



League of Women Voters of Ashland & Bayfield Counties

Annual Meeting 2018 - 2019

May 7, 2019

5:00-8:00 p.m.

AmericInn Convention Center

Ashland, WI

Speaker: Ellen Penwell

EVENING AGENDA

5:00 - Social Hour

6:00 - Dinner

6:30 - Meeting

- Call to Order
- Adopt the Agenda
- Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Annual Treasurer's Report
- Adoption of Proposed 2019-2020 Budget
- Adoption Proposed Program for 2019-2020
- Nominations from the floor for Officers and Directors, 2019-2020
- Election of Officers, Directors, Nominating Committee
- Other business
- Adjournment

7:15 Speaker

Ellen Penwell, Membership and Events Coordinator for the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin

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LWV/ABC PRESIDENT'S REFLECTIONS 2018-2019

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Ashland and Bayfield Counties! It is my honor to have served as your president. If you attended last year's meeting, you may be aware that although I was on the slate of candidates, it was a last minute decision that I fill the office of president for the coming year. I was unaware that our board was ready to explore another leadership option and thus volunteered to take it on.

Twelve months ago, I was voted in by our membership along with a great slate of directors who have contributed enormously to the work of our League, and to me personally. Some, like Linda Jorgenson and Jan Penn, have served on the board for many years. Others, such as Bruce Prentice and Mary Hasset-Gabrys were brand new. I am sincerely thankful to all eleven, each giving generously of their talent and time.

My pride for the League of Women Voters is deep. Issues matter to me far more than partisanship. Having served on the board before I had some idea of what lay ahead, and my acquaintance with several board members was reassuring. But the truth is that I would not have survived in this role without the steadfast guidance and support of all the board members who in so many ways contributed their expertise to further our work and make sure our goals were achieved. In particular, I want to thank Dianne Judd who tirelessly covered for me and tried so hard to keep me on the right track.

You can read about important work that each committee accomplished in the accompanying reports. For this we must thank the chairs and all the members and friends who got things done. The list of activities and events is impressive.

I am passionate about the need for an informed and engaged citizenry that strives to make life as good as possible for everyone. It is particularly encouraging that our League leadership in Washington, D.C. is striving to implement strategies that will increase Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. We are committed to doing the same at the local level.

We are preparing to celebrate Wisconsin's ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment this June, and 100 years of existence of the League of Women Voters in 2020. I invite us all to share our resources to further the immensely valuable efforts of this organization. The League is evolving, and encouraging us to collaborate with other non-partisan groups who also contribute to advancing justice, with care for the earth and all its creatures.

Anne Chartier, President

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, Committee Chair Dianne Judd

Committee Members: Dianne Judd (chair), Pete Skoro, Dee Johnson, Anne Chartier, Liz Seefeldt

Communications is an ever changing landscape. What was traditional with newspaper and telephone calls is now a variety of media platforms. The League has strived to communicate with our members and the outside world with Newsletters, Website, local newspapers, Social Media, E-blasts to members and friends, posters and flyers in the community. Within our League we communicate and organize through the use of G.Suites, a set of applications that permits us to have internal files, League emails, coordinate calendar, etc. The end of one size fits all is an opportunity to reach a more diverse group, and to evolve our work. What we use today may in fact shift again and we need to keep our tech skills sharp.

As a member of The League of Women Voters, you will receive emails from our Local LWV/Ashland & Bayfield County, State at LWVWI and National at LWV.org.

Pete Skoro has been creative and diligent our producing our local Newsletter and updating our LWV/ABC website, Anne Chartier, our President has sends us warm encouraging updates and keeps us informed, Liz Seefeldt has coordinated our bottom Line articles, Dee Johnson and Liz both sharing Facebook postings. Like us on Facebook! All of our board members have been writing articles showcasing all of our work. Ashland Daily Press has covered our events, printed our Letters to the Editor and shared our upcoming activities through Area Reports. There is always more that can be done so please let the Communications Chair know how we can reach out further and more effectively.

