs to be taken.

This past year we have been observing the following government entities: Westland City Council, Livonia City Council, Livonia School Board, Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, Van Buren Environmental Commission, Van Buren Recreation Committee, Van Buren School Board, Northville Planning Commission, Plymouth Township Planning Commission, and the Livonia PlanningCommission. Thank you to the following members who are observing our government in action: Kathy Faitel, Paula Bowman, Jackie Peters, Maureen Hughes, Manny Lavin, Donna Gilkey-Lavin, Deanna Master and Laura Jannika.

## **Fundraising Report 2021-2022**

### **Angela Ryan, VP Development**

Once again, COVID prevented us from holding our annual auction, yet we were able to raise money in other ways. We received a Making Democracy Work Grant that was a pass through from LwV Educational Fund (LWVEF) to LWV Michigan (LWVMI). The grant focused on fighting voter suppression through education. We received \$500 for holding three in-person presentations on this topic.

In April, Angela Ryan gave presentations on Michigan Suffrage to two groups. The both donated to the League for a total of \$75.

Individual Members donated a total of \$3,215 to the League's General Fund as of April 30, 2022. Thank you to all members who made a donation in addition to their dues payment.

In total, we received \$3790. An auction has been scheduled for November 12, 2022 to be the major fundraising event of the Fiscal Year 2022-23.

## **Redistricting Report 2021-2022**

### **Angela Ryan, VP Development**

History was made this year as the State House and Senate and U.S. Congressional districts were drawn by the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC).

In the past, the districts were drawn by the state Legislature with no input from the public. The process changed as the result of a ballot proposal that was passed overwhelmingly by voters in 2018.

Throughout the State, the League was proactive in working with MICRC on this new process. Members of our League participated in a variety of ways. Angela Ryan gave in-person and on line redistricting presentations at local League Town Halls and to other groups. She continues to be a member of a State League group that has observed all of the MICRC meetings and public hearings. This group is completing a survey of their participation in order to provide guidance to League members throughout the state in 2031.

A team from the NW Wayne county League identified Communities of Interest (COI) and worked with representatives of the COIs to prepare written testimony and to testify before the MICRC. The COI representatives explained to the Commission who their group is and why they should be kept together within one district's boundaries. NW Wayne Team members



were : Manny Lavin, Kathy Mchahwar, Sandy Main-Niemisto, Deanna Master, Carrie Moon-Dupree and Angela Ryan. Thanks to all of the team members for their efforts and participation in addressing this new criteria.

## **Communication Report 2021-2022**

### **Lynda Franklin**

In keeping up with current events, using social media is a necessary daily activity. Social media is used for social interaction, accessing news and information,, and it often plays a role in decision making. There is no doubt that social media can be a valuable communication tool, both locally and globally, which is used to share, create, and circulate information.

Our NW Wayne League maintains pages on Facebook and Instagram. What are the differences between the two? In short, Instagram began as a photograph sharing “visual platform” for photography buffs, while Facebook was designed for both visuals and text. (Twitter, which we do not use at this time, relies mainly on text alone) In recent years, the differences between these three platforms have become much less defined.

We use both FB and IG to post election and event info including candidate forum videos, call to action notifications, LWVUS andLWVMI press releases and statements on the issues, and updates on pertinent legislation. Additionally on our FB page, we post various informative materials and articles with interesting and varying perspectives on legislation and current events. Offering differing and opposing views ( sometimes views that oppose LWV positions) is vital in educating and engaging voters. We always strive to use reputable sources that are not biased too far in either direction, unless they are clearly “ opinion pieces.”

If you use social media, we encourage you to follow not only our pages, and the pages of other Leagues, but also pages of wide ranging news sources. To find us on FB, search @LeagueOfWomenVotersOfNorthwestWayneCounty.

