

League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County

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Secretary—Susan Haase

Treasurer—Berit Leonard

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Ann Coulston (Voter Services)
Miriam Ries (*The Voter*)
Coleen Dearing
Laura Atkins (Member & Program Services)
Donna Reynolds (PR/
Communications)
Hannah Burling (Action/
Advocacy)
Suzanne Schmidt (Past President)

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Membership (vacant)
Patricia Pedersen (Arrangements)
Bonnie Coleman-lapoce
(Digital Technology)
Patricia Victour (Office Manager)
Laurie Glaze (Facilitator)
Jody Larson (Consultant)

Nominating Committee

Donna Reynolds, Chair Lindsay Robinson Jody Larson

Finance/Budget Committee

Marcy Litzenberg, Chair John Hufnagle Laurie Glaze Berit Leonard (ex officio)

Executive Committee

Marcy Litzenberg Berit Leonard Miriam Ries Ann Coulston

Call to Annual Meeting



League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County Wednesday, May 9, 2018 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Hilton Hotel—Historic Santa Fe Plaza

Lunch: \$25.00
Pay online at League website:
www.lwvsfc.org
Or send check to League office no later than
May 4, 2018

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From the Leadership Team ...

The last few months have been inspiring, as young people across the country are finding their collective voices to advocate for safer school environments. It is tragic that what stimulated this outpouring of youthful voices speaking their own truth



and experiences was another deadly school shooting. Along with many others engaged in issue advocacy, I look forward to seeing and reading about the energy, passion, and activism of these young people directed toward advancing new gun safety policies.

It certainly reminds me of my own initial steps into the political process when the voting age was changed to allow eighteen-year olds to vote. I was one of those early voters and registered to vote at my high school with the help of the local League of Women Voters. I was the first in my immediate family to vote but, as a result, encouraged the rest of my family to start voting in elections, too. One very small step ultimately led me to a life of activism, with many hours of volunteerism and professional work devoted to changing laws, policies, and regulations on a wide variety of issues.

It is an exciting time to be aligned with an organization deeply devoted to voter education and issue advocacy. The League is a wonderful place to land for those looking to get involved, to develop their skills in surprising new ways, share their issue knowledge with others, use their talents to register and educate voters on key issues, offer tools to better educate voters on candidates' positions, and enjoy the natural comradery of working with other like-minded men and women.

I am delighted to report to the membership that the League board is willing and ready to continue to "test" the new Leadership Team approach recommended at last year's annual meeting. Once again, we are offering a slate of officers and directors under the existing League bylaws, purposefully without a "president." This year, the Leadership Team will be joined by a few new directors to help share the work load and continue to explore ways to address identified gaps, a leadership track, and breaking down the work in key functional areas by involving more helping hands.

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County, I look forward to presenting the 2018-19 Slate of Officers and Directors at the annual meeting in May.

- Donna M. Reynolds 2017-18 LWVSFC Nominating Committee Chair





League Libations

Relax, have a drink and a snack with League friends.

> Thursday April 26, 2018 5:30—7:00

> > No Host Bar

Bar at the Santa Fe Hilton Hotel



We've Moved



After being evicted from the old office on St. Francis Drive, the Leadership Team found new space in The New Mexican building on Marcy Street. Movers delivered boxes, furniture, and miscellaneous on March 19, 2018.







If any member can provide the history of the wood sign that hung on the exterior door of the old office (shown above over the bulletin board in the new office), please send it to <a href="https://www.levs.ncb.new.n

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Recap Speaker Julianna Koob April 11, 2018

Conversations About Abortion: The Way We Win Legislative Fights in New Mexico

Planned Parenthood advocate Julianna Koob shared some thoughts about how to engage in conversation—minus the shrillness and anger—those who are not pro-choice.

- Share personal stories, which can be very powerful.
- Elect candidates (mostly women) to public office who support a woman's right to choose.
- Abortion is safe. Safer than a colonoscopy.
- While not necessarily choosing abortion for themselves or family members, a majority of Catholics support access to safe abortion services.
- Drop the terms "pro-life" and "pro-choice," and replace them with "pro-woman's right to manage her own health care."
- The groups hardest to convince regarding a woman's right to choose are white and Hispanic blue collar men.