Thank you to our Communications Team and our Board of Directors.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT, Committee Chair Liz Seefeldt

As the League witnessed the extreme expressions of political opinions and at times the glaring misconceptions about our governmental system, we saw our unique position to be able to educate the community about how government works and to advocate for a civil dialogue across the political spectrum. That's how the new Civics Engagement team was born. This team's purpose is to educate the public on our nation's civic processes and on how to engage in a healthy way.

We are grateful to have connected with several community partners to co-host the following event in the 2018 – 2019 season:

- Civic Engagement with Judge Gary Sherman, with First United Methodist Church, Thursday, 10/25/18, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Elected Office 101: A Workshop for Candidates Considering Local Office , with UW Extension, Thursday, 11/15/18, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

- Speak Your Peace: The Civility Project, building civic engagement with respectful discourse, with PFLAG-Washburn on 1/17/19, 6:30 p.m. at the Washburn Cultural Center

We look forward to future opportunities to engage the public through educational programs to improve our public discourse.

ECONOMIC INEQUALITY REPORT, Committee Chairs Linda Jorgenson, Jan Penn

This year the Economic Inequality Committee focused its efforts on the statewide campaign to End Childhood Poverty. This campaign came at the same point the Committee had concluded that an effective way to bring the community conversation on economic inequality to the forefront, was to focus on an upstream model which invested in children. Ultimately, this investment would reduce the mounting societal costs inherent in continuing the cycle of poverty and results in a future generation best prepared to participate in a democratic and equitable society.

The State Campaign to End Childhood Poverty is based on partnership between the 4 founding organizations (Kids Forward, Wisdom, Wisconsin Council of Churches and Citizen Action) and local communities/nonprofits. The LWVWI and other local chapters of the LWV are partners. The strategy brings to bear the economic benefits of promoting science-based approaches which demonstrated effectiveness in reducing childhood poverty: Living Wages, Access to Health Coverage and Care, Early Childhood Education, Nutrition Programming, etc. The argument of cost effectiveness is combined with the “moral imperative” to care for children thus creating a convincing approach to the campaign.

Activities this year included: development of a community engagement packet/video, collection of signatures on petition to be submitted to State Legislature, local presentations, news articles/press releases, investigation of status of early childhood education in the region, a community presentations by John Wagner from Eau Claire Wisdom Chapter at the Visitors Center and a Focus Group with John Wagner and local groups working with children/families. We also met formally with the leaders of the State Campaign to clarify local needs.

Plans for the continued work of the Economic Inequality Committee are outlined in the Program Proposals for 2019-2020. We will continue to lead the LWV/ABC charge to address childhood poverty in the region and include in that discussion the promotion of efforts to expand Badgercare. We welcome membership to join in this work.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT, Committee Chair Mary Jo Tuckwell

Today it is difficult for many of us to image a time when women could not vote in local, state or national elections in the United States of America. As members of the League of Women

Voters of Ashland and Bayfield Counties (LWV/ABC) we proudly recognize our legacy of local and state women advocating for women's right to vote. Now, as we approach the 100th anniversary of the formation of the League of Women Voters and the subsequent passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, there is a renewed sense of urgency to ensure voter rights and promote more civic engagement in our democracy. As Membership Chair I wish to thank all of our members for their participation in LWV/ABC activities during this past year. The work of the League is accomplished through building a strong and engaged membership.

As many of you realize our LWV/ABC chapter financially supports the League of Women Voters organizational leadership and work on our advocacy initiatives at both the State and National level by paying an annual per member payment (PMP) based on the number of Primary and Secondary (household) members in our chapter. Membership dues are the primary revenue source to accomplish the League's work. League of Women Voters of the United States (US) has recognized the importance of developing a younger and more diverse membership. To encourage more young people to become members of League, LWV-US and LWV of Wisconsin PMPs are being waived through January 1, 2021 for students enrolled in accredited academic institutions. Likewise, our LWV/ABC Board voted unanimously to make student membership free for the same time period. Thus, we are eager to recruit student members.

To contact the membership chair regarding joining LWV/ABC, inquiring about your renewal date, to have a membership application blank sent to you, or any other membership questions you may have please email the membership chair at: membership@abcleaguevoters.org. Membership application blanks can also be downloaded and printed from our web site, <http://www.lwvabcwi.org/membership/>, and click on the red checkmark.

