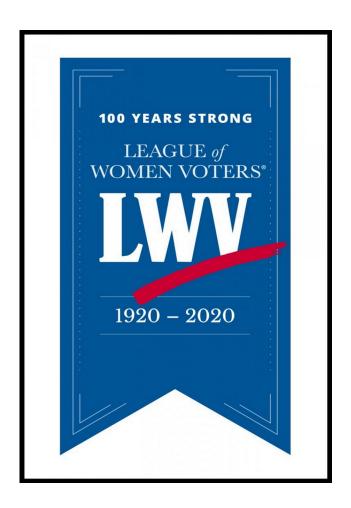
# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER GREEN BAY



**Empowering Voters Defending Democracy** 

50th ANNUAL MEETING 2019-2020 REPORT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 7:00 P.M.\* Virtual Meeting using <u>GoToMeeting</u>

\*Begin joining the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

#### **Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order & Welcome Linda Bartlett

Housekeeping Linda Bartlett

Secretary Attendance Report Jean Dahlstrom / Es Huiting

Additions to agenda Linda Bartlett

49<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes Jean Dahlstrom / Es Huiting

Call for Readers of 50<sup>th</sup> Minutes Linda Bartlett

2019-20 20 Treasurer's Report Kathy Riley

#### Items for Discussion and Action

2020-2021 Budget Kathy Riley

2020-2021 Local Program Linda Bartlett

Election of Officers and Directors Karen Schley

Election of Nominating Committee Karen Schley

Other New Business Linda Bartlett

Directions to the Board Linda Bartlett

#### **Announcements**

Moving forward during the Pandemic We need help with the Observer Corp Virtual meetings planned for LWVWI and LWVUS

## League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes 5:00 pm Wednesday, May 8, 2019 Tundra Lodge and Conference Center 865 Lombardi Avenue, Green Bay

**Call to Order**: President Julie Arneth called the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the LWVGGB to order at 5:02PM.

**Attendance Report:** Given by Co-Secretary Jean Dahlstrom. A quorum is present as our LWVGGB has 98 members and 10% is needed for a quorum according to Article VI Section 3 of our bylaws. Thirty-four members present for the meeting. We are able to conduct our annual meeting.

**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes**: Pat Finder-Stone, Barbara Derenne and Gwen Girard approved the minutes for last year's meeting. Motion was made by Sue Whittemore and seconded by Barbara Paterick to accept the minutes and passed unanimously.

**Call for readers of the 2019 minutes:** Members who volunteered to be readers for the May 8, 2019 LWVGGB area annual meeting are Beth Hudak, Barbara Derenne and Dawn Smith.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Kathy Riley presented the Statement of Income/Expenditures from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. League dues have not been raised. Dues cover the state and national dues. The report (p. 9) shows a net increase in General Fund of \$1,340. Have had one Patricia O'Neill event.

#### Items for Discussions and Action:

2019-2020 Budget: Budget is on page 10. A \$1,400 deficit was budgeted for 2018-2019 and came in with \$1,300 over budget. For next year the budget is at \$0. Motion made by Dottie Juengst and seconded by Jean Sweetland to accept budget and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**2019-2020** Program: (pg 11) At LWVGGB January 5, 2019, Lively Issues the LWVGGB 2019-2020 Program was discussed and forwarded to the LWVGGB Board for consideration. The LWVGGB Board at the January 14, 2019, meeting considered and forwarded the program to the membership at the Annual Meeting for consideration and action. New wording is in BOLD CAPITALS. Deleted wording is \_\_\_underlined in italics. Motion made by Barbara Paterick and seconded by Barbara Brown to accept the program. Question was raised about what was the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (item #4 under things to be monitored). Barbara Paterick has a brochure explaining what this is at the registration table.

**Election of Officers and Directors 2019-2020:** (pg 12) Pat Finder-Stone presented the Nominating Committee Report for 2019-2020. Since Vice-President Nancy Beaudry does not wish to assume the presidency and no League member has accepted the presidency nomination; according to the by-laws the members of the board will select the President at the next board meeting.

Co-Secretaries 2019-2021: Es Huiting and Jean Dahlstrom

President: Open seat

Board Members 2019-2021: Nancy Wakefield, Barbara Paterick, Denise Gaumer Hutchison Continuing Officers 2018-2020: Vice-President Nancy Beaudry, Treasurer Kathy Riley Continuing Board Members 2018-2020: Linda Bartlett, Kathy Lockard, Karen Schley Nominating Committee for 2019-2020: Karen Schley, Joyce McCollum, open seat One year Board Members 2019-2020 appointed by the Board: Barbara Robinson, Dawn Smith

Arneth thanked the Nominating Committee. Arneth thanked Barbara Brown, Beth Hudak and Pat Finder-Stone for all the years of service on the Board. They will be stepping down.

**Directions to the Board**: There were no directions to the Board from the membership.

#### **Announcements:**

2019 LWV Wisconsin Annual Meeting in Green Lake, June 8

LWVGGB Potluck Picnic, Wednesday, June 12 at 4:00PM at Voyager Park in DePere, Beth Hudak presenting on the House of Hope.

