



66th Annual Meeting

League of Women Voters of Roseville Area

(Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, Roseville)

May 7, 2019 — 7 p.m.

Wakefield Park Community Building, Maplewood, Minnesota



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LWV of Roseville Area: Organizational Structure

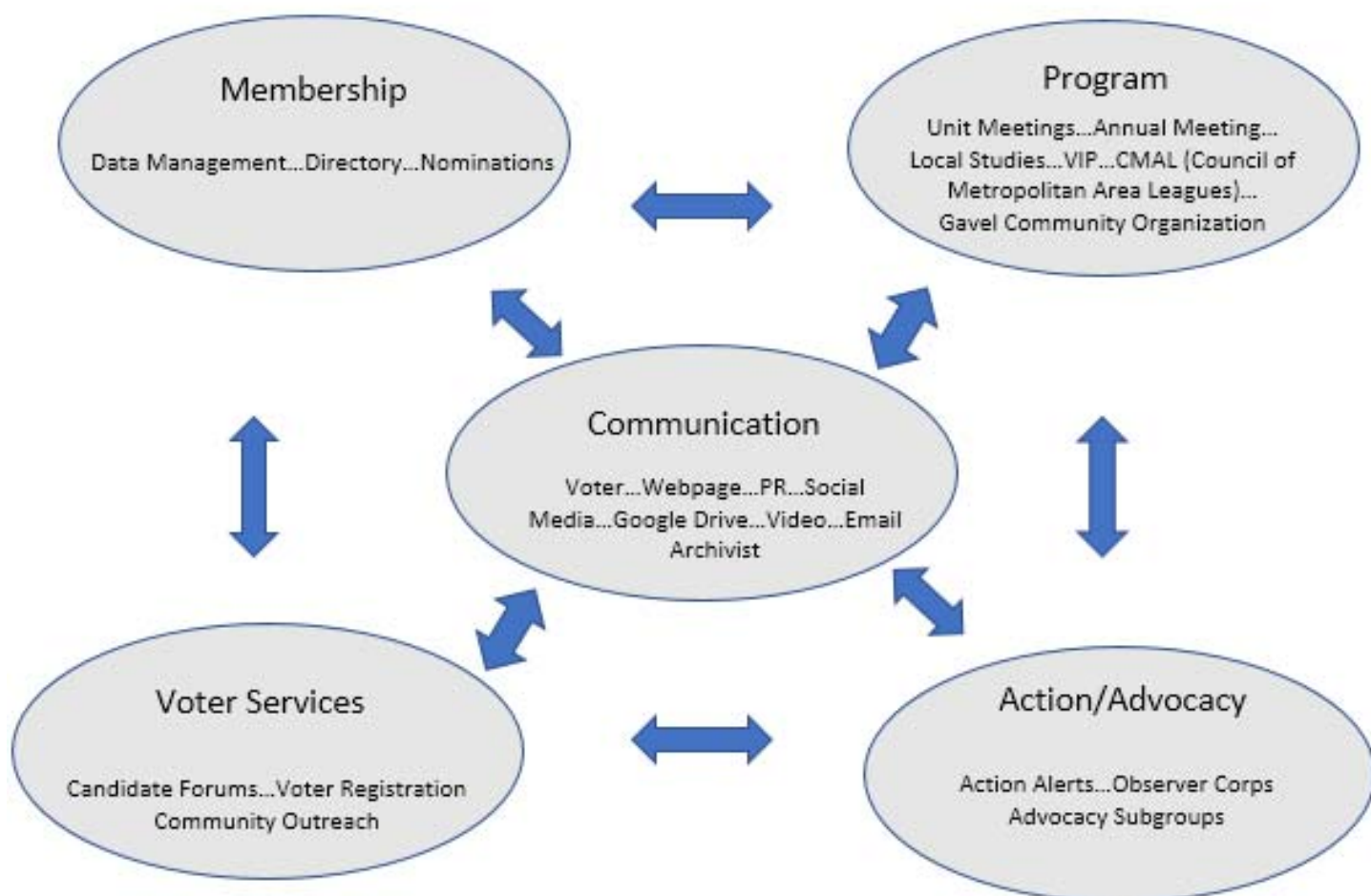


HOW LWV of Roseville Area WORKS

ADMINISTRATIVE



- Development Committee
- Budget
- Examiner



Presidents of LWV of Roseville Area, 1954 – 2019

2018 – Present	Sherry Hood
2016 – 2018	Rita Mills
2012 – 2016	June Stewart
2010 – 2012	Ann Cleland and Karen Schaffer
2009 – 2010	Anne Cleland and Barb Yates
2008 – 2009	Teri MacNabb and Ann Cleland
2006 – 2008	Teri MacNabb and Barb Yates
2005 – 2006	Teri MacNabb and Barb Lehn
2003 – 2005	Sandi Lutz and Barb Lehn
2001 – 2003	Ann Berry and Shirley Bradway
2000 – 2001	Laurie Boche and Judy Stuthman
1998 – 2000	Mary Ann Palmer and Judy Stuthman
1997 – 1998	Florence Sprague
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1995 – 1996	Le Matts
1994 – 1995	Jeanne Thompson
1993 – 1994	Jeanne Thompson and Faith O’Neill
1991 – 1993	Lila Recksiedler
1989 – 1991	Kathy Ciernia
1987 – 1989	Ginny Gibson and Norma Signorelli
1985 – 1987	Nancy Irsfeld
1983 – 1985	Mindy Greiling
1981 – 1983	Sally Simundson
1979 – 1981	Suzanne Jenkins and Gloria Froelich
1977 – 1979	Virginia Sykes
1975 – 1977	Joyce Blomquist
1972 – 1975	Georgeann Hall
1969 – 1972	Carolyn Cushing
1967 – 1969	Lorraine Fredrickson
1965 – 1967	Alice Scheel
1963 – 1965	Nancy Rozycki
1961 – 1963	Marge Johnson
1958 – 1961	Mrs. Robert Swan
1956 – 1958	Mrs. Paul Boyer
1954 – 1956	Mrs. L. Hocraffer

LWV of Roseville Area Positions

LWV of Roseville Area has adopted positions regarding several issues of local importance. These issues are below, but can also be found on our website at lwvrosevillearea.org/tags/advocacy/. LWVMN positions can be found on their website at lwvmn.org/our-positions. National LWV positions can be found on the national website at lwv.org/impact-issues. And a summary of both is located on the LWVMN website at drive.google.com/file/d/0B5iBaEqQQFUBQU5VS3RpeGxFSDQ/view.

GOVERNMENT

- Support opportunities for citizen participation in city government, including early public participation in the decision-making process, and open appointment for advisory committees. (1988)
- Support City Manager form of government for Maplewood and Roseville (Plan B).
- Recommend community police departments improve data collection of police activity to ensure accountability for avoiding racial profiling and track that officers dispatched to domestic violence and mental health crisis situations have appropriate training. (2016)
- Recommend that all cities periodically evaluate police cost-analysis and service delivery. (2016)