Membership levels and dues for the current year are:

- \$65.00 Individual member of Local, State & National League of Women Voters
- \$30.00 Additional member from the same household as above for Local, State & National League of Women Voters
- \$30.00 Student membership (registered full or part time at accredited institution)
- \$150.00 Sustaining individual member of Local, State & National League of Women Voters (***All of the amount above \$65 remains in the local chapter***)
- \$20.00 Non-voting member of only the local League of Women Voters (LWV/ABC) (***Non-voting members are not eligible to be officers, cannot serve on the Board of Directors, and cannot vote on chapter business.***)

Full or partial scholarships are available by contacting the Membership Chair or any board member. We encourage members to contribute to our scholarship fund or make an additional donation toward our local chapter's operating expenses.

For all membership levels, except the \$20 non-voting level, members automatically become a member of LWV of Wisconsin and LWV of the United States. For Primary and Sustaining Members \$62 of the \$65 annual dues goes to support state and national LWV programs. Only \$3 of the \$65 remains for support of local activities. For Secondary (additional household) members, \$31 goes to support state and national LWV programs. Non-voting member dues go to support our local LWV chapter activities only. Thus, it is easy to see donations, fund drives, fund raising events and grants are critical to our local programming.

To pay your membership dues or make a donation please make your check payable to LWV/ABC and mail to P.O. Box 175, Ashland, WI 54806. The League of Women Voters is recognized as a nonprofit entity recognized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Dues and donations are tax deductible.

All League members should be receiving regular e-mails from our local chapter including our newsletter. If you would like to have these communications sent to a different e-mail, or if you know of someone who would like to receive League info, please send those addresses to membership@abcleaguevoters.org.

All Primary and Sustaining members should be receiving additional e-mail news and alerts from both the state and national Leagues. If you are not receiving these e-mails, and would like to, contact the membership chair at membership@abcleaguevoters.org.

Thank you again for being an active member of the League of Women Voters of Ashland and Bayfield Counties.

NATURAL RESOURCES ADVOCACY REPORT, Committee Chair Joan Elias

Protecting our clean water has always been a priority for the citizens of our region and has been the focus of much of our committee's work. At the federal level, we submitted comments opposing the proposed weakening of the definition of the waters that will be protected under the Clean Water Act and maintaining the current definitions. At the state level, Governor Evers has declared 2019 the year of clean drinking water. We will look for opportunities to support legislation, funding, and activities that enhance clean water. We are most active at the local level, where we have had several articles published in the Bottom Line News and have co-hosted 2 forums on Ashland's sewage overflow problems (actually, at the time of this writing the 2nd forum hasn't yet occurred. It is scheduled for May 20, Northern Great Lakes visitor Center, 6:30-8:30).

At the 1st forum (April 15, 2019) we learned the extent of the infrastructure needs from city staff – John Butler (Public Works Director) and Chanz Green (Utility Manager). Parks and Recreation Director, Sara Hudson, also joined them on a question and answer panel. We also heard from Valerie Damstra (Operations Manager at the Mary Griggs Burke Center for

Freshwater Innovation), who explained some of the public health risks associated with sewage overflows and let us know we can expect more frequent and more intense storms, leading to flooding, as we move into the future. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources personnel, Michelle Balk and Eric DeVenecia, explained the state regulatory process. MaryJo Gingras, County Conservationist, wrapped up the program with suggestions of actions individuals can take to help alleviate future overflows, such as installing low-flow faucets and planting rain gardens.

Sanitary system overflows occur throughout the Great Lakes, especially during large storm events. Even though the City of Ashland has separate systems for sewage and storm water, during large rains and snowmelt stormwater may infiltrate into the sewage system and overwhelm its capacity. Because the City's sewage system is quite old (some pipes are over 100 yrs old, and made of clay), cracks in the pipes allow infiltration of stormwater to occur.

Our Committee partnered with the City of Ashland, the Ashland County Land and Water Conservation Department, Mary Griggs Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation, Ashland County Extension Office, Citizen's Climate Lobby, and Clean Wisconsin to host the forum, and will continue the collaboration through the 2nd forum (May 20).