## **PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITY: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

Carrie Moon-Dupree, *President*

*As I assumed the presidency on July 1, 2021, I knew it was going to be a tough act to follow our recent past presidents. Thank you to Paula Bowman and Angela Ryan for being there to guide me in this new role. We all had hoped that we once again would be meeting each other in person, only to have our hopes dashed with a new covid variant making meeting in person impossible for the rest of the year. We carried on virtually and at a steady pace, as there seems to be no slowing down in our political world any more.*

*Another unexpected wrinkle to this new role for me was health issues that kept me at low energy levels for much of the year. I want to thank the Board and their supportive attitude of allowing me to share some of the load with another board member. I especially want to thank Lois Baughman, who willingly stepped up to the plate to assist me when I was faltering.*

*Finally, a big thank you to all the members who volunteered, donated or just passed along a kind word. Knowing there are members who feel strongly about saving our democracy and working to make a difference is truly a blessing.*

### **2021 Election – Pre-election activity**

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- Participated for 3 local candidate forums.
- Poll worker for the Westland Primary election
- Developed deeper relationships with local clerks in Canton & Westland
- Canton Township Clerk, Michael Siegrist, spoke at a membership meeting and was present at the Make Democracy Presentation to answer questions

### **Meetings**

Arranged, through personal connections, our only in person meeting August 21, 2021 at Schoolcraft College. Introductions of new members, presentation by Schoolcraft President & CEO, Glen Cerny, Ed.D and a tour of the campus was arranged. A lovely brunch was provided by the culinary department, at no cost to the League. League member, and Schoolcraft Trustee Joan Gebhardt also spoke at the event. New members and lifetime members were honored that day.

Membership meetings- arranged and held 6 membership meetings, 1 in person and 5 virtually. August 21, October 9, December 12, 2021, February 12, April 9, 2022. The June 18, 2020 is scheduled, but not been held at the time of this report.

Board meetings- I arranged and held 6 virtual board meetings- July 13, September 21, November 21, 2021, January 18, March 18, May 17, 2022. Seven email votes were held on off meeting times. The secretary has noted the results in the board minutes.

### **Projects**

**Make Democracy Work Grant-** headed up the committee, composed of Toni Jones, Valerie Nelson, Donna Gilkey Lavin and Susan Rowe. Five in person presentations were scheduled in early 2022, but were later changed to virtual presentations, or hybrid presentations, due to covid and weather related events. Two of the 5 presentations could not be rescheduled.

I was the co- presenter for the Canton event with Val Nelson. The Plymouth event, I co-presented , with with Susan Rowe . At the Belleville I filled in for a clerk who could not attend the event at the last minute to handle questions. Donna Gilkey-Lavin and Susan Rowe were the presenters.

We fulfilled the grant requirements and earned the League \$500. We had no expenses.

### **Redistricting**

Contacted three communities of interested and provided information and guidance on how they could participate in the redistricting hearings. Worked closely with Sandy Main-Niemesto to involve the Southwest Homeowners Association to participate in the process. This is an African American Homeowners association in Westland.

Signed up to usher in person event

Attended numerous training events and informative sessions on the subject.

### **Moderator Training, July 21, 2022**

### **Conducted Board Orientation**

### **Promote the Vote 2022**

Petition Solicitor

### **Library Display**

Displayed my personal collection of suffragette and voting rights material at the Plymouth Library in the month of August and the Belleville Library in the month of October. Thank you to Jackie Peters for arranging and helping with the Plymouth Display and Donna Gilkey-Lavin for the Belleville Display .

### **Holiday Party**

Formed committee, made up of Eva Koelzer, Lois Baughman, Liz Poterala, Donna Gilkey-Lavin and myself, to design a virtual holiday party that included games, reminiscences, prizes and a special "Twas the Night Before " poem.

### **Communications**

Contributed at least two articles to The Voter every issue .

Sent personal notes to all new members

Sent personal notes to those who made donations to our League .

## **Other**

- Participated in monthly calls between all local League presidents in Michigan.
- Voting Delegate for the state convention 2021
- Attended many webinars sponsored by the LWV or by our advocacy partners with topics including but not limited to voting rights, re-districting, Voter Service Diversity, Equity and Inclusion,
- Worked with Livonia Schools on a possible student intern .( Didn't work out for spring semester, possibly in the fall)
- The League (cell) phone, I respond to inquiries (minimal).
- Attended virtual Equity Day
- Produced the Annual Meeting Booklet for 2022.
- Monitor the LWV's email and forward information to the board members.