



2021 Annual Meeting Packet



**14th Annual Meeting
March 22, 2021
Via Zoom**

Welcome & Co-President's Comments

Guest Speaker

Adoption of the Rules of the Meeting

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting held virtually

Adoption of the 2021-22 Budget

Adoption of the 2021-22 Program

Election of Officers and Directors

Open Floor for Committee Reports

Directions to the Board

Adjournment

Rules of the Meeting

1. Twenty percent (20%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting.
2. Only members of the League of Women Voters of The Villages/Tri-County Area shall have the privilege of the floor and vote.
3. A majority of the voting members present shall be required for the adoption of the proposed program.
4. In the event of prolonged discussion of any item of business, each member will be limited to two minutes to speak to the issue unless otherwise stipulated.
5. Nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.



Thirteenth Annual Meeting
March 2020

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the annual meeting scheduled for March 23, 2020 at the Leesburg Resource Center was cancelled. Instead of meeting in-person, a virtual meeting was conducted through an e-mail survey, and a quorum of 36 members voted unanimously to approve the following business items:

2020-21 Budget

2020-21 Adopted Program

Slate of Officers

President-elect 2020-22: Bonnie Field
Secretary 2020-22: Mary Kay Rosinski
Director 2020-22: Carolyn Johnson
Director 2020-22: Jeannie Hamilton
Budget Committee Chair: Diana Bishop
Nominating Committee Chair: Mary Schulz
Nominating Committee Member: Terri Roher

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF THE VILLAGES/TRI-COUNTY

Annual Report

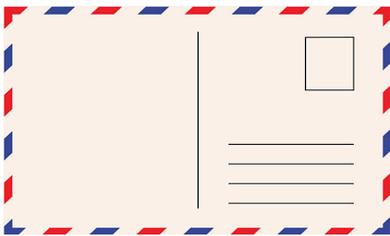
2020-2021



- LWVFL saw a 436% increase in use of VOTE411 over the 2016 presidential election.
- Promoted use with print advertisement in local papers in 3 counties.



- Moved all meetings to Zoom after March.
- Speakers' Bureau provided 44 presentations on topics, all via Zoom after April.



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- 30 local League members wrote more than 3,000 postcards urging returning citizens (former felons) to vote



- Distributed 2,100 print Voters Guides and 2,400 bookmarks describing how to access VOTE411.



- Using grant money, four "Be a Voter" videos were posted as paid advertising on social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, and Snap Chat urging young women in the tri-county area to register and vote. The ads were seen over 180,000 times.



- Hosted three candidate forums via Zoom.
- Co-hosted two candidate forums with NAACP chapter of Lake County.



- Collaborated with a variety of community groups including: Sisters of Suffrage (commemoration of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage—including virtual Equalitea and proclamation)



- Sent weekly e-mails to members and the broader community educating on topics such as registration process and vote-by-mail. (mid-August through election)

Southern Christian Leadership Foundation (voter registration drive and Twitter Town Hall on women's suffrage)

Various Lake County groups to save the North Lake Hospital District.



2021-2022 DRAFT Program

League of Women Voters -The Villages/Tri County Area

*Red is suggested changes from the board and membership, and strikethroughs are proposed deletions.

League Advocacy- Encourage local League members to respond to calls for action that come from the State and National Leagues.

Local Government - Promote an open government that is responsive to the people of the tri-county area.

- Monitor and support transparency in local government actions in the tri-county area.
- Publicize citizen academies in the tri-county area for an educated membership on the workings of local government. For example, encourage Villagers to attend the Resident Academy to gain an understanding of how government works within The Villages.
- Monitor and support the repeal initiative for “One Sumter” and return to county commissioners elected by those residing in their districts.
- Encourage members to inform themselves and monitor local political issues.

Voter Service - Provide information about elections, election process, redistricting, ~~amendments~~, and changes in the election law regarding voter access.

- Support and promote the state-wide initiative on ~~nonpartisan~~ National Popular Vote Interstate ~~initiative~~ Compact.
- Support and promote the LWVLF position on the integrity of the election process.
- Promote the LWVTRI Speakers Bureau.
- Publish and promote the online voter’s guide. ~~in even-numbered years.~~
- Promote voter registration.
- Publish information about local elections.
- Sponsor Meet and Greet and/or Candidate Forums for local elections in each of the three counties, Lake, Marion, and Sumter.

Issues for Action

- Support and promote the implementation of the voting rights restoration amendment. **Conduct outreach to returning citizens in the three-county area and support them by referring them to appropriate assistance.**
- Spread the message of our Be A Voter campaign through the many platforms of social media.
- Inform the local population on ~~constitutional amendments and other~~ election **and policy** issues through the Speakers Bureau.
- Register voters and encourage voting among underrepresented populations in the tri-county area.
- **Urge LWVFL to provide leadership and support for open primaries.**
- **Pursue partnerships with community organizations for voter registration drives and outreach to returning citizens.**

Education --Promote adequate funding for public schools. Promote equality in academic and reporting requirements for all schools that receive public funds.