- Support the Memphis Model, or a substantial equivalent Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), for police officers dealing with mental health crises. (2016)
- Support the St. Paul Blueprint for Safety, or a substantial equivalent training, for police officers dealing with domestic violence. (2016)
- Support diversity training for all police officers. (2016)

SOCIAL POLICY

- Support emergency medical services in Roseville with user fees. (1978, 1981, 2003)
- Support volunteer fire fighters with appropriate wages and benefits; oppose fees for fire department services. (2003)
- Support transportation options that serve the needs of the area. (1983)
- Support safe non-motorized pathways with costs assessed area-wide. (1983)
- Support equal opportunity for all students in public schools with use of unbiased educational materials free of gender stereotypes. (1984-88, 2000)
- Support electing School Board members at-large for Districts 621, 622, 623. (1985, updated 1988)

NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT

- Support organized refuse collection contracted with haulers by the city. (1985, 2010)
- Support action to remove yard waste, newspaper, glass, metal and other recyclables from the waste stream going to land-fills; and government support of yard waste composting by encouraging individual composting and providing and maintaining sites for community composting. (1982)

LOCAL STUDY ITEM

- No local study during 2018-2019 in lieu of CMAL study.

Updated CMAL Position on the Metropolitan Council

The Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters (CMAL) announced its updated position on governance of the Metropolitan Council in March 2019.

Based upon the report of its study committee, members of all local leagues across the metropolitan area overwhelmingly voted to support the following:

- Appointment of Met Council members and its Chair by the Governor.
- Fixed staggered terms for Met Council members with removal only for cause.
- Met Council members should have a regional perspective, knowledge of regional issues, reflect demographic diversity and be able to meet the time requirements to serve effectively.

Members of all 19 chapters of the LWV in the seven-county metropolitan area participated in the voting process in January and February 2019.

In 2018, League members interviewed over 50 municipal and county-elected officials and staff across the metropolitan area, asking a series of questions regarding their satisfaction with the Met Council. The respondents expressed high levels of satisfaction with the sewer system, transit and transportation, planning resources, and technical expertise. The areas cited most often for Met Council improvement are its communication, interaction with cities, and need to streamline the comprehensive planning process.

