



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WARREN COUNTY



Encouraging active and informed participation in government since 1962

60th Anniversary and Annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Warren May 21, 2022, Conewango Club 10AM – 2:30PM

President Susan Swab called the meeting to order and introduced the board. Adoption of order of business and rules were completed.

Special report was regarding the **By-Laws change** to include a VP for Voter Services. Article IV Board of Directors – Section 1. Number, manner of Selection and Terms of Office – The Board of Directors shall consist of SEVEN elected directors (change from six directors)

Under Article V - Officers of the board. – the officers of the League of Women Voters of Warren County shall be a president FOUR VICE PRESIDENTS (adding Voter Services.) Phyllis Wright moved to accept the By-Law change, Barbara Scott second, motion passed.

The **nominating committee** consisting of Jennifer Bliss and Neil Hember reported nomination of Jennifer Bliss for VP for Programs for two years. Barbara Scott was thanked for filling in and completed one year as VP Programs. Those continuing officers 1 year are: Pres. – Susan Swab, VP Communications - Phyllis Wright, and Treas. Christa Williams. For two years: Sec. -Susan Stout, VP membership- Michelle Gray, VP Programs – Jennifer Bliss, Voter Service - Sally Beckerink. The 2023 officer nominating committee will be Neil Hember chair for one year, Paula Massa for two years. Barbara Scott made the motion to accept the slate of leadership, Jane Dunshie second, motion passed.

Treasurer Christa Williams reviewed the 2021-22 budget showing expenditure of \$1,601.81 and income \$1822.50. The 2022-2023 budget proposed expenditure \$3,440 and income of \$2650. Motion made and second to accept the proposed budget, motion passed. An application of grant for printing of government directory will be done. The 2021-2020 audit committee elected are Tatiana Malys and Jane Dunshie. Christa noted the PA LWV position that members under 35 years have reduced dues of \$35. Warren LWV member regular dues are \$55.

Special Reports- *See full reports presented. Following is summaries –*

Following Susan Swab’s president report, plans were announced for the 2023 “Warren Government Directory” led by Sally Eaton. Phyllis Wright volunteered to coordinate the distribution of the leaflets.

Membership VP – Michelle Gray reported on the continuing work of the leagues commitment to actively participate in our government as a nonpartisan politically informed entity serving as educators to the public on topics that matter. Two members deaths were recognized - Mary Schormann for her 56 years of service, and Barb Tubbs for over 25 years of service including her many leadership roles. Ellen Ruffolo was recognized as a dedicated life member. Mary Conarro is a 49 year member. Newest members are Nancy Tomassoni, Paula Massa, and Tatiana Malys.

VP for Programs – Barbara Scott reported on participating in the Warren Pride Event 2021 and coming in 2022. The 2021 Fall membership and public meeting was a success with presentation from Warren Mayor candidates. A winter program with Director of Elections - Kystal Ransom was given to the board regarding registration, voting process and election rules. Over the past year many meetings were conducted to prepare the “Election Reform Study.”

VP for Communications - Phyllis Wright reported on the Fair District PA work which formatted the “Legislative Reapportionment Commission” to develop fair Congressional and PA House and Senate maps for better representations of voters. The 2022 PA league will focus on the “#Fix Harrisburg” - a program to help citizens be aware of legislative rules that lead to power and partisan legislation resulting in many nonpartisan bills not being studied or passed. Communications continues on the leagues web page www.lwvwc.org Facebook and the media.

VP for Voter Services – Sally Beckerink continues to be at the community events to encourage people to register and vote. Plans for school program are on hold due to the COVID restrictions.

The president thank the board members for their work and reminded board meetings are open to members the 1st Monday of each month at the Warren Historical Society. It was noted that meetings have been held via Zoom due to COVID restrictions and in person. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

The program began with **Election Reform Study** (a year-long study) with each group presenting their section for members to vote following discussions. A booklet included research, resources and consensus statements, plus a power point was available for the members.

- Voter Registration compiled by Sally Beckerink and Paula Massa;
- Early and Mail-in Voting compiled by Barbara Scott, Susan Stout, Susan Borland and Nancy Tomassoni;
- Drop Boxes compiled by Phyllis Wright and Sherry Albrecht;
- Voter ID compiled by Christa Williams, Marge Himber, Neil Himber, Tatiana Malys, and Susan Swab; and
- Post Election Audits compiled by Diana Groszek and Michelle Gray.
- A presentation on a survey to be conducted for poll workers and their training needs was done by Sally Eaton and Karen Black.

Due to COVID etc. several members could not be present. To allow study committee participants their opportunity for their consensus vote, they may read the materials and vote by June 6th, the next board meeting for compiling consensus.

A buffet lunch by the Conewango Club and cake prepared by the Culinary Dept. of Warren Career Center were served. Six decades of scrapbooks were on display plus a large 60 balloons were enjoyed as part of decorations. Table decorations included US Flag, red white and blue items with candy. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Attending – Bruce and Christa Williams, Tatiana Malys, Karen Black, Sally Eaton, Sue Borland, Barbara Scott, Nancy Tomassoni, Jane Dunshie, Paul Massa, Sally Beckerink, Sue Swab, and Phyllis Wright.

Acting Secretary –
Phyllis Wright