Barbara Brown presented an award to Julie Arneth for her years of service as President and also gave Julie a gift certificate. A poster board was on display of a list of accomplishments that the League has made in the past 6 years during Julie's Presidency, one of the greatest being the increase in membership from 60 to almost 100 members. The betterment of society was further realized by the Presidency of Arneth. Arneth urged new members to join a committee.

**Adjournment**: Motion made by Pat Finder-Stone and seconded by Beth Hudak. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 5:50.

**Respectfully submitted**: Jean Dahlstrom, Co-secretary

#### 49th LWVGGB Annual Meeting Attendees: 34 members

Julie Arneth Gwen Girard Linda Bartlett Charlotte Goska Nancy Beaudry Colleen Gruszynski Barb Brown Stash Gruszvnski John Crain Beth Hudak Judy Crain Peggy Jones Kathy Joynt Jean Dahlstrom Carol Jean DeGroot Dotty Juengst Carol R. DeGroot Kathy Lefebvre Barbara Derenne Kathy Lockard Patricia Finder-Stone Joyce McCollum

Joan Mills
Barb Paterick
Kathy Riley
Karen Schley
Helen Schwartz
Jean Sweetland
Dawn Smith

Anneliese Waggoner Nancy Wakefield Jack Whittemore Sue Whittemore Doris Ziesemer

#### League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay

#### Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2020

Statement of Financial Position			
Assets Checking account		\$	13,178
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Total assets		\$	13,178
General fund			
Beginning	\$ 9,873		
Current earnings	666	_	
Ending			10,539
Member assistance fund Pass-through grants fund			450 0
Patricia O'Neill speaker fund			2,189
Total all funds		<u> </u>	13,178
Total all totas		\$	13,176
Statement of General Fund Activities			
Revenue			
Dues		\$	4,740
Contributions - cash			2,760
Contributions - In-kind			226
LWVWI grants and pass-through gifts Sponsored public events			900 1,879
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			10,505
Expenses			
National LWV support			2,512
Wisconsin LWV support			2,355
Sponsored public events			3,336
Inter-League support State convention attendance			60 123
Committee			153
Voter Service			132
Meetings			276
Communication			551
Office supplies & postage			226
I.R.S. Form 990N filing fee			40
Gifts			75
			9,839
Net increase in general fund		\$	666
Statement of Restricted Funds' Activities			
Patricia O'Neill speaker fund event expenses	i	\$	1,879
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#### April 17,2020

I have reviewed the financial records for the League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay and have found no discrepancies.

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#### Barbara Derenne, Member

Pass-through grant from LWVWI used

#### League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay

#### **BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021**

		2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Actual		2020-21 Budget		
Revenue Dues Contributions - cash Contributions - In-kind Sponsored public events LWVWI grants	\$	4,800 3,500 0 1,000	\$	4,740 2,760 226 1,879 900	\$		(A) (B)
	_	9,300	_	10,505	_	10,000	
Expenses							
National LWV support		2,500		2,512		2,300	(C)
Wisconsin LWV support		2,400		2,355		2,200	(D)
Sponsored public events		1,000		3,336		2,400	(B)
Inter-League support		100		60		100	
National convention attendance		0		0		0	(E)
State convention attendance		300		123		0	(F)
Committee		600		153		800	
Voter Service		200		132		200	
Meetings and mileage		300		276			(G)
Communication		1,100		551			(G)
Office supplies & postage		700		226		500	(G)
Other		100		115		100	
Lobbying		0		0		0	
		9,300	_	9,839	_	10,000	
Net increase (reduction) in general fund	\$_	0	\$_	666	\$_	0	

<sup>(</sup>A) In-kind contributions are members' unreimbursed expenses.

<sup>(</sup>B) Patricia O'Neill Fund sponsored event and Centennial event.

<sup>(</sup>C) LWVUS memberships for members at \$32/\$16 (first person/second person).

<sup>(</sup>D) LWVWI memberships for members at \$30/\$15 (first person/second person).

<sup>(</sup>E) LWVUS convention in even numbered years only, but cancelled in person event for 2020 in response to COVID-19 pandemic.

<sup>(</sup>F) LWVWI convention cancelled in person event for 2020 in response to COVID-19 pandemic.

<sup>(</sup>G) Extra expense for virtual meeting fees and printing.

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### League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay 2019-2020 2020-2021 Program

<u>Recommended Program</u>: Recommended Program consists of items which LWVGGB studies and considers for action.

- •Identify the on-going changes in health care and recommend appropriate action
- •Identify and advocate for issues related to immigration and naturalization.
- •Support and advocate for strong public education
- •Identify, and advocate issues related to climate change and the environment, including Brown County recycling, landfill and waste disposal
- Advocate for fair, honest, and transparent elections

<u>Recommended Action Priority Items</u>: Action Priority Items are based on existing national, state and local positions.