-Miriam Ries



League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 9, 2018 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza Laura Atkins, LWVSFC Program Director, Presiding

Order of Business

Call to Order—Laura Atkins

Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2017 Additions or corrections to the minutes as published Motion from floor to approve

Financial Report—Berit Leonard, Treasurer

Budget—Marcy Litzenberg, Chair, Finance Committee Presentation of 2018-2019 budget Motion to approve budget

Program—Laura Atkins, Program/Membership Chair Reaffirm local League positions

Nominating Committee—Donna Reynolds, Chair Introduction of nominees
Nominations from the floor, if any
Motion to approve slate—Donna Reynolds
Departing board members

Lunch

Keynote Address, Mayor Alan Webber, "Building the Most User-Friendly, Eco-Friendly, and Family-Friendly City in America"

League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County Annual Meeting May 5, 2017 Hilton Hotel Santa Fe, 100 Sandoval Street

President Suzanne Schmidt called the Annual Meeting to order at 11:00 AM. A quorum was present.

Suzanne welcomed everyone to the 2017 Annual Meeting of the LWVSFC.

Approval of Minutes: Suzanne asked for additions and corrections to the May 5, 2016 Annual Meeting minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as published.

Financial Report: Berit Leonard, Treasurer

Berit Leonard presented the annual treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2017: The year end Revenue and Expense report and the Balance Sheet for the LWVSFC fiscal year ending April 30, 2017 were sent to the membership prior to this meeting. Berit said that thanks to a successful fundraising event that raised almost \$5000 after expenses, this League is ending the year \$1359 in the black.

Berit reported that contributions are a major source of income for the LWVSFC, and said that we are very grateful for all of your help. However, the contributions do not cover all of the expenses. She stated that the LWVSFC retains only a small part of the membership fee for local league use. Of the \$54 of mandatory per member payment (PMP), \$31 goes to the LWVUS, and \$13, to LWVNM. The remaining \$9 per member is used to cover this League's operating expenses.

Concluding her fourth year as Treasurer of the LWVSFC, Berit thanked everyone for paying dues, making contributions, and for submitting reimbursement requests in a timely manner, as it made her job very easy.

Program-Laurie Glaze, Director of Program and Calendar

Laurie Glaze discussed the year's program of which the study on Economic Development was a priority. She then, introduced Jody Larson who chaired the study committee on Economic Development.

Jody reported that she and the committee completed their 2-year study that included interviewing local and area people, an important part of the process. Based on the data, the committee developed five questions that were considered by LWVSFC members at a consensus meeting. She presented the consensus outcome to the Board which adopted the position in April. At this time, the City of Santa Fe has approved a baseline economic study that includes a consultant and a summit of economic and business leaders. The league's Economic Committee plans to meet with those involved in the city's planning process.

Jody thanked the Economic Committee: Joyce Blalock, Marcy Litzenberg, Karen Heldmeyer, Donna Reynolds, Neva Van Peski and Adair Waldenberg.

Laurie reported that other study ideas were being pursued by the interest of individual members at this time. She stated that current LWVSFC and LWVNM positions were retained by Board approval.

Action: Meredith Machen moved for approval of the Program Plan as presented. Laurie seconded the motion. Membership vote approving the Program Plan was unanimous.

Conversion to 501(c)(3) IRS Designation: Laurie Glaze, Budget Committee member:

Laurie Glaze described the education opportunities offered to League members in preparation for understanding the reasons for converting to the 501(c)(3) status: two *Voter* articles and the workshop presented by Financial advisor, CPA Tom Carson who advises League's nationwide regarding 501(c)(3) conversion. She noted that the LWVSFC Board of Directors has approved a two-part process for conversion as previously published for members: to amend Articles of Incorporation Article Three that organizes LWVSFC as operating exclusively for charitable purposes; and Article Four that provides for the distribution of money and properties held, in case of dissolution of the LWVSFC.

Action: Marcy Litzenberg made a motion that the Articles of Incorporation for the 501(c)(3) conversion, Articles Three and Four be accepted by the membership; that the bi-laws of the LWVSFC be updated to comply with this conversion. Seconded by Patricia Hawkins.

