

68th Annual Meeting

League of Women Voters of Roseville Area

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

May 4, 2021 — 7 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom



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LWV of Roseville Area: Organizational Structure



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Remembrances: Mary Duddleston

By: Georgia Heisserer

Mary Duddleston was an ambitious friend and member of the League of Women Voters in Falcon Heights / Roseville Area for 55 years. As an avid political pundit, she passed just after Inauguration, January 20, 2021, with a smile on her face.

Like other members in the LWV, Mary was a real learner and doer. Some would call her a connector. You could count on Mary, whether she was serving on League Membership, Nominating Committee, or Conversation Events. Mary was the first female president of her St. Michael's Lutheran Church. She regularly took classes at the U, at the Seminary, and was particularly interested in International Affairs.



She played bridge and tennis and golf, worked at the University of Minnesota Book Store, and filled her days making our little corner of the world safer and smarter. As she was an avid cook, Mary and her husband, Bill, hosted many foreign students for dinner parties over the years. As Gopher basketball fans, she and her husband went to home and away games for decades. Mary participated in Befrienders, Loaves and Fishes, Habitat for Humanity, and finding speakers for public forums. After losing Bill, she carried on, difficulties be damned.

What a person learns from Mary Duddleston is to use your time wisely. Keep a calendar. Be intentional. Plan with your friends. See people (when it's safe again). You lead by example. Mary made it her business to introduce herself to others, to strike up a conversation, to initiate. She would go to that Russian Museum or that lecture on Women Trafficking. She would bring a friend or go by herself. Mary filled her life, her mind. By design, the life she lived, one day at a time for 91 years, influenced those around her. Can do attitudes matter.

During this time of COVID-19, a person looks at the life of Mary Duddleston, an only child from an unassuming Wisconsin family, and one might want to remind ourselves to step it up a bit. Times a wastin'! As we bid our fellow League pal goodbye, we think about reaching out to our friends. Now more than ever, connecting will make someone's day, our day! I am so proud to be a part of this like-minded, friendly, League of Women Voters, and so was Mary. (Obituary in the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Memorials are preferred to the League of Women Voters of Roseville Area or Loaves and Fishes MN).

Take a moment to read more about Mary and the League in the Memoir Project interview at <https://lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/docs/Mary%20Duddleston.pdf>

Remembrances: Lorraine Fischer

By: Florence Sprague

A lifelong metro St. Paul resident, Lorraine was a tireless volunteer in many venues, and there was a theme—she wanted to make the community a good place to live. She volunteered with Catholic Charities and her own parish, with the DFL, with the City of Maplewood, with the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries and, of course, with the League of Women Voters. I always knew that I would see Lorraine at caucuses and working as an election judge at our precinct polling place when I voted. Her oldest son, Representative Peter Fischer, recalls being taken to caucuses as a teenager and often engaged in discussions of political topics. He was later encouraged to participate as a citizen member of city commissions, a good precursor of his current job. He was also enlisted to help in the collection and reporting of precinct election results, a task that was once an income source for LWV. Lorraine always liked to get others involved in the community where their skills could best be used.



She had her finger on the pulse of the city, serving for years on the Planning Commission and the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, chairing both. However, as a woman working in what had been a “good old boys” position, she sometimes met with resistance from men who denigrated her knowledge or who gave lesser scrutiny to projects of friends. Son Peter tells of a box of candy delivered to their home. The five children eyed it eagerly, but were disappointed because when Mom discovered that the candy came from an applicant with a project before her Board, she returned it and called the city to insist that such things be prohibited. She was always a strong advocate for transparency and ethics in government.

Lorraine joined the Maplewood League of Women Voters in April 1966, when many of our communities had a thriving League. It was a time when units met in the daytime in members’ homes and she would have been identified as Mrs. Peter Fischer in news clippings. Those women were involved! When first organized, Maplewood had Plan A government. Lorraine was on the committee that studied governance options for Maplewood that led to LWV promotion of Plan B government. It was, somewhat grudgingly, adopted in Maplewood and the LWV position on Plan B was brought to the LWV of Roseville Area when the suburban leagues were combined.

A LWV niche to which she was dedicated was Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL), where she connected with the wider metropolitan area. One time they studied the adequacy of services for the elderly. It was very difficult to get information and they hoped that their feedback contributed to the creation of the Senior LinkAge Line.

Her volunteer work garnered her recognition: 2007 Archbishop’s Award from Catholic Charities, one of 10 most influential women noted at Maplewood’s 50th Anniversary, Ramsey County Senior Woman of the Year in 2007.

And she did all of this while raising five children and doing award winning (at a fair) needlework and endless NYT crosswords, in ink. She used her ninety years well. She is missed. May she now have peace.

Take a moment to read more about Lorraine and the League in the Memoir Project interview at <https://lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/docs/Lorraine%20Fischer.pdf>

Remembrances: Georgiana Sobola

By: Julianne Johnston

Georgiana Sobola was dedicated, strong-willed, well-informed, an expert piece-quilt maker, Czech language translator, very independent, a gracious hostess, a dog lover, a political participant, and so much more.

Georgiana was born into an immigrant Czech family of four in Cadott, Wisconsin. She and her sister entered grade school speaking English as their second language. She graduated from Cadott High School and went on to graduate from the University of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, earning a MA degree in Library Science. She taught school in Wisconsin and Minnesota and became the librarian for the St. Anthony Village High School.



She was a member of LWV of Roseville Area for 50 years and a member of the League for sixty-nine years! During her membership in Roseville, she provided her garage and yard for a massive League garage sale for three days. She also received hundreds of books each year for the League book sale. In her basement, she carefully organized every book received into categories, which were then hauled out to the book sale location. Georgiana was selected to be the League representative for the Roseville Charter Commission. She was also a regular League monitor of the Roseville City Council attending every meeting and reporting back to the League with issues and concerns.

Twice she traveled with her sister to the Czech Republic where she was comfortable speaking the Czech language to most people there who knew little or no English. She was a translator of old Czech handwritten documents into English for Bohemian Czech, Inc., in Wisconsin. She talked about the difficulty in reading documents and records written in the old-style language. However, she was diligent and provided amazing history for the organization tracing many family heritages back to the “old country.”

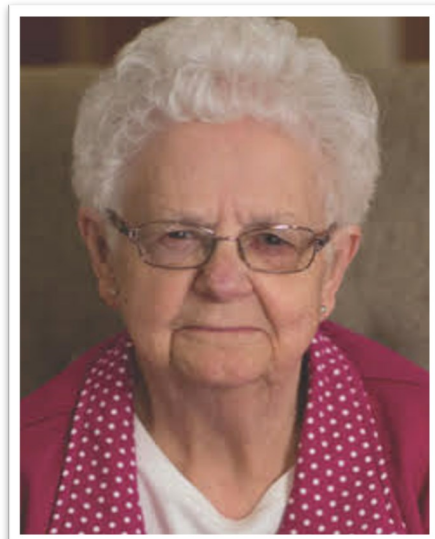
For many years, Georgiana served as an election judge for every election held in Roseville. Her shift would start early in the morning and extend late into the evening. She believed in voting rights and citizen responsibilities. For 20 years of the previous DFL Senate District 54, she served on the newsletter committee. The newsletter was produced six times a year, and Georgiana would contribute at least one article for every issue. She wrote about the Roseville Charter, income disparity, runoff voting, election judges, candidate forums, voter ID, and articles of interest for the readers.

Her family, of which she was a vital part, included her sister and her husband and their two children. They celebrated holidays, took trips together, and were very involved. Georgiana died at the age of 94 on September 24, 2020. Her family, the League of Women Voters, and many others will miss her.

