

Why Are We Here Today?

- To celebrate our 2023-2024 efforts
- To be inspired!
- To hear Board reports
- To get your ideas for our 2024-2025 League efforts
- To get your commitment to a GOTV activity!
Sign up today!

Agenda

Estimated Timeline	Activities
10:00-10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to order• Welcome and Introduction• Keynote Speaker: Mrs. Bernice P. Edwards, Executive Director of First State Community Action• Short Break
10:40-12:00	Business Meeting: See separate agenda
12:00-12:30	Brown Bag Lunch Break <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signup.com• postcard writing
12:30	Closing Comments

Welcome Mrs. Bernice M. Edwards Executive Director, First State Community Action Agency



Passion for Community

“We meet people where they are.”

**Selfless service to
Sussex County**

Approval of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

- LWVSCDE Annual Meeting 6.8.24
- League of Women Voters of Sussex County, Delaware
- Annual Membership Meeting
- Monday, June 12, 2023,
5:00 pm - 7:35 pm
- Fish On! Restaurant, Lewes DE

Reviewed

Approved by the
Board

Available on League
website in *Members
Only* section

Treasurer's Report: Pat Petchel

League of Women Voters of Sussex County Statement of Financial Condition

	5/31/2024	5/31/2023
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
WSFS Checking	18,218.73	12,614.71
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
WSFS Savings	1,508.25	1,505.23
Education Fund	241.62	241.62
TOTAL ASSETS	\$19,968.60	\$14,361.56
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$15.00	
Total Current Liabilities	\$15.00	\$0.00
Net Assets		
Board Restricted Net Assets		
Grant/Donation Restricted Net Assets	\$171.68	\$103.61
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$19,781.92	\$14,257.95
Total Net Assets	\$19,953.60	\$14,361.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$19,968.60	\$14,361.56



Treasurer's Report: Pat Petchel

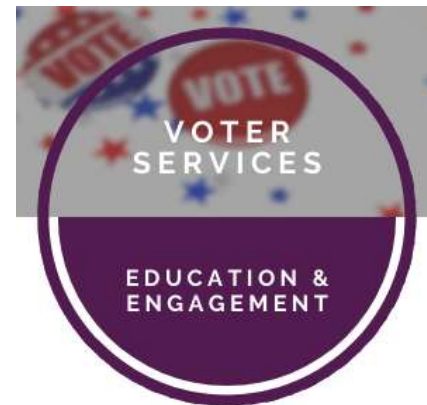
- End of Month Net Assets: \$19,968.60
- Net income for the month of May 2024: \$313.28
- Asset Comparison
 - 5/31/2024 - \$19,968.50
 - 5/31/2023 - \$14,361.56



LWVSCDE Committees: Membership, Nominating, Observer Corps, Social Policy, Voter Services, & Communications

- Our work is done through our committees.
- Every committee has a role to play in GOTV:
 - ✓ Educating the public on voting resources, candidate platforms, and key election issues
 - ✓ Observing local government at work
 - ✓ Growing and engaging membership in all aspects of the League
 - ✓ Building leadership
 - ✓ Ensuring the public is aware of the resources available to them and the work we do

Committee Reports



Membership Committee: Keeping Members Connected

Sue Claire Harper, Chair

- Cultivate new & existing LWVSCDE members through personal outreach; educate about League programs; foster involvement via connections with committee chairs.
- Develop “League, Libations and Learning” social events, with knowledgeable speakers on pertinent topics, welcoming both League members and the general public.
- Maintain detailed Membership records on member interests and renewals; update the local, state and national databases.

Our Asks:

- **Bring an interested non-member to every social event and introduce them to the Board and Committee Members who reflect their interests.**
- **Provide Membership Chair/Committee Member with contact information of the potential member.**

Nominating Committee: Inviting Members to “Step Up”

Sue Claire Harper

- Our Board requires a full complement of officers to function effectively and fulfill our Mission Statement in this critical election year:
 - ✓ “Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy”
- URGENT need for a President – or 2 Co-Presidents – to serve through June 30, 2025 when a new Board will be elected.
- Vice President also needed to support the President.
- Count on the resources of an experienced and supportive Board with excellent problem-solving skills to help get the job done.

