

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEHIGH COUNTY**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
Saturday, May 21, 2022

The annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Lehigh County was held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at via zoom starting at 10:00 am. President Mary Erdman presided. A quorum was present.

**PRESENT:** Molly Faust, Ann Bartholomew, Ken Baumert, Mary Erdman, Rochelle Kaplan, Burke Swan, Pat Swan, Donna Barker, Charles Barker, Terri Purdy, Cheryl Winters-Tetreau, Barbara Connolly, Michelle Graupner, Ron Graupner, Margie Dunn, Gayle Getz, Caryn Shoenthaal, Mary Tomlinson, Sue Phillips, Ashleigh Strange, and Barbara Williams.

**Welcome**

Mary Erdman welcomed everyone to the 65<sup>th</sup> (and the second virtual) annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Lehigh County. She explained the procedures that will be followed during the virtual meeting. Ann Bartholomew was named parliamentarian for the meeting.

**Minutes:** It was announced that the minutes of the 2021 annual meeting had been read and approved by a special reading committee. Margie Dunn made a motion to accept the report of the special reading committee. Molly Faust seconded the motion. The report was accepted unanimously. President Mary Erdman appointed the following members to the reading committee for the 2022 annual meeting minutes: Terri Purdy, Molly Faust, and Michelle Graupner.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Barbara Williams presented her report which covered income and expenses for the period from July 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022. Total income as of April 30, 2022 is \$8,823.70 and total expenses are \$5,853.16. The assets report shows a total balance of \$19,336.10 as of April 30, 2022. 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, 2021. Her report dated February 2022 stated that the books for 2020-2021 were in good order and that the League is in a good financial position. The report is filed with the secretary's minutes.

**2022-2023 Budget:** Mary Bongiorno, Budget Chair, was unable to attend the meeting, consequently, Barbara Williams presented the 2022-2023 budget as proposed by the budget committee and recommended by the board. Barbara Williams made the motion to adopt the 2022-2023 budget as presented. Cheryl Winters-Tetreau seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the proposed budget.

**Local Program:** Mary Erdman stated that there was no need to take a vote on the local issues, because there has been no additional study on them. The local issues are:

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)

Mary asked for volunteers to serve on a local issues committee to review the issues. The committee will make recommendations to the Board no later than March 2023 on the following:

1. What issues the League will continue to support and continue to study.
2. What issues to abandon from the list as the League no longer supports the position or the issue has been resolved.
3. What new issues the League should begin to study.

Local Issues Committee: Ann Bartholomew, Ashleigh Strange, Mary Tomlinson, Cheryl Winters-Tetreau, and Barbara Connolly.

### **President's Report**

Mary reviewed the Board members reports that were submitted to the membership prior to the annual meeting. The League's mission is empowering voters and defending democracy. In pursuance of that mission during the past year, the League has:

- Connected with the communities in Allentown that the League has not served before.
- Monitored legislation proposed in the General Assembly; advocated for the legislation that provides more access to voters and opposed legislation that sets up obstacles to voting.
- Provided voter education and information on the new districts at community events-in person or virtual.
- Held monthly presentations on various topics ranging from the history of the Justice Bell to the transportation of liquid natural gas through the Lehigh Valley.

Looking to the general election in the fall, the League is planning to host candidates' forums for the candidates running in the new Senate District 14 and the new House District 22. The League hopes to partner with the LWV-Bucks County to host a candidate forum for the candidates running in Senate District 16. We will also plan more in person GOTV events and member events, such as the Hot Topic Lunches. Our events are listed on the League's website under events. Mary encouraged all the members to go to our website for the most up to date information on the League's activities and action alerts on pending legislation.

Mary thanked all the board members and members for all of their hard work during the past year and is looking forward to another active year in 2022-2023.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Nominating Committee Chair Margie Dunn read the report of the nominating committee.

### Officers

Vice President, Voter Services (2022-2024) Barbara Connolly  
Treasurer (2022-2024) Barbara Williams

### Directors

Government Directory (2022-2024)  
Publication Distribution (2022-2024)  
Voters' Guide (2022-2024)

Cheryl Winters-Tetreau  
Charles & Donna Barker  
Michelle Graupner

Budget Chair  
Mary Bongiorno

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

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

There was no further business. Barbara Connolly made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Cheryl-Winters Tetreau seconded. The majority agreed and the meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.

Submitted by,

Rochelle Kaplan  
Secretary