Remembrances: Lynette Kimble

By: Florence Sprague

A LWV of Roseville Area Lifetime Member passed away. We recently learned that Lynette Kimble, one of the co-founders of the Maplewood League in the late 50s, passed away March 14, 2020. Here is a link to her obituary: <https://www.maplewoodmnfuneral.com/obituaries/Virginia-Lynette-Kimble-McKewin?obId=12439374>. While she had not been very active in LWV of Roseville Area for some years, she always maintained her membership and supported our work. She was a lovely person. I encourage you to read the longer interview with her linked below.



The past 12 months have been a year of loss in so many ways due to the pandemic. Recent months have also brought to our organization losses normal in the course of life, the losses that occur year in, year out, but which the pandemic makes more challenging to commemorate. In recent months, we lost longtime League members Georgiana Sobola, Mary Duddleston, Lorraine Fischer, and Lynette Kimble, after in recent years losing Florence Isaacs, Ann Berry, and Judy Rosenblatt. Even as I enumerate those I knew personally, I recall others lost to us longer ago and I hope that not one loss of our foremothers in League have gone unnoticed by someone, whether they are still in Minnesota or have moved on.

It can be easier to see the path forward when we know the path already trod; it can keep us grounded and strengthened by the courage and vision of our foremothers. One way we have collectively sought to remember our roots is with the publication of our history booklet, *Meddlers, Activists and Watchdogs*. If you have not had an opportunity to read it, you can find it on our website: <https://lwvrosevillearea.org/content/lwv-roseville-area-history>. It is a fun read. Being a Leaguer in the 1950s and 1960s was very different from being a Leaguer in 2021, but we are alike in dedication to the mission of LWV to support an engaged and informed electorate. The longer interviews with some of our lifetime members are also on the website, like one with Lynette Kimble at <https://lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/docs/Lynette%20Kimble.pdf>.

Current Lifetime Members

These seven distinguished members of the LWV of Roseville Area are lifetime members who have served LWV for 50 years.

- Joyce Blomquist
- Carolyn Cushing
- Georgeann Hall
- Jackie Hays
- Mary Ann Palmer
- Lila Recksiedler
- Judy Stuthman

Presidents of LWV of Roseville Area, 1954 – 2021

2020 – Present Barbara Barany

2018 – 2020 Sharon Hood

2016 – 2018 Rita Mills

2012 – 2016 June Stewart

2010 – 2012 Ann Cleland and Karen Schaffer

2009 – 2010 Ann 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

1996 – 1997 Le Matts and Florence Sprague

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 lww.org/impact-issues.

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). (1960s)
- 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

Two studies are continuing for 2021-2022:

- Cities' Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Equitable Representation in City Commissions and Boards

Two concepts for future studies were provided to the Board for future consideration:

- How Buildings are Named
- Pay Gaps Between Men and Women

The Board does not recommend initiating a new study for 2021-2022.

CMAL Annual Report

The Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues (CMAL) re-established the venerable CMAL tradition of publishing a newsletter by issuing Volume 57, Issues 1, 2, and 3. CMAL began issuing quarterly newsletters upon its creation in 1962. However, the tradition ceased in the mid 2000s.

CMAL hosted two virtual programs for LWV members and members of the public. The first was “Following the Money – How the Regional Parks System Works and How to be Involved” on October 17, 2020. Speakers were Emmitt Mullin, Manager of the Metropolitan Council Regional Parks and Natural Resources Department, and Holly Jenkins, CEO of Wilderness in the City. The second was “Metro Area County Government,” on January 9, 2021. Speakers were former Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison, Dakota County Manager Matt Smith, and Washington County Commissioner Lisa Weik.

On October 26, 2020, CMAL testified at a hearing held by Governor Walz’ Blue Ribbon Committee on the Metropolitan Council Structure and Services. CMAL’s testimony was based upon its 2019 study and consensus regarding Metropolitan Council governance. The Blue Ribbon Committee’s final report to the Governor, issued on December 21, 2020, closely aligned with CMAL’s positions.

In accordance with direction from delegates given January 11, 2020, CMAL launched a study to evaluate whether its current position on county government should be updated. The study will focus on visibility, transparency, accountability, and intergovernmental relations, especially with respect to the Metropolitan Council. The study design includes a plan for both written research (i.e., internet-based) and interviews by League members of county officials and employees. Research is scheduled to be complete by summer’s end. Following preparation of a written report, CMAL delegates will consider the report and determine next steps. LWV of Roseville Area member Mindy Greiling has joined the committee recently and will assume a leadership role.

LWV of Roseville Area Representative: Karen Schaffer



Annual Meeting Agenda

68th Annual Business Meeting Agenda

League of Women Voters of Roseville Area

Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 7 p.m.

Virtual meeting via Zoom

1. Declaration of Quorum

2. Call to Order / Adoption of Order of Business

3. Appointment of Parliamentarian

4. Reports

- President's Report

Amendments to LWV of Roseville Area Bylaws approved at the June 2020 National Convention

- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
 - Study: Cities' Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - Study: Equitable Representation in City Commissions and Boards
 - Voter Services, Program, Membership, Communications, Action/Advocacy, Ad Hoc Census, and Board Introductions

5. Action Items

- Presentation and approval of the 2021-2022 budget
- Adoption of the local Program for Action, continuation and amendments (if any)
- Amendments to LWV of Roseville Area Policies and Procedures
- Local study
- Presentation and approval of Nominating Committee Report

6. Directions to the Board

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

President's Report

We did everything differently this year, but we did it. You did it. From getting election information to the public to producing professional quality programs on some of the most important issues of our time, you did it. From designing, organizing, and collecting data for two studies to finding ways to promote and complete the 2020 US Census enumeration, you did that, too. You kept track of the work of our local governments and advocated for our League positions. You welcomed new members, and incorporated the new LWVMN databank system for tracking our membership and dues.

Our board adapted quickly to Zoom meetings. As a first year president, I am especially grateful to the experienced and knowledgeable members who guided us through the year, including past Board members—like Mindy Greiling, Sherry Hood, and Bonnie Koch—who were always ready to help when asked. We are lucky to have so many active members at all experience levels. Vice President Barb Anderson took on the technical challenges for membership, Board, committee, and other meetings when Zoom was new to all of us. Our new Board, relying more heavily on policies and procedures, found some in need of clarification or enhancement. Membership is asked to approve these changes.

Some of the year's other approaches and adaptations that stand out to me are included below. Please see the individual committee reports for more details on these and other accomplishments.

- Cecilia Warner and Teresa Wernecke, from Karen Lake's Voter Services Committee, negotiated needs, requirements, and concerns, and worked with local government representatives to provide five fall candidate forums—all safe and effective. Moderators Kitty Goggins, Linda McLoon, and Florence Sprague handled their new environments with aplomb.
- Judy Stuthman assisted with 6,564 new citizen voter registrations in 2020, including registrations at 209 safe, rolling ceremonies between May and November.
- Florence Sprague's Program Committee's coordination with the Ramsey County Library made webinars look easy all year long, and provided for an interactive and engaging Books and Brews in July.
- Barb Luck and Patti Hoffman responded to membership's enthusiastic endorsement of an equitable representation study by leading their committee in a thoughtful and thorough survey and analysis process. Likewise, Jim and Stephanie DeBenedet's committee has collected survey responses with respect to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, in this case in preparation for fieldwork to be completed when feasible.
- Marcia Cheney, Nancy Simpson, and Teresa Wernecke did Minnesota demographer-sponsored phone banking from home, for Census self-response outreach.
- The Action/Advocacy Committee, chaired by Priscilla Morton and Wayne Groff, has been active in promoting care of our environment. Jim DeBenedet, Mindy Greiling, Sherry Hood, Alana Howey, Donna Peterson, and Mary Peterson prepared a letter to the Roseville City Council, advocating for our League position in favor of organized trash collection.