The 2nd forum will include a demonstration of a mapping tool used to visualize the impacts of 100-yr and 500-yr floods on the City of Ashland, and presentations on what we can do as a city and as individuals to mitigate and minimize our impacts as we work to repair and improve our infrastructure.

The Committee's work on the Ashland sewage overflow problem is directly backed-up by the LWVWI position that states: "Work to eliminate all emergency discharges or spills of untreated sewage, or waste or polluting materials into the environment that threaten public health and the environment by potentially contaminating sources of clean water for humans, wildlife habitat and fisheries."

PROGRAM AND EVENTS REPORT, Committee Chair Sheila Mitchell

The Program and Events Committee has had a busy year. We started the year assisting with the booking and reception for the Membership Social in September, which included speaker James Perry from Wisconsin's Green Fire. We also assisted with refreshments for both the fall Civic Engagement Events. And we coordinated the invitations/dinner requests along with booking the venue and entertainment for the annual Holiday Dinner in December at the Hotel Chequamegon in Ashland.

We did some preparation for the Lively Issues Event (which unfortunately had to be canceled twice because of bad weather) and also assisted with the reception and with greeting people for the “End Child Poverty” Event. We helped with distributing and putting up posters for the Natural Resources Stormwater Event, and are scheduled to help with the receptions at both their upcoming events in April and May.

We will again be coordinating the invitations/dinner requests for the last big event of the season, the 2019 LWV/ABC Annual Meeting, which is to be held at the AmericInn Convention Center in May. The guest speaker will be Ellen Penwell from LWV/Wisconsin, who will be bringing us all “up to date” with what is going on with the League at the state level as well as mentioning the 100th Year Anniversary Celebrations for the upcoming year.

I wish to thank everyone who helped with baking or buying refreshments, invitations, suggestions, and for showing up to generally help at any of our events. Whether you answered a phone call or e-mail from me or from one of Anne’s e-mail blasts, your assistance was greatly appreciated!!

VOTER SERVICES REPORT, Committee Chair Mary Hassett-Gabrys

Committee Members: Sandy Brue, Anne Chartier, Shari Eggleston (Candidate Forum sub-committee), Kathie Finnie, Peggy Hauter, Joyce Keil, Colleen Lee, Madeleine Lee, Bev Lindell, Bruce Prentice, Ginger Quay, Suzie Ulmer, Wendy Walfred

Volunteers (non-committee): Dede Eckels, Joyce Neuman, Julia Waggoner

As part of the nation’s largest and longest standing grassroots voter services organization, the Ashland Bayfield Counties League of Women Voters, works to assist eligible voters in exercising their civil right to vote by providing information and resources on voter registration, so that voters can learn about the candidates and the issues.

With the Midterm elections in November of 2018, the voter services committee wanted to focus on the underserved populations in our area as well as new voters. We also felt it was important to have an ongoing presence in the community in the months leading up to the election with a get out the vote effort.

Events:

June:

Alliance for Sustainability Chequamegon Bay Info Table June 27

Brownstone Days Information Table June 28

July:

Big Top Chautauqua "Rufus Wainright Concert" Information Table July 27

August:

Ashland Referendum Forum August 10

55+ Health Exp Information Table August 22

September:

LVW/ABC Info Table "Let's Party" event for new students at Northland College September 7

Voter Registration at the Ashland Senior Center September 4, 11, 18, & 25

Voter Registration at The BRICK September 6, 13, & 20

Voter Registration at the Hayward Library every Tuesday in September

Voter Registration CORE "Friday Friends" Bayfield September 14

Hayward High School Voter Registration presentation Co-Sponsored with Lions Club and County Clerk September 25

Drummond High School Voter Registration 18YO students

Meeting with NorthLakes Community Clinics staff to provide information to staff on registering clients who visit their clinics September 12

October:

Vaughn Library and LWV/ABC Co-Sponsored Voter Registration with City of Ashland Elections Clerk Kim Westman October 2

Ashland High School Registration 18YO students assorted days in October

Voter Registration CORE "Friday Friends" October 2

Voter Registration at Northland College College October 11 & 12

Voter Registration at Ashland WITC October 15 & 16

Hayward Marketplace Voter Registration 14 days Sept-Oct

Voter Registration at Bayfield Library October 25 & 26

November: Free rides to the polls were available thru BART and league volunteers.

