

## LWV ABC Annual Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 8, 2019

Andover Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:45PM by President Gretchen Sabel. This is our 81st Annual Meeting. Board members present: Kathy Aanerud, Susan Anderson, Susan Connor, Kay McCulley, Susan Butler, Gretchen Sabel, Mary Jo Truchon, Geri Nelson, Arlene Gillett. There were 37 members attending the Annual Meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting was done at the subsequent Board meeting.

Adoption of the Budget: Geri Nelson moved we adopt the proposed budget for next year, Susan Butler seconded the motion, motion approved. The Budget is on pages 10-11 of the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Kay McCulley reported that we have a bank balance of \$7,400, a healthy amount for what we might want to do. You can pay your \$60 annual dues tonight. After paying our National and State PMP, we get to keep \$1 of that. The Treasurer's report is on pages 20-22 of the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Election of Officers: President Gretchen Sabel said she would like a co-President to share the work of the President. Mary Jo Truchon moved we accept the Nominating Committee slate of officers, Wes Volkenant seconded the motion, motion approved. The slate of officers is on pages 14 and 15 of the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Review of Local Positions: Changes in local positions will be done in committee formed for that purpose. See page 12 in the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Zilla Way Award: The award was given to Sandra Connor in honor of all the work she has done for our League this year. A beautiful plaque, done by Mary Jo Truchon, was presented to her.

**Program and Action:** Areas of Work - Learn about where you would like to contribute, add your name and become part of the action. Current committee chairs will provide their reports on this year's work.

Program Committee: Sue Butler, Susan Anderson leaders. Kathie Whelchel joining. A review of last year's Monday membership meeting's programs is on Page 7 of the Annual Meeting Agenda. Wes Volkenant noted that there are some things we can act on at our Lively Issues meeting. We need to study a local position before we can amend our position, do due diligence and research. We could look into the feasibility of daytime meetings in the winter, and study any changes in Drafts and Discourse.

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Membership Committee: Sandy Connor, Pat Kennedy, Rochelle Turan and Kathie Whelchel leaders. We have 74 current paid members. The full membership report is on pgs 4 - 5 in the Annual Meeting Agenda. Kathy Whelchel reports that we welcome all new members and help them get engaged in League. We also reach out to communities we don't usually work with, and inform them about League.

Voter Service Committee: Geri Nelson, Arlene Gillett leaders. Geri Nelson reports that we have no forums planned for this Fall, although we may do one for a school board election. We will continue to do High School voter registration drives this Spring and Fall, and think about scheduling our Legislative Interviews this December. The full Voter Service Report is on page 8 of the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Zero-Waste Hospitality: Cindy DeRuyter, leader. Do we want to keep the compostable cups, plates and napkins? Do we want to wash the plastic silverware? She passed around a sign-in sheet for dinner food providers.

Communications: Kathy Aanerud, leader. A summary of the year's activities is on page 9 of the Annual Meeting Agenda. Kathy Tingelstad will join the Newsletter staff. Our website is not secure, needs changing to a different product. We need a new website coordinator to work with Gretchen Sabel and Bruce Pomerantz. He will train someone on it, so it is a great opportunity to learn about doing web sites.

## NEW WORK AREAS/COMMITTEES

Local Action Committee: Wes Volkenant and DeeAnn Christensen, leaders. They are working on observing Anoka County Commissioner meetings, and working on opening up Board meetings to comments and questions. They are also working on the County Administrator replacement process.

State Action Committee: Gretchen Sabel will work to get this started, working with the LWV MN Lobby Corps, reviewing state positions, seeing if any need updating. This is a new area for us, we need help with the review and recommendations.

LWV US Context and Action Committee: Jeorgette Knoll, leader, helping our local league support US action.

Civic Engagement Fellows: A new idea - working with high school student interns, initiate a pilot program if it seems to be a good idea.

Census: Kathie Whelchel, leader, will work with Coon Rapids Complete Count Comm.

Adjourned at 8:15PM, Arlene Gillett, Secretary