- •Educate the membership and community about Fair Voting Maps and advocate League's position
- •Educate the membership and community about the National Popular Vote Interstate

  Compact and advocate League's position
- •As a nonpartisan organization eEncourage people to seek election or appointment to public office in order to have a representative government
- •Promote voter interest, education, registration, and turnout
- •Promote accessible, affordable, and preventive health care.
- •<u>To meet the needs of public education r</u>Research, inform the public, and communicate with legislators <u>and policy makers</u> about: the need for sufficient state funding, the impact of vouchers, and <u>the need for high</u> adequate quality of teacher preparation to meet the needs of public education.
- •Commit to Observer Corps members attending Brown County Board and Green Bay City Council meetings. Reports from observers at other Brown County area meeting, will be accepted.
- •Promote adequate, accessible public transportation.
- Monitor
  - 1. Programs and services related to the needs of the educationally, socially, and economically disadvantaged
  - 2. Human trafficking
  - 3. Community **and legislative** efforts as related to sexual health
  - 4. National Popular Vote Interstate Compact\_Community efforts as related to substance abuse and behavioral health issues
  - 5. Public transportation

<u>Note:</u> Our league will continue to be actively involved in additional projects when necessary or in cooperation with other organizations.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2020-2021

#### Nominations: Officers 2020-2022

Open Seat President
Linda Bartlett Vice President
Kathleen Riley Treasurer

#### **Nominations: Board Members**

 Nancy Beaudry
 2020-2022

 Kathy Lockard
 2020-2022

 Karen Schley
 2020-2022

#### **Continuing Officers 2019-2021**

Jean Dahlstrom and Es Huiting Co-Secretaries

#### **Continuing Board Members**

Denise Gaumer-Hutchison 2019-2021 Barbara Paterick 2019-2021 Nancy Wakefield 2019-2021

#### Nominating Committee for 2020-2021

Nancy Wakefield Board appointed liaison

Colleen Gruszynski Member Sue Whittemore Member

#### One-year Board Members to be appointed by the Board as stipulated in the LWVGGB Bylaws

 Beth Bashara
 2020-2021

 Rebecca Berger
 2020-2021

 Lauren Keenan
 2020-2021

 Jean Marsch
 2020-2021

#### Respectfully submitted,

The 2019-2020 Nominating Committee:

Karen Schley, Board Liaison
Joyce Mc Collum, Member
Helen Schwartz, Member

#### Prospective New 2020 Board Member Introductions



**Becca Berger** moved to Green Bay in November of 1976 to begin as the children's librarian at the new Ashwaubenon Branch of the Brown County Library. She became the branch supervisor, moved to administration supervising branch libraries, automation and personnel. In 1997 she became director of the eight branch Door County Library. Twenty years later she retired. She is currently on the Board of the Nicolet Federated Library System; a state supported service to public libraries in northeastern Wisconsin.



#### Jean Marsch

I am excited to be considered for a position on the League of Women Voters Greater Green Bay Board of Directors.

My most recent professional experience has been as the Chief Human Resources Officer for Green Bay Area Public Schools. In June 2019, I retired from this position after serving for 7 years. I also worked at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay for 14 years and for 12 years, served as the Director of Human Resources.

Prior to my work in HR, I was a registered nurse at Bellin Hospital, Green Bay. My nursing experiences include critical care, nursing supervision, and nursing education.

I served as an adjunct faculty member for six years at Bellin College of Nursing and my primary teaching responsibilities included nursing leadership and management for senior students. I had both clinical and lecture responsibly.

Each position I have held has been most enjoyable and I have been fortunate to work with highly competent leaders and staff. Through my professional and personal commitments, I have advocated for quality education and healthcare because I believe both are cornerstones to a quality life and a thriving community.

In 1997 I was elected to the Green Bay School Board and served for 15 years. I served as the School Board president from 2001-2012.

The League has been a part of my life for over 20 years. In the early 90's, prior to running for public office, I served on the local League board. I am currently on the Healthcare committee.

Since my retirement, I have taken a position as an associate lecturer with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, teaching an online class on human resources in the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

I hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

I am a member of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and hold two certifications in Human Resources, the Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) and the Senior Certified Professional (SCP).

Personal interests include travel, reading, and spending time with my husband, three adult children and five grandchildren.

I look forward to joining the Board and becoming more active in this wonderful organization.



#### Lauren Keenan

I joined the League in 2019 and am currently a member of the Fair Elections Team. I am originally from Appleton and have been a life-long cheesehead. During the day I'm an engineer, but in my free time I love to be involved in local policy, volunteering, cooking, animals, and spending time outdoors. I am extremely excited to be part of the League and am thrilled to be able to get involved while learning and growing!



**Beth Bashara** has been a resident of Howard, Wisconsin since 1996 when she moved to the area for a job as the Director of the Oneida Nation Arts Program. Bashara has her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Superior in Music Education and her master's degree is Arts Administration, a hybrid not-for-profit business administration degree, from the University of Cincinnati, College Conservator of Music. Bashara was raised in a family that valued community involvement and political knowledge. When in high school, she attended a lecture by Phyllis Schlafly who sparked her interest in the dichotomy between an attorney and activist arguing for the conservative values of women staying home and being housewives. Though it was a difficult concept to understand, it led Bashara on a path to seek out and understand different view points and positions. She joined the League of Women Voters in 2019 because of her interest in meeting new people and examining the role of women in political positions and decision making. She is married with 2 children.