The CMAL committee launched its study after last spring's legislative bill to replace the appointment of citizens by the governor with the appointment of locally-elected city and county officials to the Met Council. CMAL in its 50+ year history had not addressed the issue of whether locally-elected officials could or should be appointed to serve on the Met Council. There was little support among participants for the appointment of locally-elected city and county officials to the Met Council.

The following is the updated CMAL position on the Metropolitan Council.

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CMAL POSITION: Supports the Metropolitan Council as the decision-making body for metropolitan needs in accordance with these criteria: efficiency and economy, equitable financing, flexibility, citizen control and responsiveness to the electorate through appointment of its members, including the chair, by the governor. CMAL supports provision for coordinated metropolitan services focused through the Metropolitan Council. CMAL supports retention of a gubernatorial-appointed Metropolitan Council with use of its existing powers. (1969, 1976, 1993, 2001, 2019)

Details:

- The appointed Council is seen as less parochial, less subject to special interests, and better able to adopt and maintain positions for the good of the entire area. The most important qualifications for appointees are knowledge of regional issues, having a regional perspective, demographic diversity, and the ability to effectively meet the time requirements for service as Metropolitan Council member.
- The appointed council is responsible to the governor and the residents of the metropolitan area as a whole.
- CMAL supports an open appointment process including publicized vacancies, a nominating committee that recommends to the governor a slate of potential appointees, with citizen, local government and legislative influence on appointments.
- CMAL supports fixed staggered terms for Metropolitan Council members, removal only for cause, and districts of equal population.
- CMAL does not support the appointment of local elected officials to, or direct election of, members to the Metropolitan Council.

Annual Meeting Agenda

League of Women Voters of Roseville Area

May 7, 2019 — 7 p.m.

Wakefield Park Community Building — Maplewood, MN

Call to Order / Adoption of Order of Business

Additions/Changes to Agenda

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Declaration of Quorum

Introduction of the Board

Reports

- President's Report
- Vice President's/Ad Hoc Committee Report
- Secretary's Report: 65th Annual Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report: Summary of Accounts
- Committee Reports:
 - Voter Services
 - Program
 - Membership
 - Communications
 - Action/Advocacy

Action Items:

- Presentation and approval of the 2019 – 2020 budget
- Re-Approval of LWV of Roseville Area positions
- Consideration of local study

The Board does not recommend a local study for the coming year due to the focus on the 2020 Census. These local study suggestions were submitted:

- Study how our cities are implementing the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Study how our cities appoint people to commissions, with an eye on equity
- Presentation and approval of Nominating Committee Report

Paid Membership Drawing

Rose Awards

Directions to the Board

Announcements

Adjournment

President's Report



Sherry Hood

The 2018-2019 year has been one of accomplishment, renewal, and initiation for the LWV of Roseville Area chapter! I am so impressed with all who have dedicated their time, considerable skills, interests, and suggestions to have this League maintain its great vitality!

To list just a few of our accomplishments:

1. CMAL: Our representative is Karen Schaffer. We are so proud of her excellent leadership in the review and update of the LWV Metropolitan Council position (see [page 6](#)).
2. Voter Services: We had six local candidate forums and assisted in collecting voter registrations in schools, senior facilities, metro transit locations, and other venues.
3. Collaboration: We worked with several Metro voter organizations, Do Good Roseville, the Shoreview Library, and the Roseville Library.
4. Education: We had extraordinary monthly programs, and co-sponsored with Do Good Roseville on the Civic Literacy 101 2-part series and the Becoming American 6-part series co-sponsored with the Shoreview Library and other organizations.
5. Membership: We participated in Do Good Roseville's annual Volunteer Fair and hosted a social event for new members!
6. Environment: We created a new, very vibrant subcommittee as part of the Action/Advocacy committee! One result from the subcommittee is a new community organization focusing on climate change called Resilient Roseville; it was organized with the cooperation of our members from Maplewood!
7. Social Events: We again sponsored the ever popular Brews and Book Reviews, organized by Rachel Geiser in mid-summer. In October, we welcomed new members at Wayne Groff's fabulous home for a get-acquainted hour with the Board and the chairs of the various committees. On the first of December, members gathered at Gulden's restaurant for a holiday luncheon.
8. Parades: We renewed marching in local parades to advertise ourselves and our purpose after an absence of several years.

I suspect I have left out other accomplishments, achievements, and renewals from the LWV of Roseville Area. I thank you all! I am proud of our Board, our League, and our contributions to our local community, state, and country. This is something greater than just ourselves. God bless us all!