We couldn't, however, make up for everything. I miss being with the people I've worked with in League and making new friends. Now I'm getting teary-eyed just thinking about meeting in person once again. But first, here's to a second successful annual business meeting on Zoom! The Board welcomes and encourages participation by all our members.

President: Barb Barany



LWV of Roseville Area Bylaws Amendments

Several amendments to LWVUS Bylaws were approved by delegates to the LWVUS 2020 Biennial Convention, June 25-27, 2020. Amendments that are approved at a national convention, and that are applicable to local Leagues, become part of the local League bylaws.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES AND POLICY

Section 2.1 Purposes. The purposes of LWVRA, LLC, are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2.2 Policies. The policies of the LWVRA are

A. Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

B. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy. The League is fully committed to ensure compliance - in principle and in practice - with LWVRA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy.

ARTICLE III

LOCAL MEMBERS

Section 3.1 Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 3.2 Types of Membership.

A. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local LWVs, state Leagues and of the LWVUS;

1. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local LWVs, state Leagues and of the LWVUS;
 - a. Individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;
 - b. Those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large,
 - c. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.
 - d. Those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part time with an accredited institution.

LWVUS/LWV of Roseville Area Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy (existing):

Article II B. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION POLICY

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. 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. 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.

Secretary's Report: 67th Annual Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the 67th Annual Meeting of the LWV of Roseville Area
Tuesday June 2, 2020, as amended by the June 17, 2020, Board Meeting**

Call to Order: The 67th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Roseville Area was called to order by President Sherry Hood at 7:05 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 Sherry Hood declared a quorum was present.

Additions or Changes to Agenda: President Sherry Hood asked if there were any additions or changes to the Annual Meeting Agenda. There were none.

Appointments: After no objection, the Chair appointed as parliamentarian, Karen Schaffer.

President's Report: President Sherry Hood thanked Barb Anderson and Rachel Geiser for setting up the virtual Annual Meeting.

Vice-President's Report: Barb Barany spoke on the work that has been done and continues to be done on the Census. Minnesota continues to lead the nation in self-response to the Census.

Secretary Report: The secretary's report is printed on pages 11 to 13 of the 67th 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 25, 2019, Board meeting.

The Chair accepted a motion by Rita Mills that the Minutes of the 67th Annual Meeting of the LWV of Roseville Area, June 2, 2020, be approved by the Board at the first Board meeting following this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's Report for 2019-2020 is on page 14 of the 67th Annual Meeting booklet. President Sherry Hood asked if there were any questions. Barb Anderson noted that dues were collected earlier this year than last year, which is why there is more unreserved money. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for examination by the Budget Committee. (See Action item 3).

Committee Reports: The committee reports were sent to all members in the 67th Annual Report booklet. There were no verbal reports, except for membership. Beth Reinhart, Membership chair, reported there are currently 132 members with one new member added recently. The new databank system for renewing membership and collecting dues is working well.

Introductions: President Sherry Hood introduced and recognized the current Board and thanked the Board for their work and members for their financial support to our local League.

50-year member: Mindy Greiling honored Judy Stuthman for 50 years of League service.

Action Items:

1. **Amendments to the Bylaws** (page 7 of the 67th Annual Meeting booklet). Barb Anderson explained that our League did not have any language in our Bylaws regarding holding remote meetings and that we were encouraged by the State and National Leagues to add language to our Bylaws. Jim DeBenedet motioned adopting the amendments to the Bylaws. The motion carried unanimously.

(Minutes continue on next page.)

Secretary's Report: 66th Annual Meeting Minutes (*cont.*)

2. **Adoption of the LWV of Roseville Area Positions** (page 6 of the 67th Annual Meeting booklet). President Sherry Hood asked members for re-approval of the LWV of Roseville Area Positions. Rita Mills motioned to approve the continuation of the LWV of Roseville Area Positions. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Presentation and Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget.** Barb Anderson, Finance, Budget and Examiner Team Leader, reported that the LWV of Roseville Area 2020-2021 Proposed Budget on page 21 of the 67th Annual Meeting booklet, was prepared by the Budget and Fundraising Committee. Karen Lake motioned to approve the LWV of Roseville Area 2020-2021 Proposed Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Presentation and Approval of Nominating Committee Report.** Florence Sprague, Committee Chair, presented the report. The slate of proposed nominees for the 2020-2021 League year is listed on page 22 of the 67th Annual Meeting booklet. President Sherry Hood asked the membership three times per parliamentary rules for other nominations from the floor. There were none and the nominations were closed. Julianne Johnston motioned approval of the election of all officers and directors nominated. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board assignments are:

- **President:** Barb Barany – 2 years
- **Vice President:** Barb Anderson – 2 years
- **Secretary:** Jim DeBenedet, with Mindy Greiling as backup
- **Treasurer:** Jessica Holz

Directors:

- **Action/Advocacy:** Wayne Groff and Priscilla Morton
 - **Communication:** Barb Anderson, transitioning to Mary Peterson
 - **Membership:** Rita Mills
 - **Program:** Florence Sprague
 - **Voter Services:** Karen Lake
 - **At-Large Board Members:** Stephanie DeBenedet, Rachel Geiser, Karen Schaffer
 - **Finance, Budget, Examiner:** Barb Anderson
5. **Local Study.** Program Chair, Bonnie Koch, reported on two studies for 2021. The first was recommended by the Board for our study, which was how our five cities are implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The second study is on the process for equitably filling representative positions on commissions in local government. Jim and Stephanie DeBenedet offered to chair the ADA study. Barbara Luck and Patricia Hoffman offered to chair the process for equitably filling representative positions study. Jim DeBenedet motioned to do the first study on how our five cities are implementing the ADA. This motion passed. Megan Dahlberg motioned for approval of the second study on the process for equitably filling representative positions on commissions in local government. This motion also passed. After consulting with Karen Schaffer, parliamentarian, President Sherry Hood asked for a motion to reconsider the vote to have just one study instead of two. There was no motion. Therefore, there will be two studies.

(Minutes continue on next page.)

Secretary's Report: 66th Annual Meeting Minutes (*cont.*)

Rose Awards: The Rose Awards are presented to members who exceeded expectations in their service to League this year. Here are the recipients and why they were recognized.

The recipients are:

- **Beth Reinhart** for providing her ideas and support to sustain and increase membership in our League and further our mission.
- **Cecilia Warner** who for many past years has arranged and provided many candidate forums for Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Roseville, Little Canada, and Maplewood for its citizens to become better informed about the issues that confront our local communities.
- **Barb Anderson** for creating a new pre-program video that visually highlights some events of our League and for engineering very successful online meetings for our League since the beginning of COVID-19.
- **Ann Thonet** for supporting us with her commitment and expertise to manage our membership data. This has involved a new state membership registration program.

Directions to the Board: President Sherry Hood requested that an ad hoc committee be created to look at our police study from 2016 to possibly expand the study, in light of the current events.

