

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEHIGH COUNTY**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
Saturday, May 22, 2021

The annual meeting of the LWVLC was held on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at via zoom starting at 10:00 am. President Molly Faust presided. A quorum was present.

**PRESENT:** Molly Faust, Ann Bartholomew, Ken Baumert, Mary Erdman, Fran Derhammer, Chris Herbener, Pat Hudson, Rochelle Kaplan, Jan Little, Jan Landis, Burke Swan, Pat Swan, Donna Barker, Charles Barker, Terri Purdy, Mary Bongiorno, Cheryl Winters-Tetreau, Barbara Connolly, Mary Sue Schnell, Michelle Graupner, Ron Graupner, Margie Dunn, Julie Ambrose and Barbara Williams.

**Welcome**

Molly Faust welcomed everyone to the 64<sup>th</sup> (and the first virtual) annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Lehigh County. She explained the procedures that will be followed during the virtual meeting. During the course of the meeting, Molly interspersed slides depicting the work of the League over the past year: Voter Registration and Tabling, Government Directory, Voter's Guide/Vote 411, Social Media, Liberty Bell Museum 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibit, Hot Topics Luncheon, Publication Distribution, Running for Local Office Workshop, and the National Day of Action.

**Minutes:** It was announced that the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting had been read and approved by a special reading committee. President Molly Faust appointed the following members to the reading committee for the 2021 annual meeting minutes: Chris Herbener, Donna Barker, and Charles Barker.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Barbara Williams presented her report which covered income and expenses for the period from July 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021. Total income as of April 30, 2021 is \$9,283.63 and total expenses are \$6,923.67. The various accounts show a total balance of \$17, 841.93 as of April 30, 2021. The report was accepted and placed on file pending audit.

**Auditors Report:** Daisy B. Pearson served as auditor of the League's books for the year ending June 30, 2020. Her report stated that the books for 2019-2020 were in good order. Barbara Williams made a motion to accept the auditor's report. The report was accepted by unanimous vote. The report is filed with the secretary's minutes.

**Presentation and Adoption of the Bylaw amendments.** Bylaws Committee Chair Molly Faust presented the recommended bylaws amendments as proposed by the bylaws committee and recommended by the board. Molly Faust made a motion to adopt the bylaws amendments as proposed. The vote was unanimous to adopt the proposed bylaw amendments.

**2021-2022 Budget:** Budget Chair Mary Bongiorno presented the 2021-2022 budget as proposed by the budget committee and recommended by the board. Mary Bongiorno made the motion to adopt the 2021-2022 budget as presented. Jan Landis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the proposed budget.

**Local Program:** Molly Faust stated that no changes had been recommended to our positions on local issues. First Vice President, Program and Action, Mary Erdman presented the Local programs listed below:

1. Solid Waste Management Consensus (December 1972)
2. Local Water Consensus (May 1973)
3. Transportation Needs in the Lehigh Valley Consensus (July 1982)
4. Tax Base Sharing Consensus (April 1986)

The Local program positions were readopted unanimously. There were no non-recommended items. Chris Herbener advised that the State League Board members assured her that our League did not have to readopt the local programs each year at our annual meeting. This will be noted for the 2022 Annual meeting.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Nominating Committee Chair Margie Dunn read the report of the nominating committee which had been printed in the April VOTER.

President (2021-2023) – Mary Erdman  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Program (2021-2023) – Chris Herbener  
Secretary (2021-2023) – Rochelle Kaplan

Nominating Committee (Chair is chosen by committee members)  
Cecilia Birdsell  
Margie Dunn  
Pat Swan

Directors:  
Membership (2021-2023) – Margie Dunn  
Communications (2021-2023) – Terri Purdy

**Nominations:** There were no nominations from the floor. Molly Faust moved that the nominating ballot be the elective ballot. Mary Bongiorno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Incoming President Mary Erdman**

Mary Erdman thanked Molly Faust and Jan Little for their mentorship and support. She also told the attendees that she is looking forward to working with the board and the members over the next two years.

**Directions to the Board:** Molly Faust asked the membership for suggestions on speakers for our HTLs or any other directions for the board.

Members made the following suggestions to the board:

Hot Topics Luncheon- Leah Purdy, Horticulturalist for the City of Richmond, "Habitat Creation for Native Beneficial Insects"

There was no further business. Julie Ambrose made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Donna Barker seconded. The majority agreed and the meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.

Submitted by,

Rochelle Kaplan  
Secretary