Vice President's/Ad Hoc Census Committee Report

Our census work began late last fall, following our November program presentation by Jolie Wood, Ramsey County Policy and Planner. The 2020 Census is a priority for LWVMN, and both goals and methods fit with the well-established work of our own chapter's Voter Services Committee. To address the unique needs of the 2020 Census, the LWV of Roseville Area Board approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Census Committee, to be active through the end of census promotional activities in late spring 2020.

In the past several months we have:

- Become familiar with the census-related activities and resources of our cities, counties, and other civic organizations.
- Gathered information on the economic and political importance of a full count in our communities.
- Been represented on the Ramsey County/St Paul Joint Complete Count Committee (and subcommittees).
- Worked to understand the roadblocks to a complete count, based on:
 - Low count tracts and communities from the 2010 Census.
 - Possible 2020 low counts due to demographic and political changes, and planned methods of enumeration.
- Begun to catalog where our experience and membership can have a positive impact on obtaining a full count, including through:
 - Current associations with local schools/colleges/early childhood programs.
 - LWV of Roseville Area member residents or other associations with local senior and rental housing.
 - Coordination with the state demographer's office through LWVMN.
- Begun to brainstorm ideas for additional associations and strategies for encouraging a complete count.

Ad Hoc Census Committee Chair: Barb Barany

Committee members: Mary Bachhuber, Sharon Chase, Barbara Christl, Rachel Geiser, Megan Dahlberg, Elizabeth Hansel (LWVMN Civic Engagement Fellow), Sherry Hood, Mary Peterson, Lisa Scribner, Teresa Wernecke, Kathleen Whatley



Secretary's Report: 65th Annual Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 65th Annual Meeting of the LWV of Roseville Area
Tuesday May 1, 2018 Little Canada City Hall

Call to Order: The 65th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Roseville Area was called to order by President Rita Mills at 7:00 p.m.

Declaration of a Quorum: According to the bylaws, the presence of ten percent of our members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. President Rita Mills declared a quorum was present.

Adoption of Order of Business: The Order of Business (Agenda) as printed on page 13 of the 65th Annual Meeting booklet was adopted by consent as printed, subject to emergency changes.

Appointments: After no objection, the Chair appointed as parliamentarian, Julianne Johnston.

President's Report:

Introductions: President Rita Mills introduced the current Board members and lifetime members and thanked the host committee, Ann Cleland and Joyce Blomquist.

June Stewart honored Mary Ann Palmer for 50 years of League service and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition.

June Stewart honored Lila Recksiedler for 50 years of League service and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition.

Secretary Report: The Secretary's Report is printed on pages 14 and 15 of the Annual Meeting booklet. It is customary that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting be approved by the Board at the first scheduled Board meeting following this Annual Meeting. Last year's minutes were so approved at the June 28, 2017 Board meeting.

The Chair accepted a motion by June Stewart that the Minutes of the 65th Annual Meeting of the LWV of Roseville Area, May 1, 2018, be approved by the Board at the June 20, 2018 Board meeting. This motion was seconded by Lila Recksiedler. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's Report for 2017-2018 is on page 16 of the Annual Meeting booklet. President Rita Mills asked for any questions for Treasurer Joyce Briggs regarding the report. There were no questions. The Treasurer's report will be filed for examination. (See Action item 1).

Joyce Briggs announced that a new form has been implemented for any expenses members incur. This expense form will be required for reimbursement and can be found on our website under Member Resources.

Committee Reports: Committee chairs were introduced and each committee chair gave a short summary of past year activities and challenges. Karen Lake, represented Voter Services; Bonnie Koch represented Programs; Beth Reinhart represented Membership; Barb Anderson represented Communications; and Mindy Greiling and Gladys Jones represented Action/Advocacy.

Action Items:

1. Presentation and Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget:

Barb Anderson, Finance chair, reported that the LWV of Roseville Area 2018-2019 Proposed Budget, on page 17 of the 65th Annual Meeting booklet, was prepared by the Budget and Finance Committee. Nancy Irsfeld motioned to approve the LWV of Roseville Area 2018-2019 Proposed Budget. Georgeann Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Adoption of the LWV of Roseville Area Positions, formerly referred to as *Program for Action*, a continuation.

Georgeann Hall motioned to approve the continuation of the LWV of Roseville Area Positions, and Mary Ann Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report: 65th Annual Meeting Minutes (continued)

3. Local study

Bonnie Koch asked members for recommendations for a local study. There were no recommendations. Our League will not engage in a local study for 2018-2019.

4. Presentation and Approval of Nominating Committee Report:

The slate of proposed nominees for the 2018-2019 League year, as listed on page 19 of the 65th Annual Meeting booklet, was read aloud by June Stewart and each nominee was asked to stand before the membership. President Rita Mills asked the membership three times per parliamentary rules, however, there were no further nominations and nominations were closed. Nancy Irsfeld motioned approval of the election of all officers and directors nominated. Mary Jo McGuire seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New terms of office begin June 1, 2018. The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.