Announcements:

- President Sherry Hood requested that members pay their membership dues if they have forgotten.
- President Sherry Hood also invited people to donate money to our local League so we could pay for our programs to be broadcast to our communities via CTV in light of the COVID-19 crisis.
- Julie Strahan would like us to continue to have candidate forums, etc., during this COVID-19 time.
- Megan Dahlberg would like us to examine the extent to which our police study is consistent with the 21st Century Policing Report of the Obama administration.
- Barb Barany had words of thanks to Sherry for all that she has done while President of our League.

2019-2020 President Sherry Hood declared the 2020 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Roseville Area adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Mary Peterson

Treasurer's Report

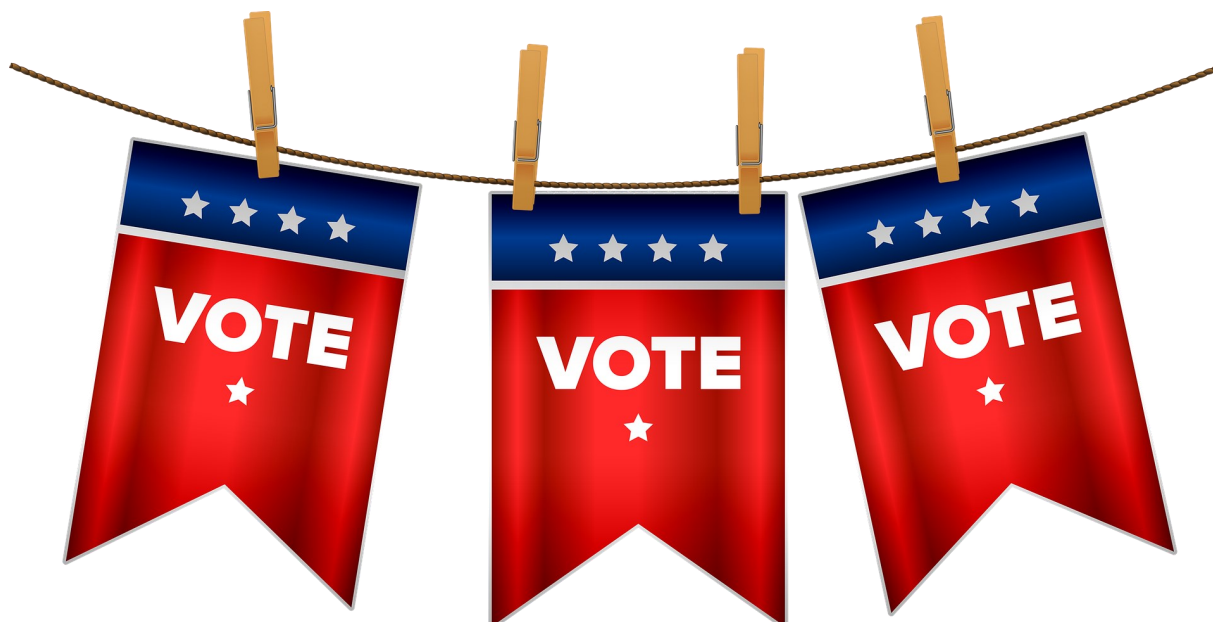
This is the Summary of Accounts for LWV of Roseville Area.

LEAGUE OF WOMAN VOTERS - ROSEVILLE AREA TREASURER'S REPORT : SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021

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| UNRESERVED CASH BALANCE | Wednesday, April 1, 2020 | | \$ 17,267.88 |
| INCOME | | \$ 14,389.85 | |
| EXPENSES | | \$ (11,265.54) | |
| OUTSTANDING CHECKS | | \$ 815.00 | |
| TOTAL UNRESERVED | | \$ 3,939.31 | \$ 21,207.19 |
| RESERVED CASH BALANCE APRIL 1, 2020 | | | \$ 1,438.00 |
| RESERVED FOR ARCHIVIST GRANT | | \$ 1,438.00 | |
| INCOME | | \$ - | |
| EXPENSES | | \$ - | |
| RESERVED BALANCE | | \$ 1,438.00 | \$ 1,438.00 |
| TOTAL CASH BALANCE | Wednesday, March 31, 2021 | | \$ 22,645.19 |

Treasurer: Jessica Holz



Study Report: Cities' Compliance with the ADA

At the LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting on June 2, 2020, members approved a study on our five cities' compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We intended to complete our study report by late winter 2021 for review by the membership and Board and then to share it with the five cities.

The ADA was passed, in part, to enable people with physical disabilities to enjoy all public facilities including those owned and operated by local government and those privately owned, but open to the public. People with disabilities include those with disabilities due to injuries, illness, as a result of military service, or other reasons. We will follow the LWV policies and procedures for League studies so that our final report will be authoritative in the sense of being a useful League document.

However, due to the depth and length of the pandemic and closing of most, if not all, public facilities, we have been unable to pursue our study in the manner intended. While we have submitted a questionnaire to the cities and received replies, we have not been able to follow up on specifics related to local government facilities and programs.

Accordingly, we decided to make this a two-year study with the intended fieldwork being done in 2021 when we can safely meet as a committee and with key city personnel.

We will inspect all major city facilities that are intended to be accessible to the general public for compliance with the ADA. This will include city offices where the public may have reason to visit such as the offices of the city manager or administrator, chief of police, code enforcement, and public works manager. It will also include all buildings and rooms where public meetings are held such as council chambers and other meeting rooms.

We propose the final draft of the report will be sent to members by email, mailing, or other suitable means prior to a membership meeting for discussion and critique and then presented to the Board. A written summary of the report will be presented at the annual meeting for a final adoption in May 2022.

Chair: Jim DeBenedet and
Stephanie DeBenedet

Study Members: Ann Cleland,
Elizabeth Hansel, Bonnie
Koch, Mary Peterson



Study Report: Equitable Representation in City Commissions and Boards

During the LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting in June 2020, a proposal was made to study the composition of city commissions and boards in our chapter's five cities: Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, and Roseville. This Annual Meeting occurred shortly after the death of George Floyd, when the City of Minneapolis and surrounding cities were dealing with the aftermath of years of inequality. In addition, our world was in the midst of a devastating pandemic that was already exposing inequities in housing, health care, education, and other areas.

The membership, with concerns about inequities in our own "backyards," voted to proceed with recommending a local League study for the 2020-2021 year. Patricia Hoffman and Barb Luck volunteered to chair this study. In addition, Megan Dahlberg, Rita Mills, and Karen Schaffer volunteered to participate. Julie Strahan also provided input to the study. With Barb Luck and Patricia Hoffman's guidance, the Zoom meetings began and have continued throughout the year.

Goal

Examples of questions guiding the study were:

- Are the demographics of our communities represented in our city appointed commissions and boards?
- Are some of the same residents repeatedly representing us?

To maintain a tight focus, the following goal was written in early summer:

To identify the current status and recommend best practices in equitable representation for boards and commissions appointed by the City Councils of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, and Roseville.

Process

Tasks were given to committee members to research the following via web searching, emailing, surveying, and phoning:

- Obtain demographic data from the Met Council (during July).
- Notify each city about the study and request commission-appointee information including contact information for commissioners (August/September).
- Draft online survey interview questions and confidentiality notification.
- Conduct initial and follow-up surveys to all current commissioners (fall).
- Search websites for equity plans, commissioner handbooks, and accessibility of commission-related information (October/November).
- Analyze, compile, and follow-up on survey responses (January/February).
- Draft study report based on the research (February/March).

While the cities vary primarily in size, the commissions also vary in a variety of ways. For example, at present, Lauderdale has no commissions while Roseville has eight. The only commissions common to four of the cities are Planning and Parks and Recreation. The report details other findings and it will be shared with members in the near future.