Our Asks:

- Note the capable, talented people speaking today. We appreciate our Board Members and their personal commitment to ensuring our success.
- Sue Claire Harper (302.260.9532) welcomes any and all inquiries and ideas regarding filling the President’s & Vice President’s positions.

The President's Key Responsibilities

- Maintain active relationships and open communication with Board & Committee Members to identify priorities
- Utilizing the 2024-25 *Calendar of Monthly Obligations*, develop Agenda for, and preside over, monthly meetings:
 - ✓ 2nd Monday of the Month, 7-8:30PM, usually via Zoom
- Monitor any communications from either the LWVUS or the LWVDE



Month	Tasks	Responsible Party
JUNE	1. Fiscal and Membership Years end June 30th (Article VI, Sec. 1-2, p. 8) 2. See November regarding filing of IRS notice (P&P VII, B, p. 12)	
JULY	1. Annually, LWVSCDE membership year begins on July 1 and ends the following June 30 (concurrent with fiscal year). At least three rounds of renewal reminders are sent via email and snail mail between July-December. 2. Biennially (every year): By 2nd Board meeting after census election all Board members should review P&P to reinforce all members with content (P&P IX, C, p. 13) 3. Annually: New Board members to sign Conflict of Interest Policy Statement certificate of compliance (P&P XX, D, p. 25)	
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER	1. Biennially, MLT November 30 (odd years): Start LWVUS biennial program planning. 2. Annually, Review Conditions & Permissions (P&P XIX, C, E, p. 34)	Board
NOVEMBER	1. Annually, MLT November 30: Treasurer must file IRS 990-N Electronic Notice by e-postcard & paper letter to the Board (P&P VII, B, p. 12) 2. Biennially (every year): The Nominating Committee updates the EC (confirming the names of 3-5 or more members), and when they are meeting to secure a new slate of officers to be presented at the May 1st to June 30th biennial elections; Meeting odd years	Treasurer
DECEMBER	1. Annually, MLT December 31: Treasurer pays Registered Agent Attorney fees services & reports same to the Board (P&P VII, B, p. 12) 2. Biennially (every year): Board Members & Committee chairs review & update their job descriptions by posting on the LWVSCDE website and submit these to the EO (P&P IV, C, p. 7)	Treasurer

Observer Corps: “The Eyes and Ears of the League”

Jack Young, Chair

- Monitor and report on government meetings: County Council and Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission.
 - ✓ Is proper protocol observed? Public input solicited, open meeting laws followed, etc.
 - ✓ What issues are being addressed?
 - ✓ Is League action indicated?
- Produce Annual Report on Council's compliance with open government and sunshine principles.

Our Ask:

- **Members willing to observe one session of Council or P&Z online and complete a simple form report**
- **Town Council Mtgs**

Social Policy Committee: Exploring and Explaining the Issues

Cristi Gillean, Chair

- Discuss issues in Sussex County related to LWV Social Policy positions
- Develop and sponsor public forums to educate the community on Social Policy issues
- Inform members of other programs in Sussex County related to Social Policy positions
- Topics included:
 - ✓ Homelessness and affordable housing
 - ✓ Health care access and availability
 - ✓ Early childhood education and the childcare crisis in Sussex County

The Social Policy Committee is currently paused as we focus on Get Out The Vote.

Membership Transformation Plan

Pat Newcomb

- A process that began in 2016 - we are now in Phase 3 – Framing the Future.
- LWV is implementing changes that were approved at 2022 National Convention.
- What will not change -
 - ✓ All members belong to the League of Women Voters (US), a State League (LWVDE) and a Local League (LWVSCDE)
 - ✓ You will have both electronic and paper options
- What will change
 - ✓ “Pay-what-you-can” model (Suggesting \$75)
 - ✓ No Household (additional) or Student Category

1. **Renewing Members will not see any changes until this time next year.**
2. **New Members will follow a different process beginning 2/1/2025**
3. **New Platform will be ChapterSpot**
4. **For more info go to www.lwv.org/league-management**

Voter Services Committee: “Boots on the Ground”

Ida Rowe, Acting Chair; Judy Parkins, Chair

Provide resources for Sussex residents to encourage civic engagement and participation in the elective process.