Membership Drawings: A drawing was held for current paid membership. Teresa Wernecke, Karen Schaffer, and Nancy Irsfeld each received a gift.

Rose Awards: Individual members are acknowledged for their contributions that go well beyond what the public and membership perceive. Traditionally, these have been referred to as the "Rose Awards." The recipients were honored with a paper rose, and in keeping with the goal of getting the League brand "out there," a LWV magnetic patch.

The recipients are:

- Jim DeBenedet for his video and YouTube work.
- Nancy Bruggeman for consistent Observer Corps work.
- Rachel Geiser for taking on *Voter* and Annual Meeting publications.
- Karen Lake for expanding Voter Services.
- Joyce Briggs for stepping in as Treasurer, before being elected.
- Mary Peterson for stepping in the Secretary role, before being elected.

Directions to the Board: President Rita Mills requested membership to advise the Board of their ideas and/or concerns as well as any other suggestions for the 2018-2019 League year.

Increase the amount of money put into the budget for Voter Services for use in schools this summer and fall (Jim DeBenedet).

Announcements:

- Bonnie Koch: Wednesday, June 13, 11:00 a.m., field trip to Prior Crossing, apartments for homeless youth. Sign up.
- June Stewart: The Youth Award from LWV of Roseville Area will be presented to Emma Cox and Elizabeth Hansel at the Annual Volunteer Leadership Recognition Dinner of the North Suburban Gavel Association on Wednesday, May 16.
- June Stewart submitted an application for our League to march in the 2018 Rosefest Parade on Monday, June 25. Contact June if interested in marching.
- Reminder to pay your dues.
- Reminder to fill out the LWV of Roseville Area Program Idea Survey that is at each table.
- President Rita Mills publicly thanked Rachel for publishing the Annual Meeting Booklet.

2017-2018 President Rita Mills declared the 2018 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters Roseville Area adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Mary Peterson

Treasurer's Report: Summary of Accounts

This is the Summary of Accounts for the LWV of Roseville Area League.

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2018 - MARCH 31, 2019		
UNRESERVED CASH BALANCE - Sunday, April 1, 2018		\$ 15,156.06
INCOME	\$ 12,102.00	
EXPENSES	\$ (15,815.52)	
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ 226.00	
TOTAL UNRESERVED	\$ (3,713.52)	\$ 11,442.54
RESERVED CASH BALANCE APRIL 1, 2018		\$ 1,438.00
RESERVED FOR ARCHIVIST GRANT	\$ 1,438.00	
INCOME	\$ -	
EXPENSES	\$ -	
RESERVED BALANCE	\$ 1,438.00	
TOTAL CASH BALANCE 3/31/19		\$ 12,906.55

Treasurer: Joyce Briggs

Voter Services Committee Report

2018-19 Voter Services Committee

- **Team Leader:** Karen Lake
- **Candidate Forums Leader:** Cecilia Warner
- **New Citizenship Ceremonies Voter Registration Leader:** Judy Stuthman
- **Committee Members:** Sherry Hood, June Stewart, Rita Mills, Alana Howey, Donna Peterson, Beth Salzl, Teresa Wernecke, Elizabeth Hansel, Barb Barany, Florence Sprague, Grace Gee, Carol Marchel, Cathy Croghan, Suzanne Sancilo, Abby Marier, Sue Gilbertson, Kathy Miller, Julie Chattopadhyay, Brenda Himrich, DJK Alexander
- **Candidate Forum Moderators:** Florence Sprague, Linda McLoon, Kitty Gogins

A \$1,000 Martin Brown Grant was awarded to LWV of Roseville Area in June 2018 which provided the opportunity to expand efforts in community outreach, purchase voter registration supplies, and support the sponsoring of candidate forums.

The following is a summary of major Voter Services Committee activities:

- Fifteen voter registrations at various sites including high schools, National Night Out, senior living facilities, LWV of Roseville Area programs, Rice Street Gardens, candidate forums, the Minnesota State Fair, Metro bus riders, and a brewery, plus the ongoing new citizenship ceremonies. We collected approximately 330 voter registration forms in addition to forms from over 90% of new citizens.
- From June 1, 2018, to March 31, 2019, at 65 ceremonies, LWVMN collected voter registrations for 6,546 new citizens. Thirty-one additional ceremonies are scheduled through June of 2019. In the late 1990s, LWV of Roseville Area was the first to be present to distribute voter registration forms and assist with registrations, but since then, other LWVMN members now participate.
- Six candidate forums were conducted. In addition to the candidates and moderators, there were 250 attendees at the forums, plus cable TV audiences.
- League members participated in two community parades in Roseville and Little Canada.
- Promotional support appeared in the LWV of Roseville Area Voter newsletter, Facebook, LWV of Roseville Area website, Instagram, Twitter, press releases, e-mails, high schools communication channels, and local cable TV.
- Volunteer hours totaled approximately 2,870.
- A \$500 grant was awarded to Roseville Area High School student/LWV of Roseville Area activist, Elizabeth Hansel, in early 2019, for her work with high school students.
- Participation in a Secretary of State-organized coalition with other Metro area groups to encourage voter outreach/civic engagement was established and will continue.
- Education of registered voters has been identified as a need to address in the future as well as support of the 2020 Census effort.

Program Committee Report

Monthly Events

July	“Brews & Book Reviews”: Second annual gathering at Brent Brewstillery to share and make summer reading recommendations.
August	“Second Chance: Assisting those who have been incarcerated find jobs, housing and education,” Sarah Walker, Second Chance Coalition.
September	“Fixing the Hole in our Democracy - DC Statehood,” Josh Burch, LWV of Washington D.C. Co-sponsored with LWV of New Brighton.
October	“Finding Common Ground on Gun Safety,” Rev. Nancy Bence, Executive Director, Protect Minnesota. “The Agitators”: Park Center Theater play featuring the stories of Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass.
November	“Everyone Counts - Ramsey County Takes on the 2020 Census,” Jolie Wood, Ramsey County Planning and Policy Department.
December	Annual holiday luncheon at Gulden’s, Maplewood.
January	“Conversations with Constituents”: Opportunity to interact with school board representatives, mayors, and county commissioners.
February	“Spotlight on the Metropolitan Council - Ripe for Change or Pretty darn good as is?”: CMAL study update/discussion and consensus questions presented and led by Karen Schaffer, LWV of Roseville Area CMAL Representative and CMAL President.
March	“Behind Closed Doors - Parting the Curtain on Elder Abuse,” JacLynn Herron, author and advocate, and Jean Peters, Vice President Elder Voice Family Associates.
April	“Changes in our Weather...What’s the Big Deal?,” Dr. Kenneth Blumenfeld, Senior Climatologist, MN State Climatology Office.
May	Dinner and annual meeting at Wakefield Park Community Building, Maplewood.
June	Sustainability field trip to tour Markim Hall, Macalester College, a LEED Platinum Certified Building for energy efficiency and environmental design.

Additional Events

- “Becoming American Refugee Journey 2018”: An introductory meeting plus six sessions on immigrant experiences. Co-sponsored with the Shoreview Library and Do Good Roseville.
- “Civic Literacy 101”: A series of two sessions covering the basic structure of local, county, and state government and how citizens can participate in decision making. Presentations by Dan Roe, Mayor of Roseville; Pat Trudgeon, Roseville City Manager; Ryan O’Connor, Ramsey County Manager; Nick Harper, Civic Engagement Director LWVMN; and Mindy Greiling, LWV of Roseville Area member and former State Representative. Co-sponsored with Do Good Roseville.

Chair: Bonnie Koch

Contributing members: Barb Anderson, Barb Barany, Joyce Blomquist, Ann Cleland, Rachel Geiser, Anne Haugan, Sherry Hood, Gladys Jones, Karen Lake, Barb Leary, Rita Mills, Wayne Groff, Donna Peterson, Karen Schaffer

Membership Committee Report

Highlights and Activities

We ended the year with 128 members, of whom 23 were new in 2018, with 10 lifetime members.

- The Membership Committee spent several meetings and considerable time:
 - Updating, coordinating, and refining the official member database. A special thanks to Ann Thonet.
 - Creating and updating a database for the directory that can be modified on an ongoing basis. The effort involved verifications of most data and the addition of many photos. A great deal of gratitude is due to Rita Mills.
- A well-attended new member social was held at the home of Wayne Groff in November.
- Membership can be initiated through both the traditional hard-copy process or through Pay Pal. The distribution of information initiated last year works smoothly thanks to the efficiency of the Treasurer, Joyce Briggs.
- LWV of Roseville Area was represented for the first time in 2018 at the Roseville Volunteer Fair.
- A new member packet was revised and sent promptly to each new member.
- A new handout outlining the basic structure of our League was created by Bonnie Koch. This piece is especially helpful to new members.
- Renewal of membership was encouraged through an e-mail and the Voter. Members are urged to renew ASAP to help save postage costs and time needed for follow-up, which will be undertaken for those who have not responded by June.
- Involvement and retention of both new and old members is and will continue to be a challenge and a priority over the coming year.
- An orientation of new members is planned for this Spring.
- An article spotlighting a new member or members will begin in May.