FORUMS:

Candidates were contacted for the 2018 Mid-Terms, not all of the candidates running for offices were able to find time to shedule a forum in the area. In the Wisconsin elections both candidates needed to agree to participate, so no forums for State Senate or State Assembly were scheduled.

Shari Eggleston took on setting up the 2019 spring local candidate forums, contacting candidates, follow up calls, checking on space availability, etc.

No candidate forums were scheduled for the 2019 Spring Election. All candidates in each race needed to agree to participate in a forum. There was a lack of interest by the candidates.

ABC/LWV facilitated a Referendum Forum at WITC in Ashland August 10, 2018.

ABC/LWV facilitated a Mayoral forum in PARK FALLS on February 1, 2019.

Additional Acknowledgements to the outstanding members of ABC/LWV from Sawyer County for their efforts in getting out the vote in Sawyer County. From September 11-November 1 they put in 82 hours at Hayward Weiss Community Library and spent 14 days with three volunteers per shift at the Hayward Marketplace/Caribou Coffee. In addition they did high school presentations in Hayward and Drummond and assisted 14 students in Hayward and four students in Drummond register to vote. Over 150 citizens were assisted at the public locations.

Data base problems:

The four statewide databases do not communicate with each other (Wisconsin Election Commission, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), County(s) and US Post Office) resulting in elector with address changes need to change their address with DMV prior to registering.

Some county websites needed updating.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - MAY 8, 2018

Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Ashland and Bayfield Counties

May 8, 2018— Hotel Chequamegon, Ashland, Wisconsin

Call to Order

Co-President, Liz Seefeldt, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Co-President, Dianne Judd, welcomed special guest, Marilyn Chesnick, President of the LWV of St. Croix Valley. Together, the co-Presidents reviewed the evening's program, introduced the current board members, identified their roles and thanked them for their contributions to the League during the past year. Judd then announced upcoming events of significance to the membership.

Seefeldt advised members that Jan Penn, who has been instrumental in putting forward last year's consensus statement regarding our Economic Inequality Study, will take the consensus statement to the WI LWV 2018 Annual Meeting in June for concurrence among those in attendance. League members were encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting and support our statement with their votes.

Approval of the Agenda

Julia Waggoner moved and Linda Barnes seconded a motion to adopt the agenda as proposed. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

Julia Waggoner moved and Kathy Allen seconded a motion to accept the 2017 Annual Meeting minutes previously distributed to the membership. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Treasurer Barb Bell reviewed revenues and expenditures of the past year and thanked Betty Schell for completing an audit of the report. Joyce Kiel moved and Madeleine Lee seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Adoption of Proposed 2018-2019 Budget

Treasurer Bell reviewed the anticipated revenues and expenditures budgeted for the 2018-2019 year. She and Co-President Seefeldt explained the change in the line items for student scholarships, should the new Board decide to move forward with that program. Julia Waggoner moved and Kathy Allen seconded a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Proposed Program for 2018-2019, "*Civic Engagement Makes Democracy Work*"

Noting that the Board has proposed that 2018-2019 be an action year, Linda Jorgenson reviewed the proposed program, identifying and summarizing the four program areas as follows: Civic Engagement, Economic Inequality Issues, Voter Services and Issues Advocacy. Mary Jo Tuckwell moved and Gail Syverud seconded a motion to adopt the proposed program as presented. Motion carried.

Nominations from the floor for Officers and Directors, 2018-2019

Nominations Committee Chair, Madelaine Rekemeyer, and Board Liaison, Mary Jo Tuckwell, called for nominations from the floor. Linda Barnes was nominated as President. She declined the nomination. At this time Anne Chartier, a nominee for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors, agreed on the floor to accept the unfilled position of President. No nominations were offered to challenge Chartier as President or candidates Barb Bell, Treasurer; Ginger Quay, Secretary; or Sheila Mitchell, President Elect. Co-President Seefeldt offered the caveat that the designation of President Elect is used in order to conform to the by-laws. Mitchell had agreed to the title,

but would function as Vice President, with the understanding that she would not automatically move into the President's position the following year.