- Volunteers monitored High School Board meetings and reported back on topics for VOTE 411 questions.
- Two school board races were held in Sussex County with two out of five candidates participating in VOTE 411.
- Significant gains were made getting VOTE411 information out to youth voters during High School Voter Registration Drives, through the 2023 Youth Voter Registration Grant, and at festivals and other events.

“Democracy is not a spectator sport.”

– Marian Wright Edelman from Families in Peril, 1987

Our Ask:

- **Sign up for upcoming tabling events.**
- **Help us get young voters to the polls.**
- **Get absentee ballots out – from start to finish.**

Voter Services: High School Voter Registration

High School	VR	GOTV / Pledge	Total/HS
Cape Henlopen High School	29	-	29
Delmar Senior High School	2	1	3
Indian River High School	23	9	32
Laurel Senior High School	-	34	34
Milford Senior High School	-	-	-
Seaford High School		31	31
Sussex Academy	15	3	18
Sussex Technical High School	13	-	13
Sussex Central High School	26	-	26
Woodbridge High School	3	1	4
Totals per Category	111	79	190



Voter Services: High School Surveys

What social issues concern you?

Issue	Rank
Student Debt	7
Economy	6
Health Care Access & Cost	6
Racism	6
Environment	5
Gun Control	5
Jobs	5
Reproductive Rights	5
Sexism	4
Housing	3
LGBTQIA+ Rights	3
Online Misinformation	2
Voting Rights and Access	1

Are you registered to vote?

Issue	Rank
Yes, I registered today	5
I'm not 18 yet, but I'm pre-registered	3
Yes, through my driver's license	2
Yes, through Vote411.org	0
Yes, don't remember how	0
Don't know	0
No, but I'll try out Vote411.org	0
Other	0

Voter Services: Table Events

- Ida Rowe leads Table Events for Voter Services.
- 43 individuals signed League log sheets during the summer of 2023. Information was shared on League membership, event and volunteer opportunities.
- 2024 Events scheduled include the IMPACT Festival, two Juneteenth events, LaRed and the Historic Lewes Farmers Market.



Voter Services: National Voter Registration Day

- National Voter Registration Day, as well as National Constitution Day and PRIDE Voter Registration were well attended at Delaware Technical Community College.
- A hybrid electronic and in-person event is being explored for this event for 2024, to be held on September 17th.



Voter Services: Candidate Forums

Lisa Malone

Election	Candidates		Location
HR District 20	TBD 9/10/24 Primary Rep. Stell Parker Selby (Incumbent) Or Brian P. Jenkins	Nikki Miller 	10/15, 6 – 9 pm Milton Elem. School
Gubernatorial	TBD 9/10/24 Primary		10/19, 5 – 8:30 pm Del Tech
SS District 6	Russ Huxtable (Incumbent) 	Kim Hoey Stevenson 	10/22, 6 – 9 pm Lewes Elem. School
SCC District #3	Mark Schaefer (Incumbent) 	Dana Paskins 	10/29, 5 – 8 pm Rehoboth Library

Communications Committee: Getting the Word Out!