Discussion: Karen Heldmeyer asked about the definition of "advocacy" regarding the use of funds under 501(c)(3) status.

Laurie explained that LWVSFC has no one who "lobbies," or who receives funds for lobbying. "Advocates" are volunteer members who support League positions. No money is involved. The LWVSFC has nothing in its budget, nor in its reports regarding paid lobbying.

Affirmative vote by the members was unanimous.

Budget: Marcy Litzenberg, Chair, Budget Committee Ed Fund and Budget Committee Report: LWVSFC 2016/17 Annual Meeting Ed Fund Report:

Marcy Litzenberg reported: The Ed Fund is our vehicle for accepting tax-deductible donations and using them to fund eligible educational expenses, in compliance with IRS requirements. We began this year with a balance of \$11,271 in our Ed Fund. We deposited \$6,600 in tax-deductible contributions during the course of the year, and we used it to cover \$9,400 in eligible expenses. We are ending the year with a balance of \$8,421. You may notice that this is slightly different from the Ed Fund

Report I sent out last week, because I just found out about an additional expense I wasn't aware of when I generated that report.

Budget Committee Report:

Marcy reported: This year the Budget Committee took on a lot of additional tasks in addition to overseeing the budget for FY2016/17 and proposing a budget for 2017/18. At last year's Annual Meeting, the outgoing Budget Committee provided some specific directives for our work this year, and we accepted them: The first was to establish better coordination between the General Fund and the Ed Fund. We incorporated the Ed Fund into the General Fund in the proposed budget for FY 2017/18.

The second was to appoint an Investment Committee to oversee the reserve funds and assess risk. We decided to assign this task to the Budget Committee.

The third was to develop a Reserve Fund policy. We developed a Reserve Fund Policy and an Opportunity Fund Policy, which would apply to excess reserves beyond the amount to be set-aside in the Reserve Fund. Both policies were approved by the Board.

We also received two additional directives from the current Board:

1. To simplify and clarify our budget format and financial reporting system. We worked with the Board and Committee Chairs to develop a logical classification of revenues and expenses, design a budget format that incorporated the new classification, and convert our Financial Reports to the new format.

2. To oversee the financial aspects of the potential conversion to 501(c)(3) status. We designated Laurie Glaze to oversee this task and provided support to her, as needed.

I'm happy to report that the Budget Committee accomplished a lot this year. The committee members were Laurie Glaze, Berit Leonard (ex. offico), Flavel Chastain, Brenda Beard, and Judy Williams. I want to offer a special thanks to League member and retired CPA, the Budget Committee's new best friend, John Hufnagle. Without John's help, we probably would have had to hire an accountant to advise us. After this meeting I will be asking Bonnie to post the following information on our website so you can review it more closely, if you want to:

- 1. The financial reports and 2017/18 Budget in the new format.
- 2. Copies of the new Reserve Fund Policy and Opportunity Fund Policy.
- 3. The Ed Fund Report for 2016/17.

Proposed Budget for FY 2017/18

For FY 2017/18, we have proposed a balanced budget with \$31,802 in projected revenue and \$31,802 in anticipated expenses. We based this budget on the actuals from this year, appropriately adjusted with the help of the Board and Committee Chairs. It incorporates the projected Ed Fund revenue and expenses for the first

time, so we are comparing apples to oranges to some extent by comparing it with the FY 2016/17 budget.

We decided not to propose a two-year budget this year because we anticipate that the anticipated reorganization may have budget implications that we can't predict at this time.

Discussion included a question regarding \$1000 budget item for the website; the lack of a 2019 budget; the probability that costs would probably increase each year; and the possible return to a 2-year budget projection. Marcy said that 2017 will be a transition year: a different perspective with the change of leadership structure and the conversion to the 501(c)(3) status. As well, the contributions that come in after the end of the fiscal year, following the conversion to 501(c)(3) status may change the balances. For some of these reasons, the committee projected only the next year's budget.

Action: Motion by Neva Van Peski: In view of Marcy's great work, I move we approve this budget with all of its flaws. Second by Adair Waldenberg. Affirmative vote was unanimous.

