



IN LEAGUE



*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed, **diverse**, and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BELOIT

April-May 2020

Upcoming League and Community Events:

April 25, 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting by Zoom

Instructions inside on how to access the meeting

April 1st, PLACE YOUR VOTE TUESDAY SIGN OUTSIDE

(League members should contact Gayle Hotchkiss if you have not received your sign)

April 3rd, 11:00 a.m. ZOOM Practice session

Email bclwv2010@gmail.com for an invite

April 7th, VOTE (unless otherwise postponed)

April 15th, 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Practice session

Email bclwv2010@gmail.com for an invite

April 18th, 10:00 a.m. Book Study Begins!!

Via Zoom

April 23rd, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Beloit League Education Study Committee Mtg

Via Zoom

April 25th, 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting

Via Zoom

May 23rd, Farmers' Market—BAKE SALE & Voter Service (depending on City determination)

Downtown Beloit

May 25th, Memorial Day Parade (depending on City determination)

Downtown Beloit

More information will be sent out based on City decision

LWV Leadership Team/Board Meetings (members are always welcome; please call us ahead of time)

April 13, 4:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom

May 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom

BELOIT LWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Susan Adams, Bette Carr, Stephanie Dobson, Dave Dobson,

Sam Erickson, Gayle Hotchkiss, Beatrice McKenzie, Joyce Metter, Barb Porter, Pat Zody

PLAN to ATTEND:

April 25, 10 a.m. Annual Meeting: Via Zoom (see article)

Coronavirus Updates:

If members are interested in keeping updated on press releases from Gov. Evers on the coronavirus, you can click on this link in the upcoming newsletter.

<https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Newsroom/Press-Releases.aspx>



LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity. (June 2019)

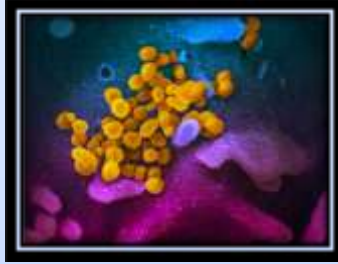
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Check out our

Beloit League of Women Voters web site: www.beloit.wi.lwvnet.org

Challenging Times



Due to national and state circumstances and the well-being of our members, our League meetings for the next two months will be held electronically by Zoom. Zoom is an electronic platform that allows all participants to see each other and hear each other. Although our Annual Meeting does not allow us to vote via Zoom, we can hold all other meetings via Zoom and can continue our important League business. Hopefully by June, we will be able to see each other face-face; however, in the meantime please become familiar with Zoom by participating in one of our practice sessions if you have never participated in Zoom. There will be a practice session Friday, April 3, at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday, April 15, at 12:00 p.m. Email bclwv2010@gmail.com to receive an invite for a meeting or a practice session. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. Stay safe!!

Annual Meeting Takes a Different Look

The League Board is hoping that all of our members and their families are staying safe and healthy. We know that Leaguers are social beings and so we are trying to be able to keep that in mind by using Zoom for our committee and Annual Meeting so that everyone can be seen and heard.

By April 6th, you will receive via email a ballot on items that we are asking League members to vote on as part of the Annual Meeting. We will need you to return the ballot by April 20th to bclwv2010@gmail.com. It will be easy for you to do, as it will be in the body of the email as well as a separate attachment if you need to see it in larger print. We will give you as much information as we are able to on the ballot.

On the day of the Annual Meeting, April 25th, 10:00 a.m. we will discuss the results, how to go forward, and our plans for the summer. Below find the invitation to the Zoom Annual Meeting. It will be sent to you again, closer to the meeting time.