Chairs: Patricia Hoffman, Barb Luck

Study Members: Megan Dahlberg, Rita Mills, Karen Schaffer

Voter Services Committee Report

The following is a summary of major Voter Services Committee activities. Due to the pandemic, the work of and activities related to Voter Services moved to digital formats.

- Area high schools were contacted/provided voter registration and voting directions to distribute to students.
- Sherry Hood served as the LWV of Roseville Area representative for the Vote 411 effort. She coordinated the submission of candidate questions for the Voter Guide section and, with assistance from other League members, followed up with candidates who did not respond.
- “Vote from Home” lawn signs and posters were ordered by Barb Barany and picked up by 24 members at the home of June Stewart for distribution/display in promotion of the Vote from Home effort.
- Rita Mills, Alana Howey, and Karen Lake represented League in affiliation with the MNVoice Civic Engagement Coalition, a state-wide partnership of non-partisan groups working to register voters and GOTV.
- Karen Lake met weekly via Zoom from June through November with Secretary of State staff to be kept abreast of voting and election matters as they unfolded in Minnesota. A major focus to keep League members/friends informed occurred through League publications including the Voter (Rachel Geiser); eBlasts (Mary Peterson); website, Facebook, and Twitter (Barb Anderson); and Instagram (Elizabeth Hansel).
- Reimagining the format and the subsequent organizing of candidate forums took place under the direction of Teresa Wernecke and Cecilia Warner. All forums were remote, with in-person candidates masked and socially distanced and no in-person audiences. Three forums were conducted in person and two via Zoom. All of the forums were recorded for public viewing. Candidate forums were offered for the following races: Maplewood Mayor and City Council, District 43 Senate and House A & B, Little Canada City Council, North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale (ISD 622) School Board, Roseville City Council. Assistance was provided for Senate and House District 42, conducted by LWV of White Bear Lake, and for Senate and House District 66, sponsored by LWV of St. Paul.
- Voter Services Committee members were requested to undertake relational organizing as a means of connecting with, informing, and encouraging others to vote. Minnesota again led the nation in voter turnout and Ramsey County ranked high as well.
- Community groups, including food banks and Meals on Wheels distribution services, community centers, and senior residences were contacted (Suzanne Sancilo and Donna Peterson) and subsequently provided (Karen Lake) voter registration and voting/elections information per needs.
- Michael Wall, Voter Outreach Specialist with the Minnesota Secretary of State Office, conducted an elections question and answer meeting on National Voter Registration Day, September 22, 2020, sponsored by League Voter Services and the Ramsey County Library Roseville. Michael was an invaluable resource to LWV of Roseville Area Voter Services throughout the election season.
- Rita Mills and Karen Lake were representatives to the Voting Rights Network/Voting Rights Table, whose focus is advocacy.
- Karen Lake served on a LWVMN Task Force to assess the successes and challenges of 2020. Vote 411, the LWVMN resource handbook, Martin Brown grants, voter registrations, and candidate forums were areas researched via contacts to all Voter Services Chairs/Team Leaders in Minnesota. A report is being formulated to identify best practices for LWVMN Board and staff.
- New citizenship ceremonies, and thus voter registrations for new citizens, were modified in light of the pandemic. More ceremonies of fewer participants were held, outside as weather permitted, with COVID-19 safety measures in place. At the end of 2020, over 6,500 new citizens had been registered to vote in Minnesota. Judy Stuthman continued to lead the effort for voter registration of new citizens.

2020-2021 Voter Services Committee

- **Team Leader:** Karen Lake
- **Candidate forums leaders:** Cecilia Warner and Teresa Wernecke
- **Candidate forum moderators:** Kitty Gogins, Linda McLoon, Florence Sprague
- **New citizenship ceremonies voter registration leader:** Judy Stuthman
- **Committee members:** Barb Barany, Margo Bock, Marcia Cheney, Grace Gee, Sue Gehrz, Elizabeth Hansel, Sherry Hood, Alana Howey, Lynn Malfeld, Rita Mills, Sharon Oswald, Suzanne Sancilo, Nancy Simpson, Florence Sprague, June Stewart, Judy Stuthman, Cecilia Warner, Teresa Wenecke
- **Other active supporters of Voter Services endeavors:** Barb Luck, Priscilla Morton, Donna Peterson

Program Committee Report

This has been an unusual year for LWV of Roseville Area programs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all of our events transitioned to online, primarily Zoom. Building on our pre-existing relationship with the Ramsey County Library Roseville (and other branches) most programs were co-hosted by the Library. We were then able to present on the library's Zoom platform, leveraging both their technical expertise and assistance, and the additional publicity of their website and newsletters. Programs held on the Library Zoom platform were recorded and are available for viewing on the Library website, with links on the LWV of Roseville Area website. Many thanks to the library staff, particularly Carrie Lyons, Jason Lyons, and Paul Lai.

There were two local studies active this year—Cities' Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), led by Jim and Stef DeBenedet, and Equitable Representation in City Commissions and Boards, led by Barbara Luck and Patricia Hoffman.

Despite the steep learning curve, LWV of Roseville Area sponsored or co-sponsored a full slate of events in addition to the already busy election year.

- **July 2020:** Brews and Book Reviews morphed into BYOB&B, Bring Your Own Beverage and Book, on Zoom, with prepared reviews of books on racial justice and race in America.
- **August 2020:** Secretary of State Steve Simon shared his insights into voting during the pandemic.
- **September 2020:** *Hope in the Struggle*, a reschedule of the much anticipated spring program with Josie Johnson and Carolyn Holbrook which had to be canceled. Carolyn Holbrook discussed both Josie Johnson's book and her own, *Tell Me Your Names and I Will Testify*, moderated by Marquita Stephens.
- **October 2020:** LWV of Roseville Area Member Mindy Greiling and NAMI Minnesota Executive Director, Sue Abderholden, discussed Mindy's book, *Fix What You Can*, and issues around support for individuals and families struggling with the challenges of mental illness.
- **November 2020:** COVID-19: Urgent Lessons for Public Health Reform, a three-member panel which included Stella Obadiya, RN, Dave Dvorak, MD MPH, and State Senator John Marty.
- **December 2020:** Program was cancelled and reset in March. Holiday event not possible due to pandemic.
- **January 2021:** In Conversations with Constituents, League hosted Ramsey County Commissioners and state legislators to discuss priorities for 2021, including racial justice and pandemic recovery.
- **February 2021:** Redistricting had Paul Huffman, Redistricting Coordinator for LWVMN, as the speaker.
- **March 2021:** Discrimination in Housing: Redlining and Racial Covenants Then and Now (rescheduled from December 2020) had Kirsten Delegard, Co-Founder of Mapping Prejudice, and Kari Collins, Ramsey County Community and Economic Development Director, speaking.
- **April 2021:** Doing All We Can for Our Cities Today to Make Them Sustainable Tomorrow. All Ramsey County programs canceled that day; event to be rescheduled for a later date.
- **May 2021:** Annual Meeting was online once again. The Annual Meeting Committee also planned an outdoor social gathering for July when members can once again meet and greet safely!
- **June 2021:** For our annual field trip, we still hope to have a group tour of the Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery in Minneapolis.

In addition to the programs which we initiated, we co-sponsored events led by other groups and many members participated as facilitators and/or attendees, including:

- Series of community discussions surrounding "Talking About Race," based on the Smithsonian curriculum, co-sponsored with Do Good Roseville and Ramsey County Library Roseville.
- "Climate Change and Forests in Minnesota: Alternative Futures" by Lee Frelich, with Resilient Roseville and others.
- LWVMN webinar with a panel of election officials and workers on how our elections are run and why they are fair.