Chelsea Wootten, Chair

- Supporting all parts of the League to help promote our mission and activities
 - ✓ Started in June 2024
 - ✓ Mission: Collaboration & Coordination
 - ✓ Social Media - Promotion & Updates
 - ✓ Press - Connect with Community
 - ✓ Festivals and Events - Awareness & Networking
 - ✓ Upcoming Projects - Promotion of Committee Events, Candidate Forums, and Election Information; Communications on Upcoming League Transformation

Our Ask:

- **Members with a background in writing, marketing, & communications – as well as a creative eye and a collaborative attitude – to help promote League messaging to our members and the general public.**

Communications Committee, Continued

Film event to focus on Defending Democracy March 18

Presented by the League of Women Voters of Sussex County



Presenting film: *Can you see her hand?* What does it mean going to work in a building where someone who has the right to be there could become your job? [View the film on YouTube](#)

LWV
Serving Sussex Since 1957
EMPOWERING VOTERS & DEFENDING DEMOCRACY IN SUSSEX COUNTY

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SUSSEX COUNTY, DE

The LWV is a nonpartisan, grassroots nonprofit dedicated to empowering everyone to fully participate in our democracy!

League of Women Voters of Sussex County, Delaware
 sponsored by: [Sussex Monitor](#) April 12, 2024

The League members are always ready to host the Wednesday March 13 to the LWVSCDE sponsored and hosted by the Delaware Board of Elections (DBE) both League members and members of the Village Engineers Association (VEA) were substituted in from its committee complete voter registration forms in preparation for the various registration events they plan to hold throughout Sussex County this summer. - See more



LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE

JOIN US!

"League, Libations & Learning"

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 ♦ 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Grotto's Pizza, 22925 Sussex Hwy, Seaford

Program

Welcome: Martha Rothenberg, LWVSCDE President
 Speaker: **Detective Michael Yenero**
 State Troop 4 Financial Crimes Unit, serving all of Sussex County

"How to Avoid Scams & Fraud"
 - 60 minute presentation to begin about 6:30pm with Q&A to follow -

Per 4/21/24 NYTimes: "Federal Trade Commission reported in 2022 that Americans received 225 billion spam texts, tricking them out of \$300 million: a 157% increase over 2021"

Reserve your restaurant seat using this [Eventbrite LINK](#)
 Seating is limited to 36 people, so make your reservation promptly
 Libations and Dinner will precede presentation

Highlights 2023-2024



What We've Accomplished So Far: A LOT!

Martha Rothenberg, Website Administrator

- Tons of behind-the-scenes work
- Establishing and building Communications Committee
- Strategic Planning for LWVSCDE
- League Libations and Learning
- Developing tech resources
- November all-member workshop
- Joining Sussex Preservation Coalition
- Fundraiser: Defending Democracy: Then and Now
- LWWNYS Collaboration: training, "Fact vs Fiction" webinar
- Candidate Forums!

What's Next?

- **Continue to improve communication with current and future members**
- **Build our Board and Committees**
- **Expand DEI inside and continue outreach to underrepresented communities**
- **Develop next generation of leaders**

LWVSC Program for FY 2024-2025

Focus on Sussex County

Committee work to continue to grow and expand

Promote our nonpartisan stance

Get Out the Vote!

Expand our membership

Promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in our membership and in outreach

Protect voting rights and encourage voting

\$\$FUNDRAISING\$\$

Lunch!
Chat!
SignUp.com
Write a postcard



Juneteenth Celebrati...

Start Jun 22, 2024

End Jun 22, 2024

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Hello Fellow League

Members:

Please join us at the Lewes Juneteenth Celebration taking place on Saturday, June 22nd at the George Smith Park from

Center for Common Ground - Reclaim our Vote

Ida Rowe



Dear [Ms. or Mr. *last name,*] or Dear [first name last name*] if gender is unlisted
Justice is on the ballot in November!
Your vote is your voice and your power.

Be
Vote
Ready

Pledge to Vote and Do More!
Take The Pledge at ncvoter.fyi/Pledge
Verify Registration, Candidate Info:
ncvoter.fyi/ActiVote or 336-703-2800

Forsyth County

Spread
The
Word!

In Solidarity,
[Your first name], volunteer for Team Unity NC

Why am I here today? Closing Comments



- 12,837,600 seconds
 - 214,560 minutes
 - 3,576 hours
 - 149 days
 - 21 weeks and 2 days
- until
- The Election**
- What will you be doing?
(besides voting?)