Bette Carr is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Beloit League Annual Meeting

Time: Apr 25, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting (just click on the link below)

<https://zoom.us/j/800278149?pwd=ZWhQamkxVTIzLzqxUDQxeG5zSThkdz09>

Meeting ID: 800 278 149

Password: 021936

One tap mobile (or dial the number below plus the codes)

+13126266799,,800278149# US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 800 278 149

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/accAx7SQVt>

See the Annual Meeting Packet at the end of the Newsletter (previously sent to you on March 25th)

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**From Lively Issues, January 2020 talk by Drew Pennington - Director of Planning & Building Services for Beloit**

Before our annual Lively Issues interactive portion of the meeting led by Joyce Metter, we heard from Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services for Beloit. He covered the Dark Stores Loophole, which many companies are using to get property tax advantages. This loophole allows them to argue that their store should be assessed at the same rate as if it were not operating or closed (dark) for business. Thus, an operating Walmart could compare its property assessment to that of the “dark” store Shopko. They would pay a lot less in property tax. The city still has to raise the same amount it needs to operate through using property tax, so other property owners will have to make up the difference. Allowing this loophole thus increases our residential homeowners’ taxes, often by as much as eight percent. Mr. Pennington informed us that a group of lawyers is going around to companies offering to sue for tax relief via this loophole. They take on cases for free, only getting paid if they win.

We did vote in November, 2018, on this very issue in a referendum, and 73% of Rock County wants to eliminate the loophole. The Wisconsin Legislature has not done so. The bills this session, Senate Bill 130 and Assembly Bill 146 both stalled in committee. We were encouraged to contact legislators about the bills. With a new election coming, members can certainly ask candidates for Assembly and Senate their stances on this issue and let them know your opinion. Mark Spreitzer co-sponsored it, but Amy Loudenberg did not sign on.

Mr. Pennington covered a few myths regarding this loophole:

1. MYTH 1 – closing the loophole will increase tax collections. FALSE – Closing this loophole will stop the shift in the tax burden to homeowners.
2. MYTH 2 – Assessors will benefit. FALSE – There are no rogue assessors.
3. MYTH 3 Closing it violates the uniformity clause. FALSE - The uniformity clause applies to the rate applied. It will not change that.

Other Updates – Mr. Pennington also updated us on Planned Unit Development (PUD) considerations and new buildings in town. Some considerations in Beloit include, e.g. historic preservation, parking, adaptive reuse, design of the subdivision, common space or parks, floodplain protection, sidewalks, bike racks, etc. He showed pictures of many of the plans and talked about others. Some were the Snappers Stadium, new apartments/condos on Grand and 4th, Angel Museum, Hawk's Ridge (75 additional units), Pleasant Street row houses, Amazon, and Beloit College Powerhouse. Amazon plans to use native prairie landscaping and include a transit stop. Members brought up the problem that there is no affordable housing and little housing for elderly, and no tiered housing (like Cedar Crest or Willowick). Mr. Pennington also informed us that the average rent is \$777 a month now. We all agreed that was simply too much. He also pointed out that the state has taken away the rights of cities to do on-site inspections. Affordable housing is something else we can ask candidates for the legislature about.

Action we can take – The Beloit LWV does not have a stance on the dark stores loophole, but you can make your own views known. As I write this, I am getting more enthused about studying it further and doing a study at some point.

### Lively Issues

At Lively Issues, we decided to continue with the extensive look at the education positions with the hope of perhaps streamlining them. The committee is quite actively meeting at least once a month.

Centennial - Gayle and her committee is working on a variety of activities culminating in a large event Saturday, August 22 co-sponsored by the Beloit Historical Society.

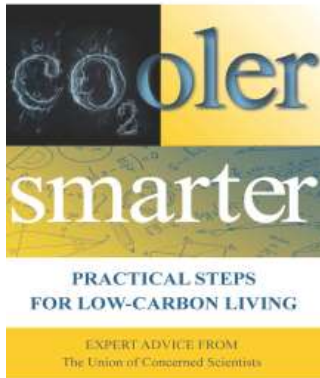
### Book Study

Also, at Lively Issues, Betsy Brewer and Susan Adams are getting ready to do a book study on the Union of Concerned Scientists book, Cooler, Smarter, Practical Steps for Low Carbon Living. It is available online for under \$4 and can also be accessed via Scribd <https://www.scribd.com/book/252759365/Cooler-Smarter-Practical-Steps-for-Low-Carbon-Living>.

~Susan Adams



## **Book Study Proposed**



Betsy Brewer and Susan Adams are getting ready to do a book study on the Union of Concerned Scientists book, [Cooler, Smarter, Practical Steps for Low Carbon Living](#). The first meeting will be via Zoom **on April 18, 10:00 a.m.** If you are interested please email [bclwv2010@gmail.com](mailto:bclwv2010@gmail.com) for an invite. The book is available online for under \$4 and currently can also be accessed at no cost via Scribd <https://www.scribd.com/book/252759365/Cooler-Smarter-Practical-Steps-for-Low-Carbon-Living>. We're looking at a Saturday morning for this virtual discussion. Look for a forthcoming message about chapters to focus on during the discussion and for instructions for joining the discussion via Zoom.