Chair: Beth Reinhart

Communications Team Report

The Communications Team focused more on social media communications. We created events on Facebook earlier prior to events. Thanks to Carrie Dickson, we are sharing posts from LWVMN and other organizations to keep our members informed. Elizabeth Hansel, a student at Roseville Area High School, spearheaded a campaign to involve high school seniors in registering to vote, encouraging them to vote, and using Instagram as well as other means of communication. We are also posting events on the NextDoor site.

We continued to send out weekly email blasts, often including events sponsored by other organizations that we think are of interest to our members. These messages also contain reminders about League events.

We send press releases to local media outlets with information about all sponsored events, which are usually published timely.

The League website, lwvrosevillearea.org, continues to be the place to find articles about sponsored events, voting resources, issues of the Voter, advocacy issues, and League history. There you will also find links to our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube accounts. Our YouTube channel has recordings of most of our monthly programs. Thanks to Jim DeBenedet and his backup Rob Reinhart for recording these programs and uploading them to YouTube.

The Voter is evolving to contain information about programs, both advertisements before and recaps after. It also contains timely information from LWVMN and LWVUS, and is the place to look for volunteer opportunities for some League committees.

We plan to continue to monitor and improve our communications with members. If you have suggestions for improvement, please contact us.

Chair: Barb Anderson

Committee Members:

- Barb Anderson — Website, email
- Carrie Dickson — Social media
- Jim DeBenedet — Video
- Rachel Geiser — Voter
- Elizabeth Hansel — Instagram geared to students
- Rob Reinhart — Video
- Mary Jo Rourke — Voter distribution
- Beth Salzl
- Dan Salzl
- Merrie Zakaras — PR

Action/Advocacy Committee Report

The Action/Advocacy Committee creates local alerts and forwards state and national LWV alerts to members, asking them to contact local elected officials regarding established League positions when decisions are pending on important issues that come before the legislature or local government. The Committee also trains and coordinates the Observer Corps, members who attend city council, commission, and school board meetings and report back to the Committee on local issues of interest to the League. These reports also trigger local action alerts when they are relevant to League positions.

This year, the Action/Advocacy Committee has consisted of nine members: Wayne Groff and Priscilla Morton (co-chairs), Beth Salzl, Georgeann Hall, Kerry Fine, Elizabeth Hansel, Warren Wolfe, Lisa Scribner, and Carol Marchel. Wayne, Priscilla, and Elizabeth led a training session in September, attracting about 20 trainees, reporting on the League priority positions, the process of observing either the meetings or CCTV recordings, and recording observations to be communicated to other League members if action is needed. Several members have made such reports over the course of the year, and have also occasionally spoken at some meetings to advocate for League positions.

The Action/Advocacy Committee also focused on the environment this year, creating an Environment sub-committee which began meeting in November. This sub-committee consists of six members: Barb Luck, Sherry Hood, Donna Peterson, Anne Haugan, Alana Howey, and Priscilla Morton. We have focused on studying ways to engage citizens, businesses, and government agencies on two major areas: mitigating greenhouse gases and limiting single-use plastics. Both of these efforts are in the development stages –investigating what is already being done by other groups and cities, and engaging with others to coordinate efforts. In Roseville, we worked with the Alliance for Sustainable Living to form a “Resilient Roseville” citizen group which unites various church, government, business, and advocacy committees in the area. This combined citizen group will be celebrating the installation of solar panels on the Roseville city campus as a step toward reducing greenhouse gases and will be focused on implementing stated resiliency goals on the Roseville 2040 comprehensive plan.

The Action/Advocacy Committee solicited participation for the League Day on the Hill in March this year, and two members visited the Capitol with at least two of our Congressional representatives advocating for the LWVMN’s legislative priorities.

