



The League of Women Voters Washington County



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Calendar

April 14, Mon., Board Meeting, Joyce Hale's home 285 W. Cleburn St., Fayetteville, 6:30.

April 16, Wed., Monthly Member Meeting, Finding a Balance Between Work and Family, Fayetteville Public Library, 6:00.

April 25, Fri., State Quarterly Board Meeting

April 26, Sat., LWVAR State Council Meeting, John Gould Fletcher Library, 823 North Buchanan Street, Little Rock, AR, 9:00 to 4:00. Registration \$30.00.

May 5, Mon., Early Voting for Primary and Non-Partisan Contests

May 12, Mon., Board Meeting, Joyce Hale's home 285 W. Cleburn St., Fayetteville, 6:30.

May 20, Tues., Primary and Non-Partisan Election Day

May 22, Thurs., Annual Meeting, 6:00 pm pot luck, First Presbyterian Church Activity Room, 695 E. Calvin Street. Karen Sebold, recipient of the Elaine McNeil Bequest Award will share information from interviews collected by Diane Blair during the 1992 and 1996 presidential elections.

From Joyce's Desk

Spring could not come at a better time! The opportunity for change is welcome on many levels. LWVWC member programs are almost completed. This has been a heavy year for studies and reference materials. Those who have taken the time to read them or attend the forums are better prepared to express opinions to representatives and develop choices on who to vote for. New topics are ready for adoption. I hope to see strong member attendance at the Annual Meeting plus a generous commitment to serve on program committees. The wide variety of topics should provide something for everyone's interest.

After the coming elections heat up through the summer, we should be ready to stage some interesting candidate forums. As far as our own election of officers is concerned, the office of president is still open. I will do all I can to assist someone in this position and feel sure the other board members will as well.

This has been a challenging year for me. Through the process of working on programs and attempting to add organizational structure to strengthen our activities, I have learned a great deal about issues and members. I have come to appreciate even more the high regard the public has for the League and the responsibility we have to maintain it. I have especially enjoyed being a part of the larger whole when working jointly with the Benton County and Fairfield Bay Leagues. For those of you who have never attended a State Council meeting, I urge you to participate and enjoy getting to know League members from other communities. I value the hours others have given especially the duties of the board and officers, for our programs, Voter and website. Thank you for making this a productive and memorable year!

Annual Meeting

Please join other League members for the 55th Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 22nd , 6:00 pm, in the activity room of the First Presbyterian Church, 695 E. Calvin St. in Fayetteville. This is the usual potluck event, so members are asked to bring a favorite dish to share. Plates, silverware and drinks will be furnished.

Our speaker will be Karen Sebold, a U of A graduate student, who is working on Diane Blair’s research papers of the 1992 Clinton campaign. Karen received the Elaine McNeil bequest from our League to support her graduate research. She will focus on how women operate on campaign staffs and how women have different ambitions than men as campaign professionals. She may also discuss how Bill Clinton’s personality was shaped by growing up in Hope and Hot Springs.

As usual, we will follow the talk with the business of approving the budget, changes in the by-laws, election of officers and selection of programs for the coming year. Much of this information is elsewhere in this newsletter. Hope to see you at this good food and good company evening.

LWV Washington County 2008-2009

Proposed Slate

Term Expires

President:

1st Vice President: Karen Minkel 2009

2nd Vice President: Barbara Farley 2010

Secretary: Nancy McCartney 2010

Treasurer: Mary Fitzpatrick 2009

Board Members to Be Elected:

Carolyn Madison 2010

Marge Zinke 2010

Bettie Lou Lancaster 2010

Mary Bess Mullhollan 2010

Board Members Continuing Terms:

Judith Carey 2009

Karen Rollet-Crocker 2009

Sally Kelley 2009

Board Members to Be Appointed:

Mary Alice Serafini Genie Donovan

Marion Orton Libby Wheeler

Joyce Hale

Nominating Committee for Next Year:
Jo Bennett, Chair; Members: Jeanine Neuse, Brenda Thiel