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## **Information from the LWVWI regarding the Marsy's referendum**

### **State of Wisconsin Binding Referendum to Amend Wisconsin's Constitution:**

"Additional rights of crime victims. Shall section 9m of article I of the constitution, which gives certain rights to crime victims, be amended to give crime victims additional rights, to require that the rights of crime victims be protected with equal force to the protections afforded the accused while leaving the federal constitutional rights of the accused intact, and to allow crime victims to enforce their rights in court?" [Details of the proposal here](#).

The LWVWI has no "issue position" on this item, "Marsy's Law," & therefore neither supports nor opposes it. Arguments in favor of and against this referendum can be read at these links:

[Arguments in favor](#) and [Arguments against](#)

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## **Information on Beloit School Board Candidates**

**Election Day April 7, 2020**

**Four Open Seats (Two 3-Year Terms, One 2-Year Term, One 1-Year Term)**

**Spencer Anderson**     [spencer4schoolboard@gmail.com](mailto:spencer4schoolboard@gmail.com)

He is a lifelong Beloit resident and a proud BMHS graduate. After graduating from BMHS in 2014 he attended the University of Dubuque and received a degree in flight operations. When elected, Spencer Anderson wants to help with teacher retention, student enrollment and addressing budgetary issues within the district.

**Pamela Charles**      [Pwch@charter.net](mailto:Pwch@charter.net)

Lived in Beloit 23 years. Married to Dr. Pierre Charles. Our children graduated from BMHS. I've served seven years on the Beloit School Board. I'm a registered nurse, American Red Cross Volunteer, community and school volunteer. My priorities: superintendent recruitment, student discipline, teacher retention, student retention, producing graduates who are prepared for employment, service, or college.

**Maria Delgado**      [mdelgado7378@gmail.com](mailto:mdelgado7378@gmail.com)

Graduated from BMHS. B.S. degree in Human Services/Social Work and Public Administration. I'm a parent of a student in the district. I'll promote an equitable education for all students. I advocate for a collaborative, open and transparent approach with an emphasis on values that promote a positive organizational culture. I'm committed to supporting our teachers, staff and families.

**Stephanie Jacobs**      [sjacobs@charter.net](mailto:sjacobs@charter.net)

• My main focus is always our children! • Retired School District of Beloit Principal at Converse Elementary School: served for 17 years and received numerous awards at the state level • Knowledgeable about many facets of our district • Presently serving on the school board as Treasurer • Excellent listener • Team player; know how to work collaboratively with a positive attitude

**Amiee Leavy**      [amieejleavy4BOE@gmail.com](mailto:amieejleavy4BOE@gmail.com)

I am a 1996 graduate of Beloit Memorial High School, a parent of two School District of Beloit students, a wife and a licensed professional educator. I believe that discipline should be handled using trauma informed care, our Board of Education should adhere to established policy and leadership should embrace transparency. I look forward to earning your vote.

**Wendy Sanchez**      [reyeswendy1978@yahoo.com](mailto:reyeswendy1978@yahoo.com)

I am a lifelong Beloit, graduated from BMHS, currently married reside in Beloit and have 2 children in the district. I am currently employed with Rock County in the Human Service department Economic Support Division as bilingual worker. Mental illness, Discipline and Retention are concerns.



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## Beloit League’s Education Study Committee welcomes others to be part of the committee!!



Committee members are still in the data gathering phase of reviewing the Beloit League’s education positions. Interviews are being done by our committee members on budgetary processes and long-range planning in school districts. Our committee members also have been trying to be observers at the school board committee and business meetings. If you would like to join this committee or listen in, please email [bclwv2010@gmail.com](mailto:bclwv2010@gmail.com). The next committee meeting is coming up on **April 23, 3:30-4:30** p.m. via Zoom.