Chair: Florence Sprague, **Vice Chair:** Carol Marchel

Committee Members: Shirley Bradway, Marcia Cheney, Rachel Geiser, Mindy Greiling, Sherry Hood, Gladys Jones, Barbara Leary, Barbara Luck, Connie Marty, Sharon McCord, Diana Menanteau, Rita Mills, Rachelle Peleska, Donna Peterson, Karen Schaffer, Lisa Scribner, Marquita Stephens, June Stewart, Valerie Swenson. Others added input at the pre-planning stage. Profound, profuse apologies if I have missed anyone! We needed you all.

Membership Committee Report

Highlights

As of March 2021, active membership is at 135 which includes seven lifetime members. Of the 135, 23 joined during 2020 and an additional two joined since January 1, 2021.

- On a very sad note, four of our lifetime members passed away in 2020. We greatly miss and are indebted to:

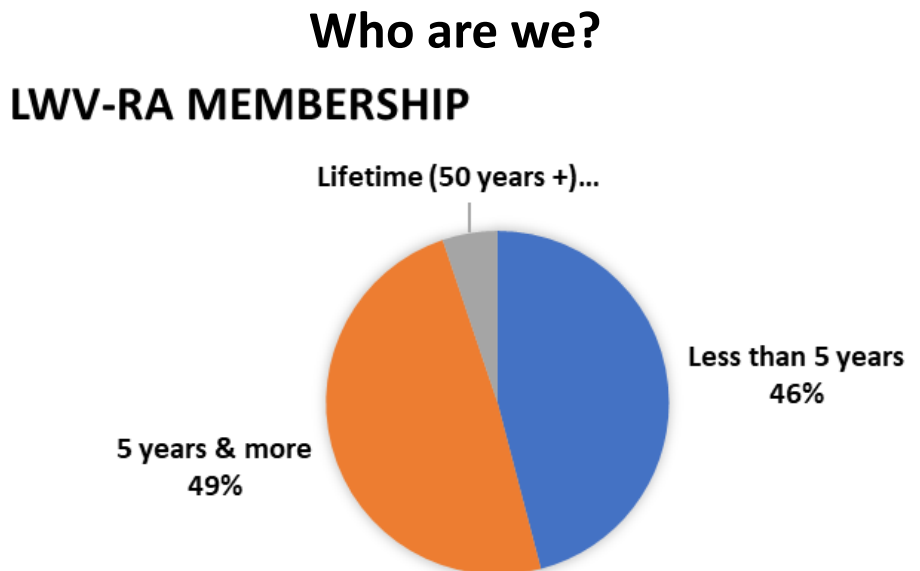
- Mary Duddleston
- Lorraine Fischer
- Lynette Kimble
- Georgiana Sobola

- While we have not had the opportunity to meet the 25 new members in person, we have relied heavily on staying connected with individual emails and snail mail packets. Monthly Spotlight articles and photos in the Voter help in introducing new members to membership.

- The How Our League Works brochure was updated with a new cover logo. This has been crucial for communicating with new members.
- The member directory was updated regularly and emailed to membership in the spring and fall.
- An updated membership brochure was printed at state office, however new members have consistently joined via the League website.
- We are in our second year of using the database provided by LWVMN, thedatabank. The joining and renewal process now involves using the website (Mary Peterson and Barb Anderson), Treasurer (Jessica Holz), and Data Manager (Ann Thonet.)
- Changes made to the renewal process are listed in the League's "Policies and Procedures."
 - April 1 is the renewal date for members who joined prior to 2019.
 - Renewal dates for members who joined in 2019 and later are based on the join date (rolling membership).
 - A two-month grace period is granted for those renewing, after which the member is considered inactive. (Note: This is a change from the prior six-month grace period.)
- Dues paid to LWVMN are currently set at \$27 per member; dues paid to the LWVUS are \$32. This is commonly referred to as PMP, or per member payment.

Chair: Rita Mills

Committee members: Barb Anderson, Stephanie DeBenedet, Jessica Holz, Ann Thonet



Communications Committee Report

The past year has been a challenge with not having in-person meetings. As a result, we have tried to up our game in our social media accounts as well as the weekly eBlasts. We continue to use social media as a means of communication with members and the general public. We encourage our members to follow us on social media, especially Facebook. We increased our Facebook followers from 401 to 488 between October and March. We also share posts from LWVMN, LWVUS and other organizations to our page to keep our members informed. We post events on Twitter, Instagram, and NextDoor.

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

We continue to send information on our events to our local city offices, and they publish information about our meetings and events that they believe will serve their residents. While that doesn't include every event LWV of Roseville Area holds, it does broaden our ability to get our message out to the general public. We send press releases to the major newspapers, but they have not published the items we have sent.

The League website, <https://www.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. Because virtually all of our programs have been hosted by the Ramsey County Library in the past year, we cannot post our recordings on our YouTube channel. Instead, they are published on the Library's website, and we provide links to the recordings both on our website and in our weekly eBlasts. Thanks to Priscilla Morton and the Observer Corps, we continue to publish weekly scheduled meetings of local municipalities and their committees/commissions. This information is updated by Sunday each week, and contains links to the agendas for each. This can be found on the Advocacy tab of the website.

The Voter contains information about programs, both before and recaps after the events. It also contains a monthly President's report, articles from League members, a new member spotlight, timely information from LWVUS and LWVMN, and volunteer opportunities with some of our committees.

We facilitated all Board and committee meetings using our Zoom platform in the past year. We found there are benefits to meeting on Zoom, especially during bad weather. With the increased distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, we will revisit how we conduct our meetings and programs, sharing information with you as we make decisions. If you have suggestions or ideas about how to do that, or how we can improve in any way, we welcome your input.

Co-Chairs: Barb Anderson and Mary Peterson

Committee Members: Barb Anderson, Mary Peterson, website and email; Gladys Jones, social media; Jim DeBenedet, video; Rachel Geiser, Voter; Bonnie Koch and Barb Luck, NextDoor; Beth Salzl, Dan Salzl, Archives; Jo Waldron, Voter distribution; Merrie Zakaras, Public Relations.

Action/Advocacy Committee Report

Action/Advocacy Committee

The Action/Advocacy Committee works to hold local city and county government entities accountable and to monitor the actions and policies of local school boards. We have a long-standing accountability process which provides upcoming council, commission, and board meeting agenda items to our League members and the tools to observe and participate in those meetings. Items of interest are included in the League's weekly eBlast and all local meetings are posted with access links on our League website.

This year, we expanded our group of volunteers monitoring Roseville and Maplewood Councils and Commissions, the Roseville School Board, and the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners. The new volunteers were given an orientation to the process via Zoom this year and we met as a team in both the fall and spring to review our process and progress. We continued our monitoring and reporting, and attended some meetings during the entire year despite the pandemic.

The Action/Advocacy team participated in the monthly state-wide meeting which is coordinated and lead by Vivian Latimer Tannehill from LWVMN. The State organizers, typically including Paul Huffman and Nick Harper, updated us on LWVMN priorities and actions including People Powered Fair Maps and other voter empowerment measures. The local League Action teams share ideas, questions, and successes at these monthly meetings.

In addition to our normal activities, the Action/Advocacy and Environmental Committees had a strong presence in the efforts to get out the vote last fall; we appreciate the resources provided by the League and our own Voter Services team, to answer the questions brought up by a pandemic-year election process.