Co-chairs: Wayne Groff and Priscilla Morton

Proposed Budget

	Budget 2018-19	YTD March 2018-19	Proposed Budget 2019-20
INCOME:			
Dues (120 pd members/\$70 dues)	8,400.00	4,817.00	8,400.00
Contributions (unrestricted)	2,500.00	4,335.00	2,500.00
Memorials		20.00	
Annual Meeting	1,100.00	1,080.00	1,100.00
Miscellaneous		200.00	200.00
Voter Services Grants/donations		1,650.00	
Special Events	850.00		850.00
Reserves	780.00		11.00
In Kind			
TOTAL INCOME	13,630.00	12,102.00	13,061.00
EXPENSES:			
Program Division			
Program	250.00		250.00
Special Events	850.00		850.00
CMAL Meeting			
Voter Services	150.00	2,010.27	675.00
Advocacy/Action	100.00		100.00
Communications			
Public Relations/Advertising	75.00	22.47	75.00
Publication Purchases	100.00		100.00
Voter Mailing	50.00	120.76	150.00
Archivist			
Printing	400.00	535.06	500.00
Website/Facebook	250.00	218.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	200.00		
Membership	50.00	134.91	150.00
Board Expense			
President/Vice President	25.00	71.72	100.00
Secretary	25.00		
Development Committee	175.00	130.46	150.00
Treasurer/fees			55.00
Board Expense	100.00		50.00
Sunshine Fund	50.00		50.00
Facility Honorarium	200.00	200.00	200.00
Delegate, Travel, Affiliation			
Delegates, Convention, Workshop	2,500.00	2,331.48	1,000.00
Miscellaneous			
Memorials		200.00	
Other Club Dues (Gavel Club)	15.00	20.00	20.00
Dues (Regional Water Interleague)	25.00		25.00
Annual Meeting	1,100.00	954.72	1,100.00
Miscellaneous		206.00	200.00
Youth Award	100.00		
In Kind			
Per Member Payments			
PMP National (\$30.00/123 members)	3,600.00	3,248.00	3,690.00
PMP State (\$27.00/123 members)	3,240.00	5,411.67	3,321.00
CMAL Dues (\$1.00/123 members)	-		
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,630.00	15,815.52	13,061.00

Nominations Committee Report

This listing of positions are submitted by the Nominations Committee (Shirley Bradway, June Stewart, Beth Salzl, and Mary Duddleston).

- **President:** Sherry Hood – 2020
- **Vice President:** Barb Barany – 2020
- **Secretary:** Mary Peterson - 2020
- **Treasurer:** Joyce Briggs – 2020
- **Action Team Leaders:** Wayne Groff (2021) and Priscilla Morton (2020)
- **Communications Team Leader:** Barb Anderson – 2020
- **Membership Team Leader:** Beth Reinhart - 2020
- **Program Team Leader:** Bonnie Koch - 2020
- **Voter Service Team Co-Leader:** Grace Gee (2020) and Karen Lake (2020)
- **At-large Board Members:** Stephanie DeBenedet, Jim DeBenedet, Rachel Geiser, Karen Schaffer

The following positions do not require membership approval, but we provide them for your information and for your opportunity to volunteer for these committees. Please contact the committee leader for more information.

- **Action/Advocacy** – Leaders: Wayne Groff and Priscilla Morton,
 - *Action/Advocacy Members:* Beth Salzl, Georgeann Hall, Kerry Fine, Elizabeth Hansel, Warren Wolfe, Lisa Scribner, and Carol Marchel
 - *Environment members:* Donna Peterson, Anne Haugan, Barbara Luck, Priscilla Morton, Alana Howey, Sherry Hood
- **Communications** – Leader: Barb Anderson
 - *Voter:* Rachel Geiser
 - *PR:* Merrie Zakaras
 - *Webpage:* Barb Anderson
 - *Video:* Jim DeBenedet, Rob Reinhart
 - *Social Media:* Carrie Dickson
 - *Archive:* Dan Salzl
 - *Next Door:* Barb Luck
 - *Voter Distribution:* Mary Jo Rourke
- **Finance, Budget and Examiner** – Leader: Barb Anderson
 - *Finance/Fundraising:* Barb Anderson, Joyce Briggs, Faith O'Neill
 - *Budget:* Barb Anderson, Mary Ann Palmer
 - *Examiner:* Mary Ann Palmer
- **Membership** – Leader: Beth Reinhart
 - *Committee members:* Stephanie DeBenedet, Rita Mills, Ann Thonet
 - *Directory:* Rita Mills
 - *Data:* Ann Thonet
 - *Nominations:* Florence Sprague, Mindy Greiling, Mary Duddleston, Lisa Schribner
- **Program** – Bonnie Koch, Shirley Bradway, June Stewart, Diana Menanteau
 - *Annual Meeting:* Ann Cleland, Joyce Blomquist
 - *Conversations with Constituents:* Gladys Jones, Barb Leary
 - *CMAL:* Karen Schaffer
 - *Gavel:* June Stewart
- **Voter Service** – Barb Barany, Cathy Crogan, Grace Gee, Elizabeth Hansel, Sherry Hood, Alana Howey, Karen Lake, Carol Marchel, Abby Marier, Rita Mills, Suzanne Sancilio, Florence, Sprague, June Stewart, Judy Stuthman, Teresa Warneke, Cecilia Warner

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