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### Equal Rights Amendment - ERA – Event

Many of us were able to attend a program on the Equal Rights Amendment on March 7 at 10 at the Beloit Public Library, co-sponsored by the library. So many young people have no idea about this amendment or what the initials even stand for. We had 23 attend, 19 of whom are LWV members (2 from Janesville). As a result, we got at least one new member – Welcome Dorothy Scavera!!

Debra Jensen DeHart from the Beloit Daily News wrote an article for the newspaper on 3/10. We watched the 30-minute film *Legalize Equality*, taken from the two-hour film *Equal Means Equal*. They are put out by Heroica Foundation, working to get the ERA passed. I own the shorter film and the longer two-hour film will be available for loan at the library. Afterwards, activist Jannette Dean from Minnesota was skyped in to answer questions. She sent us a fact sheet and said that though we have now had enough (38) ratify the amendment, we are way past the 1982 deadline. Five states later rescinded their votes, but there are some legal questions regarding this and the deadline. After all, according to Scott Bomboy of the Constitution Center, the 27<sup>th</sup> amendment was ratified 203 years later. I found his blog about these issues very interesting <https://constitutioncenter.org/blog/can-a-dormant-proposed-constitutional-amendment-come-back-to-life>

~Susan Adams

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### Farmers Market Set

**The Beloit League will participate in the Saturday, May 23, Farmers’ Market. We will plan on selling baked goods and giving out Voter Service information. This is sometime off yet, so if things change and the Farmers’ Market is canceled, or if baked goods are not allowed, we will let you know, but please mark it on your calendar for now. More information will come in the future.**

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## Newest League Members!! Welcome to Christine Tompkins and Dorothy Scavera!!

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### Renewing or Joining the League of Women Voters membership is easy!

Simply print out this page and cut off this form.

Write your check to the League of Women Voters of Beloit. Dues are \$65. Student \$10.

Mail it to the Beloit LWV Membership Chair: Deb Fallon

1232 Elm St., Beloit, WI 53511

*name* \_\_\_\_\_ *phone* \_\_\_\_\_ *date* \_\_\_\_\_

*street* \_\_\_\_\_ *city/state* \_\_\_\_\_ *zip* \_\_\_\_\_

*e-mail* \_\_\_\_\_ *In League is sent by email, please check your email for notices.*

Amount enclosed for dues: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Application for LWV Dues Scholarship: I hereby request consideration for a LWV Dues Scholarship for one year's membership. I understand that it is my responsibility to pay \$25 of the annual dues and that a Board member will be in contact with me regarding final completion.

*Signature*

*(Dues are renewed by the end of October each year)*

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**Annual Meeting  
League of Women Voters of Beloit**

**April 25, 2020**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Electronically via Zoom**

**Information and link to be sent out to you closer to the meeting time!**



1. Grab your own cup of coffee and donut, Welcome, Introductions
2. Appointment of Reading Committee for 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report for 2019-2020
4. Proposed Program
  - a. Discussion and adoption of position updates (adoption by majority vote) NA
  - b. Adoption of current positions (adoption by majority vote)
  - c. Proposed Program 2020-2021 Education Study
  - d. New topics, including Hot Topics, may also be brought up at the Annual Meeting as non-recommended topics. Such topics may be considered for discussion by a majority vote, then adopted for study by a 2/3 vote.
  - e. Optional directives to the Board for future consideration: At this time, members may recommend additional events, actions, procedures, new studies or position reviews for future consideration by the board.
5. Adoption of Budget (2/3 vote)

Adoption of the 2020-2021 budget also includes adoption of the Dues Categories- No changes (adoption by 2/3 vote)

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Primary membership   | \$65.   |
| Additional household | \$32.50 |
| Student              | \$10.00 |
| Honorary             | \$0.00  |
| Scholarship          | \$25.00 |
6. Nominating Committee Report/Election of Officers and Directors (2/3 vote)

**Slate of Officers:**

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| President: Susan Adams              | 2020-22 |
| Secretary: Anne Bua Demus           | 2020-21 |
| Treasurer: Gayle Sullivan Hotchkiss | 2020-22 |

**Board Members Continuing on:**

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Stephanie Dobson | 2019-21 |
| Joyce Metter     | 2019-21 |
| Bette Carr       | 2019-21 |

Sam Erickson 2019-21

**Nominations:**

Dave Dobson 2020-22  
Pat Zody 2020-22  
Barb Porter 2020-22  
Betsy Brewer 2020-22  
Dorothy Scavera 2020-22

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\*Thank you to Beatrice McKenzie for your service as Board Member and all of your contributions.