Co-chairs: Wayne Groff and Priscilla Morton, **Vice Chair:** Sherry Hood

Committee Members: Carol Marchel, Margo Bock, Teri Matthews, Ann Cleland, Beth Salzl, Sherry Hood, Priscilla Morton

Environmental Subcommittee

A focus on environment issues has continued with the environmental subcommittee. The first thing we did was the tour on June 23 of some of the areas that are a focus of the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District. It was well attended and very educational. When fall came, we started planning the environmental forum with the mayors of our five cities that had to be canceled in March 2020. Barb Luck volunteered to lead the effort on setting this up for April 20. The rescheduled event will be held through Zoom and cohosted by Ramsey County Library. Members of the subcommittee made regular contributions to the Voter on several environmental subjects from food waste to more information on Green Step Cities. Sherry Hood recently joined the LWVMN Climate Action Task Force, which will help us connect more with state-level activities in the next year. Members continue to follow what's happening on environmental issues, particularly in Roseville, and Donna Peterson is part of the team providing input to the Partners in Energy Grant that Roseville received recently.

Chair: Donna Peterson

Committee Members: Anne Haugan, Alana Howey, Barb Luck, Tam McGehee, Priscilla Morton, Sherry Hood

Ad Hoc Census Committee

Both COVID-19 and politics impacted U.S. Census Bureau operations from the start of the 2020 U.S. Census self-response period in March 2020 through completion of operations on October 15, 2020. Due to the pandemic, both our own outreach and that of the Ramsey County-St. Paul Complete Count Committee, of which we were a part, were affected. Nevertheless, early and persistent outreach activities, beginning in 2018, along with remote activities during the “home-stretch,” helped to reach a successful conclusion. As shown in the chart, each of our five cities, Ramsey County, and Minnesota beat 2010 self-response rates, keeping Minnesota as the self-response leader in the nation. With response follow-up hampered by COVID-19, this could prove to be especially important. National apportionment counts are due by the time of our 2021 Annual Meeting. Minnesota is expected to lose a congressional seat, having squeaked by to keep the current eight, based on the previous census in 2010.

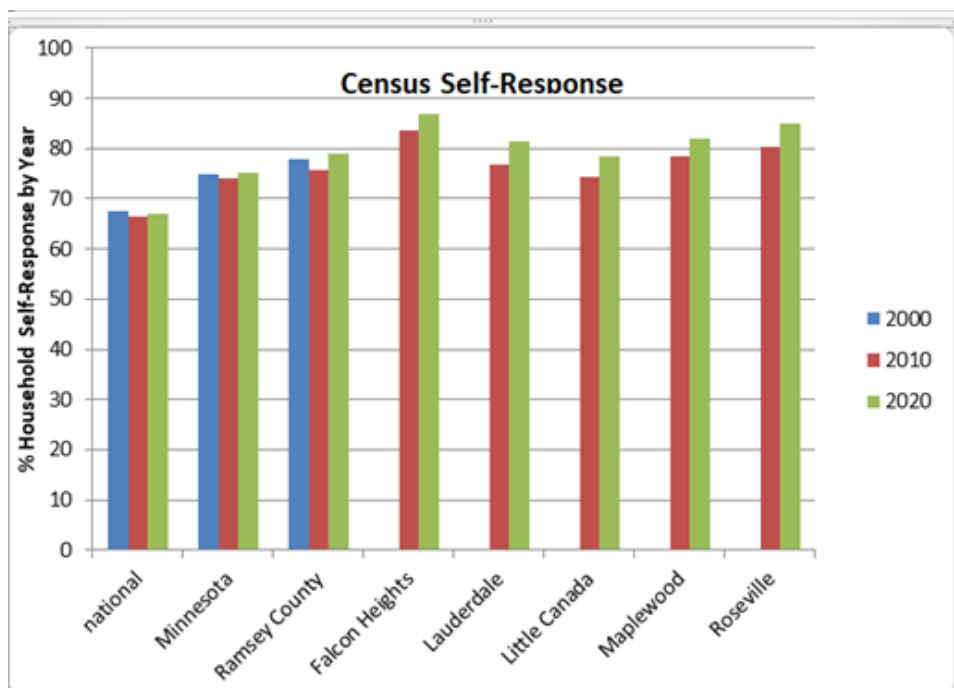
We were especially pleased to see substantial self-reporting increases in the low-response tracts we had targeted, such as Falcon Heights tract 420.01, dominated by University of Minnesota family housing. Collaboration with Falcon Heights city staff, City Council Member Yakasah Wehyee, and housing management resulted in an 8% increase in the self-response rate of the tract as a whole.

From April through October 2020, individuals took on the challenge of outreach in isolation:

- Marcia Cheney, Nancy Simpson, and Teresa Wernecke called residents as part of a Minnesota demographer census self-response initiative.
- Marcia Cheney reached out to schools and community organizations with census information.
- Nancy Simpson completed the application and training requirements, and was hired by the U.S. Census Bureau for non-response follow-up.
- Karen Lake included census outreach materials (posters/postcards in multiple languages) from the Ramsey County-St. Paul Joint Complete Count Committee, along with voter information, to Rock What You Got Live, for distribution at a September 26, 2020, event at the State Fairgrounds.

Chair: Barb Barany

Committee Members: Marcia Cheney, Barbara Christl, Megan Dahlberg, Rachel Geiser, Alma Graff, Sherry Hood, Elizabeth Hansel, Rita Mills, Mary Peterson, Lisa Scribner, Nancy Simpson, Teresa Wernecke, Kathleen Whatley



Finance Committee and Budget Report

The LWV of Roseville Annual Budget for 2021-2022 was created based on actual revenues and expenses in the 2020-2021 year.

For the most part, income and expenses were in keeping with the budget as approved by the membership at the May 2020 Annual Meeting. Variations from the 2020-2021 budget included:

- Donations have increased over the last few years.
- We lost three members since last May. We do not budget for receiving memorials for deceased members.
- Annual Meeting – Last year's annual meeting was held entirely on Zoom, so we recorded neither income nor expenses.
- Voter Services – Because of COVID-19, we did not hold any in-person voter registration events.
- Communications – With public buildings closed, we did not print extra Voters to be distributed, hence the reduced expenses for printing. We also purchased an annual Zoom license to enable us to meet virtually for programs and meetings with the Board and committees.
- Board/President – This category is where expenses related to the Census Grant were recorded.
- Delegate Travel – The LWVUS Annual Convention and LWVMN Council were held virtually, so there were no travel expenses incurred.
- Miscellaneous – We returned unspent census grant funds of just over \$1,600, since we could do no face-to-face events while the Census was taking place.

In the creation of the 2021-2022 budget, the following should be noted:

- Assumption for the budget is that activities will increase as we return to normal as more people are vaccinated.
- Dues projections are based on current year membership.
- Contributions were adjusted to reflect the trend of the last three years of increased donations.
- Voter Services expenses have been adjusted to allow for less activity due to fewer 2021 elections.

There was no in-person audit or examination of the financial records. However, all individual transactions were reviewed electronically at year-end by the Budget Committee, and financial transactions are reviewed monthly by the Board and are consistent with the budget/Board actions.

Chair: Barb Anderson

Committee Members: Barb Anderson, Jessica Holz, Bonnie Koch, Mary Ann Palmer

(See the 2021-2022 proposed budget on the following page.)