- Keep informed about the local impact of Federal and State initiatives **such as equity initiatives including Title IX.**
- Review and monitor charter schools and school voucher issues.
- Monitor the impact of state funding on local school districts.
- Ensure that all 4-year-old children in Florida have access to high- quality pre-kindergarten programming, as mandated in the Florida Constitution by advocating for a substantial increase in per-child base allocation, and allocation of new monies for state-provided, intensive, on-site in-service training for VPK teachers in instructional design, lesson planning, and other teaching skills.
- **Study civics education at all education levels locally.**

Justice in Florida - Support ~~juvenile~~ justice actions that emphasize civil citations, rehabilitation, and other alternatives to incarceration.

- **Support community policing and the addition of mental health resources.**
- **Support equity and equality in policing and training for law enforcement when working with diverse populations.**

Natural Resources - Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest, recognizing the interrelationships of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources.

CLIMATE

- Identify and promote personal and local governmental initiatives that could reduce the predicted negative impact of climate change within the Tri-County area and Florida.
- Promote the reduction of carbon emissions by joining with the LWWFL's "Clean Energy Action Team" to speed up the transition to cleaner and cheaper-to-operate cars.
- Support public education to promote electric vehicles and **additional statewide** charging stations.

WATER

- Identify LWWFL's partners working for the betterment of Florida's water sources and support their actions. Monitor actions and legislation by tri-county government entities as well as legislators representing the tri-county area in state government.
- Monitor requests for water withdrawal by commercial bottlers in the local area.
- ~~and~~ Identify **and educate the public about** negative outcomes which may result from such water withdrawals. ~~and educate others about issues.~~

Social Policy - ~~Secure~~ **Advocate for** equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice and the health and safety of all citizens.

- Support implementation of the **Federal Health Care Reform Law** in Florida, emphasizing access for all and control of costs **including** Medicaid expansion and mental health coverage.
- **Collaborate with local groups to educate the public and lawmakers on the benefits of the North Lake County Hospital District.**
- Support action to enforce and strengthen consumer protection laws.
- Support and promote a ban on all semiautomatic assault weapons and large-capacity feeding devices
- ~~Encourage local League members to respond to calls for action that come from the State and National League.~~ (moved to top)

Proposed Slate of Officers/Directors
as proposed by Nominating Committee

	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Co-President (1-year term)2021-22	Gail Formanack	due to resignation
Co-President (2-year term)2021-23	Mary Kay Rosinski	currently secretary
Vice-President (2-year term)2021-23	Phil Grayber	
Treasurer (2-year term)2021-23	Bernadette Aley	currently treasurer
Director 1 (1-year term)2021-22	Kim Fowler	due to resignation
Director 2 (2-year term)2021-23	Dorothy Duncan	currently director
Director 3 (2-year term)2021-23	Barbara Fieldman	currently director
Director 4 (2-year term)2021-23	Dee Melvin	
Budget Committee Chair	Diana Bishop	currently chair
Nomination Committee Chair	Mary Schulz	currently elected chair
Nomination Comm. Member	Beth Hicks	currently appointed member

**LWVTRI Proposed
Budget 04/01/21-03/31/22**

Actual 4/1/2020
Thru 2/28/2021

Proposed 4/1/2021
Thru 03/31/2022

General Account		
INCOME		
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$ 318.00	\$ 195.00
MEETINGS, LUNCHEONS	0.00	3900.00
RESTRICTED DUES *	4337.50	4606.00
UNRESTRICTED DUES	1747.50	1897.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6403.00	\$ 10598.00
EXPENSES		
BOARD	\$ 560.00	\$ 850.00
COMPUTER	775.00	451.00
CONVENTION	300.00	1750.00
MEETINGS	0.00	3020.00
RESTRICTED MEMBERSHIP DUES	4112.50	4606.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5747.50	\$ 10677.00
<p>*This is amount out of the membership dues that has to be sent to the State & US Leagues so it is not ours to spend.</p>		

LWVTRI EDUCATION FUND		
INCOME		
DONATIONS	\$ 100.00	\$ 3000.00
HONORARIUMS	1110.00	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1210.00	\$ 3500.00
EXPENSES		
SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN	\$ 2563.00	\$ 200.00
SPEAKERS BUREAU & VOTE 411	1100.00	1000.00
WORKSHOP & TRAINING	75.00	75.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3738.00 *	\$ 1075.00
<p>*These expenses were actually paid out of the general fund prior to the 501c3 being established. Included here for planning purposes.</p>		

STATE OF FL EDUCATION FUND (ACCRUAL ACCOUNT)		
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 1192.00	
EXPENSES		
D&O INSURANCE	\$ 502.00	
SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN	690.00	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 0.00	