Respectfully submitted by: Martha Ward, Chair, Nominating Committee; Members:
Lois Alward, Judith Carey, Carolyn Madison, Brenda Thiel

By-law Revisions 2008

League of Women Voters of Washington County

At its Board Meeting on February 11, 2008, the Board approved the following minor By-law revisions, which are presented below to the membership for approval at the annual meeting:

Article V

Sec. 3. The Vice Presidents. *Add at the end of this paragraph: "Refer to the Policies and Procedures document."*

Sec. 4. The Secretary. *Punctuation and spelling changes only. Should read: The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall notify all officers and directors of their election; shall sign, with the president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board; and shall perform such other functions as may be incidental to the office.*

Article VII

Sec. 1. Membership Meeting; *Correction of a typo from "a" to "at."* Text should read: *There shall be at least one meeting of the membership each year.*

Article VIII

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. *Deletion of the word "immediately" from the following sentence: The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors (immediately) following the Annual Meeting.*

Sec. 2. *Change of preposition from "to" to "at" in the following sentence. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented at (not "to") the Annual Meeting.*

Section 3. *Change of procedure from ballot to voice vote. Corrected text shall read: "The election shall be by ballot if there is more than one contender for each position. Otherwise the proposed slate may be approved by voice vote."*

Article IX

Sec. 3. Program Selection. *Deletion of word “concerted” from sentence: “The Annual Meeting shall select the governmental issues for (concerted) study and action using the following procedures:*

- a) *change in wording from “sent in” to “made” in the following sentence: The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations (sent in) made by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting...*

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	BUDGETED 2007-2008	TOTAL TO DATE	THIS MONTH	PROJECTED BUDGET
REVENUES				
Dues	4,040.00	3,275.00	80.00	4,110.00
Contributions - Members	1,400.00	80.00		1,400.00
Non-members	1,800.00	160.00		1,500.00
Grants				
Interest AG Edwards Reg.	487.00	387.58		400.00
Interest AG Edwards Sch.	80.00	53.04		60.00
Other Sources/Reserves	3,180.00			1,060.00
TOTAL REVENUE	10,987.00	3,955.62	80.00	8,530.00
EXPENDITURES				
A. OPERATING COSTS:				
Duplication	150.00			100.00
Supplies	500.00	217.00	79.62	300.00
Postage	150.00	16.40	8.20	150.00
Board, Committees, Meetings	500.00	65.00		200.00
Telephone	320.00	241.55	26.22	320.00
SUBTOTAL OPERATING COSTS	1,620.00	539.95	114.04	1,070.00
B. MEETINGS/TRAVEL:				
State Convention/Council	150.00			150.00
National Convention	2,200.00			
Annual Meeting	100.00			100.00
Other Meetings	50.00			50.00
SUBTOTAL MEETINGS/TRAVEL	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
C. FINANCIAL SUPPORT (DUES):				
State PMP	1,410.00	380.00		1,110.00
Pledge to LWVAR				400.00
National PMP	2,707.00	2,015.17		3,000.00
SUBTOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT	4,117.00	2,395.17	0.00	4,510.00
D. VOTER				
Postage	250.00	69.08		150.00
Printing	400.00	132.89	30.91	250.00
SUBTOTAL VOTER	650.00	201.97	30.91	400.00
E. EDUCATIONAL:				
Publications Purchased	100.00			150.00
Publications Produced	150.00			150.00
Programs				600.00
Grants	0.00			
Voter Service	1,200.00			700.00
SUBTOTAL EDUCATIONAL	1,450.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00
F. POSITION SUPPORT:	150.00			150.00
G. BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND:	500.00	689.26	225.00	500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,987.00	3,826.35	369.95	8,530.00

CURRENT FUND BALANCES

Bank of Fayetteville (Checking)	777.56
A.G. Edwards (Reg. Account)	15,988.52
A.G. Edwards (Scholarship)	2,144.94
TOTAL FUNDS	18,911.02