7. Nominating Committee to be selected:  
Board member: \_\_\_\_\_ Board member: \_\_\_\_\_ League member: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Nomination of representatives to the following:  
**LWVWI State Conference-Appleton:**  
• \_\_\_\_\_  
• \_\_\_\_\_  
**National League US Conference**  
• Pat Zody

9. Awards: Making Democracy Work-Internal/External--NA

10. Adjourn

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**(a) Adoption of Updated Position:**

Not applicable

**(b) Adoption of Current Positions:**

<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/beloit/positions/beloit-position-statements>

**Government Structure and Procedures**

City Government (1995) Zoning (2013)  
City Budget and Priority Setting Process (1986) County Administrator (1988)

**Government Services**

Liquor Licensing (2013) Solid Waste (2013)  
Sewage Treatment (2013) Community Development (2018)  
Library Resources (2018)

**Natural Resources Management**

Land Use (1983) Rock County Parks (2014)

**Social Policy**

Affirmative Action (2015) Housing Code Enforcement (2013)

Housing (2013)  
Homelessness (2019)  
Behavioral Health Services (2016)

Proposed Casino (2001)  
Casino Negotiations (2001)

**Education**

Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education (BTC) (2018)  
Interracial/Multicultural Relations (2018)  
English Language Learner (ELL) (2018)

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**(c) Proposed Program for 2020-2021**

The League of Women Voters of Beloit Board recommends that the league continue their study and update on the following Education positions listed below:

**Education**

|                                             |                               |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Budget Process (2002)                       | Student Discipline (2002)     |
| Long Range Planning (2002)                  | Police Liaison Program (2002) |
| Alternative/Individualized Education (2002) | Counseling (2002)             |
| Career Education (2002)                     |                               |

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**Budget Proposal 2020-2021**  
**See next page**

## League of Women Voters of Beloit

| <b>INCOME</b>             | <b>2019/2020 Budget</b> | <b>Year to Date<br/>02/29/2020</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>Budget2020/2021</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Member (Dues)             | \$ 2,896.00             | \$ 2,979.00                        | \$ 2,900.00                         |
| Member Contributions      | \$ 800.00               | \$ 863.50                          | \$ 800.00                           |
| Non-Member Contributions  | \$ 800.00               | \$ 658.00                          | \$ 650.00                           |
| Program & Ann Meetings    | \$ 500.00               | \$ 320.00                          | \$ 2,000.00                         |
| Grants & Special Projects | \$ -                    | \$ 825.00                          |                                     |
| Fund Raisers              | \$ 750.00               | \$ 547.10                          | \$ 500.00                           |
| From Reserves             | \$ -                    | \$ -                               | \$ 1,226.00                         |
| Dividend                  | \$ 6.00                 | \$ 21.99                           | \$ 20.00                            |
| CD Dividend               | \$ 2.00                 | \$ 2.17                            |                                     |
| Other Income              | \$ -                    | \$ 102.00                          |                                     |
|                           | \$ -                    |                                    |                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>\$ 5,754.00</b>      | <b>\$ 6,318.76</b>                 | <b>\$ 8,096.00</b>                  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>           |                         |                                    |                                     |
| Website                   | \$ 400.00               | \$ 400.00                          | \$ 400.00                           |
| Bd. Supplies/Pstge        | \$ 70.00                | \$ 172.15                          | \$ 250.00                           |
| Treasurer's Expenses      | \$ 25.00                | \$ 2.00                            | \$ 25.00                            |
| Membership                | \$ 100.00               | \$ 45.89                           | \$ 100.00                           |
| National Convention       | \$ 900.00               | \$ 320.79                          | \$ 1,000.00                         |
| State Convention          | \$ 600.00               | \$ 161.48                          | \$ 600.00                           |
| Local Program Meetings    | \$ 500.00               | \$ 500.20                          | \$ 500.00                           |
| Regional Program Meetings | \$ 200.00               | \$ 115.00                          | \$ 1,700.00                         |
| State Per Mem Assmnt.     | \$ 1,335.00             | \$ 1,335.00                        | \$ 1,365.00                         |
| National Per Mem Pymnt.   | \$ 1,424.00             | \$ 1,424.00                        | \$ 1,456.00                         |
| Printing & Publications   | \$ 100.00               | \$ 133.00                          | \$ 200.00                           |
| Voters Service            | \$ 100.00               | \$ 488.00                          | \$ 500.00                           |
| Badger Girls              | \$ -                    | \$ -                               |                                     |
| Other Expenses            | \$ -                    | \$ 75.00                           |                                     |
|                           | \$ -                    |                                    |                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>\$ 5,754.00</b>      | <b>\$ 5,172.51</b>                 | <b>\$ 8,096.00</b>                  |
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Beloit League of Women Voters  
Annual Meeting  
Saturday, April 27, 2019, 9:00  
Beloit Historical Center, 845 Hackett St.