Election 2018-2019 Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee

Tuckwell called for individual approval of Officers. Each was unanimously approved.

Given no nominations from the floor for Directors or Nominating Committee, Tuckwell requested a motion to elect the slate of Directors and Nominating Committee as presented to the membership.

Kathy Allen moved that the slate as proposed be accepted by proclamation. Julia Waggoner seconded. Motion carried.

Officers

President, Anne Chartier
President Elect, Sheila Mitchell
Treasurer, Barb Bell
Secretary, Ginger Quay

Nominating Committee

Gail Syverud, Chair
Betty Schell
Dianne Judd, Board Liaison

Directors

Joan Elias
Mary Hassett Gabrys
Linda Jorgenson
Dianne Judd
Jan Penn
Bruce Prentice
Liz Seefeldt
Mary Jo Tuckwell

Other business and adjournment

As there was no further business, Julia Waggoner moved and Kathy Allen seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Speaker

Sheila Mitchell introduced the evening's speaker, Betsey Harries, Executive Director of the Ashland Area Development Corporation (AADC), the primary economic development agent in Ashland County, Wisconsin.

Submitted by Ginger Quay, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT FY 2017 - 2018

Reported Financial Statement FY 2017-2018

| BUDGET CODE | REVENUE SOURCE | 2017-2018 BUDGET AS APPROVED W/GRANTS ADDED | 2017-2018 FINANCIAL STATUS 6/30/2018 |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 1110 | Dues | \$3,350.00 | \$3,710.00 |
| 1210 | Donations | | \$385.25 |
| 1310 | Finance Drive | \$1815.00 | \$1,585.00 |
| 1320 | Fundraising | \$0.00 | \$244.00 |
| 1330 | Grants - PACE | \$1589.00 | \$0.00 |
| 1331 | Grant – DSACF | \$0.00 | \$1708.57 |
| 1332 | Grant – Pass Thru | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| 1410 | Annual Meeting | \$1000.00 | \$1,375.00 |
| 1420 | Holiday Dinner | \$1250.00 | \$1,475.00 |
| | Total Revenue | \$9,204.00 | \$8,774.25 |
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| | EXPENSE CATEGORIES | | |
| 2110 | Membership | \$250.00 | \$80.00 |
| 2120 | National Dues | \$1,408.00 | \$1,568.00 |
| 2130 | State Dues | \$1,320.00 | \$1,470.00 |
| 2210 | Dues Scholarships | \$150.00 | \$20.00 |
| 2310 | Conventions/Workshops | \$600.00 | \$117.15 |
| 2320 | Finance Drive/Fundraising | \$190.00 | \$443.19 |
| 2330 | Grant Related Expenses (PACE) | \$1589.00 | \$928.47 |
| 2331 | Grant Related Expenses (DSASF) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2332 | Grant Expense (Pass-thru) | \$00.00 | 198.64 |
| 2340 | Communications | \$800.00 | \$907.00 |
| 2350 | President's Expense Fund | \$80.00 | \$67.50 |
| 2360 | Programs | \$200.00 | \$148.00 |
| 2367 | Voter's Services | \$260.00 | \$199.00 |
| 2410 | Annual Meeting | \$1057.00 | \$1,389.42 |
| 2420 | Holiday Dinner | \$1,300.00 | \$1,463.20 |
| | Total Expenses | \$9,204.00 | \$8,671.42 |

BMO Checking and Savings Account Balances

| CHECKING | 7/1/2017 | 6/30/2018 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | \$9,663.99 | \$9,122.22 |
| SAVINGS | | |
| Undesignated Funds | \$1,467.53 | \$1,470.03 |
| Bussey Memorials | \$1,530.00 | \$1,530.00 |
| Jorgenson Bequest | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| Total | \$5,998.53 | \$6,001.53 |

