

**League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro Annual Meeting
Wichita Advanced Learning Library May 14, 2019**

1. Co-Presidents Pat Reinhold and Laura Thompson called the meeting to order. All were welcomed. An Italian buffet was provided by Reverie Caterers prior to the program. The meeting was well attended by over thirty members.
2. Betty Ladwig and Sharon Cranford presented a moving program. They presented history of two important individuals from the women's movement and read from their writings. Betty represented Susan B. Anthony and Sharon represented Sojourner Truth (Isabella Baumfree). Working together we can all contribute to a stronger future for women.
3. The 2018 Citizen of the Year Award was given to Lavonta Williams. Lavonta is a tireless advocate for many groups and organizations in Wichita. She has held numerous leadership positions in the governing of Wichita and Kansas.

Annual Business Meeting

1. Minutes of the 2018-2019 Annual Meeting were distributed.
2. Nominating Committee, Betty Ladwig, Chair: The Nominating Committee Members are Betty Ladwig, Paul Babich and Carole Neal.
 - a. They presented the following list of officers and new term members to positions: Pat Reinhold for Co-President for 1 year, Elaine Harvey for Treasurer, and new 2 year term members Megan Wright-Hagen, Sharon Aillslieger, Barbara Moore, Jennifer Lane, Jane Byrnes, Bridgette West-Williams, and Sharon Cranford.
 - b. Elaine Harvey moved to accept the list as presented. Mary Knecht seconded the motion. **The motion to approve the new officers and board members passed unanimously.**
 - c. Members continuing are Laura Thompson, Co-President, Pat Purvis, Secretary, Martha Pint, Fund Raising, and Carole Neal, Voter Service.
 - d. Julie Sherwood was thanked for her years of service on the Board.
3. Elaine Harvey, Treasurer, presented the proposed 2019-2020 budget for LWV Wichita-Metro and for LWV Wichita-Metro Education Fund. She reported that we now have 132 members and added one more this evening (133). Several updates were announced. With added grant money, the budget is stronger. We were able to pay the PMP from the regular fund rather than use money from the education/scholarship fund. **Motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget passed unanimously.**
4. The proposed 2019-2020 proposed bylaws changes were read and reviewed. Please refer to the printed changes accompanying the minutes. Marilyn Hill made a motion that the changes be approved. Mary Knecht seconded the motion. **Motion to approve the bylaws changes passed unanimously.**
5. Mary Knecht recognized the loss of important long lifetime LWV supporters, Sally and Dave Dewey and Sally Fahrenthold.
6. Additional discussion followed.
 - a. Carole Neal provided information on the busy plans for Voter Service. Many activities are planned including visiting Garden City for citizenship ceremonies.
 - b. Sharon Cranford and the Centennial Committee presented some of the upcoming activities. The theme for the celebration is Past, Present, and Future: Our Voices United. Krista Lovette is the chair for the Riverfest Parade, May 31, 2019. The kick-off luncheon will be held on August 24, 2019 at the WSU Hughes Metroplex. Information about table sponsorship was provided. Aleris Charleman reviewed and provided a handout on the series of event planned for August 2019 through August 2020.
 - c. Postcards were filled out to be sent to Senator Pat Roberts to have a hearing on the For the People Act (H.R. 1 For the People Act 2019).
7. Tabitha Lehman, Sedgwick County Election Commissioner, spoke briefly about Kansas's voting changes.

Pat Reinhold, Co-President, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Pat Purvis, Secretary