President, Bette Carr, welcomed us and directed us to begin serving ourselves. We had eggs, hashbrowns, bacon, fruit and muffins provided by Mary's Place in S. Beloit.

The speakers for our meeting were Ruth Kolpack from JOB – Justice Overcoming Borders and Dorothy Harrell of the NAACP and LWV, Beloit. The title of their presentation was “Owning the Problem.” They presented a variety of statistics and information about over incarceration in Wisconsin. We have the worst incarceration rate in the nation.

The talk was followed by a brief question and answer period and then Bette opened the business portion of the meeting at 10:40.

**Appointment of Reading Committee for Minutes from Annual Meeting 2018**

Anne Bua-Demus and Alice Lamont agreed to read the minutes from the annual meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** Dorothy Stroud reported that as of March 31, we had \$8,346.44 available in cash; Certificate of Deposit \$1,274.38 for a total of 9,620.82. The report was filed.

**Adoption of Updated Positions** Gayle Hotchkiss summarized the updated position on homelessness. Gayle Hotchkiss moved that we approve the changes; Dave Dobson seconded. Motion passed.

**Adoption of Current Positions** Mike Fallon moved that we approve the current positions. Anita Williams seconded. Motion passed.

**Proposed Program** Bette Carr presented the board's proposal that we study our positions on education as a group next year due to the changes in the Beloit School District. Anita Williams moved; Mike Fallon seconded. Motion passed.

**New topics** Anne Bua-Demus suggested that we stress maintaining civility in the community, specifically the Beloit School Board. Another member was concerned about violations of the Open Records law.

**Budget** Dorothy Stroud presented the 2019-20 budget. As a reminder, Dorothy told us that we only keep about \$3 per member of dues. Joyce Metter moved, Anita Williams seconded the proposed budget. Motion passed.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Dorothy Stroud (Treasurer), Deb Fallon and Lynda Owens are leaving the board. They were thanked for their service. Nominating Committee Chair Stephanie Dobson reported that Susan Adams will serve as Secretary and Dave Dobson will be Treasurer. Stephanie nominated Beatrice McKenzie, Stephanie Dobson, Joyce Metter Bette Carr and Sam Erickson to serve for 2-year terms ('19-'20). We still have a vacancy for President and for 2 one-year terms. Mary Ann Meyer moved to approve the board members; Deb Fallon seconded. Motion passed.

Alice Lamont, Beatrice McKenzie and Susan Adams will serve on the nominating committee for 2020-21.

**Presentations:** Bette Carr made the following presentations: Bette presented our “Making Democracy Work” to Daksha Howard who is the Director of the Office of Inclusive Living and Learning at Beloit College. She received a one-year membership to the LWV. Gayle Hotchkiss presented the “Joyce Schoenfield Award for Making Democracy Work,” to Bette Carr.

**Nomination of Representatives to the state and national conventions :** Pat Zody and Barb Porter were chosen to attend the LWVWI State Conference in Green Lake. (After the meeting, Barb Porter was substituted by Elizabeth Brewer.)

**Driver’s Cards** Deb Fallon announced the move to leave Governor Evers’ proposal for driver’s cards for undocumented immigrants in the budget. She distributed cards to state legislators for those who wished to send them.

Joyce Metter moved and Deb Fallon seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:10. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Adams

Secretary