Year-To-Date Financial Statement as of April 30, 2019

Operating Budget Maintained in BMO Checking Account

| BUDGET CODE | REVENUE SOURCE | 2018-2019 BUDGET AS APPROVED | FINANCIAL STATUS 4/30/2019 |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1110 | Dues | \$3,900.00 | \$2,755.00 |
| 1210 | Donations | \$200.00 | \$450.00 |
| 1211 | Griffiths (Inequality) | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| 1310 | Finance Drive/Fundraising | \$1,720.00 | \$1,955.00 |
| 1330 | Grant #1 (PACE) | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| 1331 | Grant # 2 Joyce Foundation | \$0.00 | \$250.00 |
| 1340 | Communications | \$0.00 | \$10.00 |
| 1410 | Annual Meeting | \$1,000.00 | \$550.00 |
| 1420 | Holiday Dinner | \$1,500.00 | \$1,185.06 |
| | Total Revenue | \$10,320.00 | \$5,910.00 |
| | EXPENSE CATEGORIES | | |
| 2110 | Membership | \$200.00 | \$75.46 |
| 2120 | National Dues | \$1,640.00 | \$1,872.00 |
| 2130 | State Dues | \$1,540.00 | \$1,755.00 |
| 2240 | Member Scholarships | \$130.00 | \$130.00 |
| 2310 | Conventions/Workshops | \$600.00 | \$326.11 |
| 2320 | Finance Drive/Fundraising | \$120.00 | \$204.00 |
| 2330 | Grant Related Expenses #1 | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2331 | Inequality Committee | \$0.00 | \$286.00 |
| 2340 | Communications | \$800.00 | \$594.05 |
| 2350 | President's Expense Fund | \$100.00 | \$67.50 |
| 2360 | Programs | \$380.00 | \$124.50 |
| 2367 | Voter's Services | 310.00 | \$69.50 |
| 2410 | Annual Meeting | \$1,057.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2420 | Holiday Dinner | \$1,500.00 | \$1,185.06 |
| | Total Expenses | \$10,320.00 | \$6,692.19 |

Fund/Reserve Balance Maintained in BMO Savings Account (values as of 3/31/2018)

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Undesignated Funds | \$1,473.78 |
| Bussey Memorials | \$1,530.00 |
| Jorgenson Bequest | \$3,000.00 |
| Total | \$6,003.78 |

TREASURER'S PROPOSED BUDGET 2019 - 2020

Operating Budget Maintained in BMO Checking Account

| | REVENUE | Approved Budget 2018-19 Budget | Proposed 2019-20 Budget |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1110 | Dues | \$ 3,900.00 | \$ 3,920.00 |
| 1210 | Donations | \$ 200.00 | \$ 450.00 |
| 1211 | Griffiths/Inequality | \$ - | \$ 310.50 |
| 1310 | Finance Drive | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 2,130.00 |
| 1320 | Fundraising | \$ 120.00 | \$ - |
| 1330 | Grants | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - |
| 1331 | Joyce Foundation | \$ - | \$ 250.00 |
| 1410 | Annual Meeting | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 1420 | Holiday Dinner | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,300.00 |
| 1500 | Transfer In From Savings | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Total Revenue | \$ 10,320.00 | \$ 9,360.50 |
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| | EXPENDITURES | | |
| 2110 | Membership Committee | \$ 200.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| 2120 | National Dues | \$ 1,640.00 | \$ 1,792.00 |
| 2130 | State Dues | \$ 1,540.00 | \$ 1,680.00 |
| 2140 | Member Scholarships (2) | \$ 130.00 | \$ 130.00 |
| 2210 | Inter-League Org. Mbrship | \$ - | \$ 50.00 |
| 2310 | Conventions/Workshops | \$ 600.00 | \$ 450.00 |
| 2320 | Finance Drive | \$ 120.00 | \$ 240.00 |
| 2330 | Grant Related Expenses | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - |
| 2331 | Inequality | \$ - | \$ 310.50 |
| 2340 | Communications | \$ 800.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 2350 | President's Expense Fund | \$ 100.00 | \$ 130.00 |
| 2360 | Programs - General | \$ 380.00 | \$ 478.00 |
| 2362 | Civic Engagement | \$ - | \$ 100.00 |
| 2365 | Natural Resources | \$ - | \$ 100.00 |
| 2367 | Voter Services | \$ 310.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| 2410 | Archives | \$ - | \$ 50.00 |
| 2420 | Annual Meeting | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 2500 | Holiday Dinner | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 10,320.00 | \$ 9,360.50 |

Fund/Reserve Balance Maintained in BMO Savings Account (values as of 2/28/2017)

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|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Undesignated | \$ 1,472.81 | \$ 1,472.81 |
| Bussey Memorials | \$ 1,530.00 | \$ 1,530.00 |
| Jorgenson Bequest | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 6,003.04 | \$ 6,002.81 |

LWV/ABC PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR 2019 - 2020

The Board of Directors proposes that in 2019-20 the LWV/ABC continue its focus on ACTION.