Finance Committee and Budget Report (cont.)

| | Budget 2020-21 | YTD March 2020-21 | Proposed Budget 2021-22 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| INCOME: | | | |
| Dues (120 pd members/\$70 dues) | 8,400.00 | 8,520.00 | 8,400.00 |
| Contributions (unrestricted) | 3,000.00 | 4,440.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Memorials | | 730.00 | |
| Annual Meeting | 1,100.00 | | 1,100.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 200.00 | 50.00 | 200.00 |
| Special Events | 850.00 | 756.00 | 850.00 |
| PayPal Fees | (200.00) | (156.15) | (200.00) |
| In Kind | 885.00 | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 14,235.00 | 14,339.85 | 14,350.00 |
| EXPENSES: | | | |
| Program Division | | | |
| Program | 250.00 | 50.00 | 250.00 |
| Special Events | 1,000.00 | 770.00 | 850.00 |
| Voter Services | 800.00 | 393.49 | 350.00 |
| Advocacy/Action | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Communications | | | |
| Public Relations/Advertising | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Voter Mailing | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Archivist | | | 100.00 |
| Printing | 750.00 | 179.49 | 750.00 |
| Website/Facebook/Zoom | 150.00 | 263.22 | 300.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | | |
| Membership | 150.00 | 173.25 | 150.00 |
| Board Expense | | | |
| President/Vice President | 100.00 | 427.14 | 100.00 |
| Secretary | | | |
| Development Committee | 150.00 | 125.49 | 150.00 |
| Treasurer/fees | - | | 75.00 |
| Board Expense | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Sunshine Fund | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Facility Honorarium | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Delegate, Travel, Affiliation | | | |
| Delegates, Convention, Workshop | 2,000.00 | | 2,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | | |
| Memorials | | | |
| Other Club Dues (Gavel Club) | 20.00 | | 20.00 |
| Dues (Regional Water Interleague) | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Annual Meeting | 1,100.00 | | 1,100.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 200.00 | 1,813.99 | 200.00 |
| Youth Award | | | 250.00 |
| In Kind | | | |
| Per Member Payments | | | |
| PMP National (\$32.00/120 members) | 3,600.00 | 3,728.00 | 3,840.00 |
| PMP State (\$27.00/120 members) | 3,240.00 | 3,116.47 | 3,240.00 |
| CMAL Dues (\$1.00/120 members) | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 14,235.00 | 11,265.54 | 14,350.00 |

Amendments to LWV of Roseville Area Policies and Procedures

These are the proposed amendments to LWV of Roseville Area policies and procedures for approval by membership.

I. Dues Payment - Amended by board June 17, 2020

Reason for amendment: Conformity with State procedures; set dues amount for students and low-income individuals

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

A. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Roseville Area shall commence on the first day of April of each year.

B. Dues. Annual dues as set in the budget shall be payable ~~April 1st as set forth in Article III.~~ Any member who fails to pay dues within ~~six~~ two months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls. The Board of Directors may adopt policies establishing a lower dues payment for new or low-income members. Life members pay no dues.

(ARTICLE III) LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

A. Voting members Persons at least 16 years of age and older whose current annual dues are paid.

B. Dues - The fiscal year is April 1-March 31. New membership dues are \$50. Renewing dues are \$70 for individual memberships and \$105 for family memberships. ~~Dues for students and low-income individuals are \$30. New member-ships received from January 1 onward are considered current for the new fiscal year.~~ Members who joined prior to 2019 will have a membership renewal date of April 1 each year. New members joining in 2019 or later, or inactive members re-joining in 2019 or later, will have a membership renewal date based on their original join or re-join date.

II. Remembering Our Members - Amended by board January 27, 2021

Reason for amendment: Addition of procedure to recognize deceased members

PROCEDURE UPON THE DEATH OF A MEMBER OF LWV ROSEVILLE AREA (LWVRA)

If LWVRA receives information regarding the death of a member, the Communications Director shall cause to be prepared a notice for inclusion in weekly e-Blast and subsequent issue of The Voter. If possible, a link to a public obituary should be included.

If any monetary contributions are sent to LWVRA in memory of a deceased member, the Membership Chair shall send a letter of appreciation to the donor and to the member's family, if contact information is available.

Monetary contributions in the name of a deceased member shall be posted as general revenue and expended in accordance with the adopted budget. Acknowledgment of any contribution shall be made in the LWVRA Annual Report. The Board retains the discretion to make a memorial in the name of a deceased member.

III. Nominating Committee - Amended by board February 4, 2021

Reason for amendment: Clarification of existing policy and removal of inconsistency

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of four members, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Chair, who ~~shall not may~~ be a member of the Board ~~but does not become one by virtue of this position,~~ shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The existing Nominating Committee shall make nominations for this office ~~and committee members.~~ The Board shall appoint ~~the other~~ members ~~other than the chair from these nominations or other nominations from the Board.~~ Any voting member may send suggestions for nominations for officers and directors to this committee. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by appointment by the Board.

MEETINGS

B. Annual Meeting. The exact date of the annual meeting shall be determined by the Board. The Annual Meeting shall:

- a) adopt a local program for the ensuing year,
- b) elect officers and directors and ~~members chair~~ of the Nominating Committee

Nominations Committee Report

This listing of 2021-2022 positions are submitted by the Nominations Committee.

- **President:** Barb Barany
- **Vice President:** Barb Anderson
- **Secretary:** Kathy Macomber
- **Treasurer:** Jessica Holz
- **Action Team Leader:** Sherry Hood
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- **Nominating Committee Chair:** Sherry Hood

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- **Action and Advocacy Team**
Team: Mindy Greiling, Wayne Groff, Georgeann Hall, Elizabeth Hansel, Priscilla Morton, Warren Wolfe
- **Observer Corps Subcommittee:**
Team: Margo Bock, Ann Cleland, Carol Marchel, Teri Mathews, Beth Salzl
- **Environmental Subcommittee:**
Team: Anne Haugan, Sherry Hood, Alana Howey, Barb Luck, Tammy McGehee, Priscilla Morton, Donna Peterson
- **Budget and Development Team**
Team: Mary Ann Palmer, Merrie Zakaras
- **Communications Team**
 - Archive: Shirley Bradway, Mindy Greiling, Bonnie Koch, Dan Salzl
 - Barbara Luck
 - PR: Merrie Zakaras
 - Social Media: Gladys Jones
 - Video: Jim DeBenedet with backup
 - Voter: Rachel Geiser
 - Voter Distribution: Jim DeBenedet, Stephanie DeBenedet, Jo Waldron
 - Webpage: Barb Anderson, Mary Peterson
- **Proposed Nominations Committee**
Team: Mindy Greiling, Florence Sprague, Lisa Scribner
- **Program Team**
 - Annual Meeting: Shirley Bradway, Mindy Greiling, Diana Menanteau, Rachelle Peleska, June Stewart
 - Conversations with Constituents: Gladys Jones, Amy Kenzie, Rita Mills
 - CMAL: Karen Schaffer, Lisa Scribner
 - Fliers: Barbara Leary
 - Gavel: June Stewart
 - Study Committee Chairs: Jim DeBenedet, Patti Hoffman, Barb Luck
 - Team: Marcia Cheney, Rachel Geiser, Mindy Greiling, Sherry Hood, Kathy Macomber, Connie Marty, Sharon McCord, Rita Mills
- **Voter Services Team**
 - Moderators: Kitty Gogins, Linda McLoon, Florence Sprague
 - Moderator Training: Amy Kenzie, Kathy Macomber
 - Team: Elizabeth Hansel, Rita Mills, Sharon Oswald, Suzanne Sancilio, June Stewart

Nominations Committee Chair: Florence Sprague, **Committee Members:** Mindy Greiling, Sherry Hood and Lisa Scribner

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