Much excellent work has begun under the Natural Resources, Inequality Action, Civic Engagement and Voters Services Committees with further actions planned for next year. The Board supports continuing those exciting and full agendas. The LWV has positions at all levels which support these advocacy activities. The LWV/ABC Board also strongly endorses the League wide effort to increase diversity, equity and inclusion and proposes that all four Committees identify ways to implement this goal in their work.

In addition, the Board proposes to recognize the upcoming 100th year celebrations of three historic events: The 1919 passage of the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote (Wisconsin was the first state to ratify this!); the founding of the League of Women Voters on February 14, 1920; and the final ratification of the 19th Amendment into US law in August, 1920. The board is looking for anybody interested in working on how to commemorate and celebrate these events.

Here are some of the activities already being planned by the four existing committees:

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Continue to partner with community organizations, especially students and educators, in promoting an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and the importance of broad citizen participation in the development of public policy to ensure the maintenance of our constitutional democracy. This Committee might undertake actions around the 100th Anniversary events.

ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Continue our activities around furthering the statewide End Child Poverty Campaign by: 1) working with churches to integrate the Campaign into their social action activities; 2) working with local health care organizations and WI Citizen Action and Kids Forward to push for Medicaid Expansion.

VOTER SERVICES

Work to strengthen our democracy in WI by encouraging people to vote by providing voter registration and election information, and working to get out the vote. Also partner with local groups around the issues of non-partisan redistricting, reinstatement of Wisconsin's fair voting laws and maps, safeguarding our elections, and legal restraints on "big money" campaign

contributions and lobbying. The LWV/ABC would continue to collaborate with the LWV-WI and the LWV-US on these issues.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Continue focusing on water-related issues, both drinking water during the “Wisconsin year of clean drinking water”, as well as surface and ground water quality. Our particular emphasis is on the Chequamegon Bay Area, but we will also weigh in on state issues. Partner with local groups, especially youth organizations, around ways to adapt to climate change in our communities.

LWV/ABC PROPOSED SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2019 - 2020, Committee Chair Gail Syverud

LWV ABC Proposed Slate of Candidates for 2019-2020

Board of Directors

Term Starts May Term Ends May

Officers

Elected by the Membership

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|------|------|
| President | Ann Chartier | 2019 | 2020 |
| President Elect | Open | 2019 | 2020 |
| Secretary | Sue Niemi | 2019 | 2020 |
| Treasurer | Roger Aiken | 2019 | 2020 |

Directors

Elected by the Membership

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------|------|
| | Joan Elias | 2019 | 2020 |
| | Sheila Mitchell | 2019 | 2021 |
| | Gail Syverud | 2019 | 2021 |
| <i>Completing 2 year term</i> | Linda Jorgenson | 2018 | 2020 |
| <i>Completing 2 year term</i> | Jan Penn | 2018 | 2020 |
| <i>Appointed by President</i> | Nina Hirth | 2019 | 2020 |
| <i>Ratified by the Membership</i> | Pam Hayes | 2019 | 2020 |
| | Margie Braun | 2019 | 2020 |

Nomination Committee

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------|------|
| <i>Elected by the Membership</i> | Jo Bailey-Chair | 2019 | 2020 |
| <i>Elected by the Membership</i> | Madelaine Rekemeyer | 2019 | 2020 |
| <i>Appointed by Board in June</i> | | 2019 | 2020 |

The Nomination Committee includes Chairperson Gail Syverud, Betty Schell and Board Liason Dianne Judd. We are grateful for the nominees' willingness to serve and for their dedication to the LWV/ABC. Their leadership is instrumental in "Making Democracy Work."

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