Nominating Committee: Donna Reynolds, Chair

Donna Reynolds noted that the Nominating Committee recognized the service of those who held a position on the Board of Directors and had provided leadership for work on committees including the Budget Committee and the Picnic event. She thanked them for the hundreds of hours of volunteer work with the LWVSFC. Suzanne Schmidt presented each out-going board member with a token of appreciation.

Donna reported that the Nomination Committee has recommended some changes for 2017-18. Voter Services would be re-aligned for improved work distribution. She noted that this League is growing with inclusion of new members. This growth is creating opportunities for new ideas and skills, but is demonstrating the need for improving assimilation of new members, and gives opportunity to broaden the leadership team. The recommendation of the Nominating Committee is for new governance structure. Tentatively, new structure will include some off-board positions and consultation from seasoned League members.

Donna presented the slate of nominees for leadership positions:

The office of President is vacant and to be incorporated into a new leadership group. This will not require bi-laws changes.

First VP, Marcy Litzenberg will convene the creation of a new general organization structure, and "fill in the gaps" as indicated.

Susan Herder has agreed to function as Secretary as well as work in the League office.

Berit Leonard has volunteered to continue as Treasurer.

Past President Suzanne Schmidt, in accordance with the bi-laws, will continue to serve on the board.

Miriam Ries will continue to publish the Voter.

Ann Coulson has agreed to chair Voter Service.

Coleen Dearing will provide technical support.

Laura Adkins has agreed to handle Program.

Donna Reynolds will continue as Chair of the Nominating Committee with members Barbara Conroy and Sharon Chastain.

Off board positions will include Janet Lincoln, Membership; Bonnie Iapace, Digital Director; Voter Registration High School Program-Sharon Starkey and Joanie Sparkman; Voter Information Chair, Suzanne Ronneau; and Pat Pederson will serve as Arrangements Chair.

Jody Larson, Laurie Glaze and Donna Reynolds will act as consultants.

Action: Janet Lincoln moved to accept this leadership slate. Seconded by Meredith Machen. Affirmative vote was unanimous.

Marcy and Donna thanked outgoing President Suzanne Schmidt for her unwavering leadership. As Marcy put it, "She stepped into a hornets' nest" and provided the LWVSFC the effective leadership that resulted in many accomplishments that are documented in the *Voter*. Suzanne understood and demonstrated how to get things done by mentoring others, thinking outside the box, and maintaining an active and progressive stance within the community. She provided strength to the LWVSFC by radio interviews, speaking with school and community groups while maintaining the traditional League non-partisan posture. At the same time, she infused renewed energy into her leadership team by a board retreat, an opportunity for members to socialize at events such as the Wine Women and the Vote, as well as with the continuation of Sunshine Week. Suzanne was given a token of appreciation as she passed the gavel to the new leadership team.

Announcements: Patricia Hawkins announced registration for the banquet and the May 20-21 LWVNM convention is open and encouraged members to sign up. The deadline has been extended until May 15. The speaker at the dinner is Valerie Plame: "The Nuclear Threat in the New Trumpian World." Meredith Machen will be hosting a reception at her home on May 19th. All are invited. RSVP with Judy Williams.

The reviewers of the minutes will be Donna Reynolds and Barbara Conroy, numbers 2 and 3 respectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

A Chef Selection Buffet lunch was served at 12:00 PM Speaker David Markwardt, MSOD, MFA spoke: "Trends in Leadership."

Rosemary Greenlee, Secretary

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2018/19 - WITH COMPARISON TO FY 2017/18 BUDGET AND ACTUALS

CURRENT BUDGET 2017/18				PROPOSED BUDGET 2018/19				
	Approved Budget 2017 - 2018	Actual thru March 2018	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	Explanations				
DEL/ENLIES	2017 2010	2010		Expressions				
REVENUES	Ć 0.400	6 5524	REVENUES	145	1 4			
Membership Dues	\$ 8,480	\$ 6,534		145 members: 125 @ \$ 60; 20@ \$40	A			
Donations/Members Fundraising/Contributions	3,500	1,765 7,096		Member donations/e-o-y member solicitation	+			
Interest/dividends	2,500 150	149		Contributions (non-member) & Fundraiser Bank account interest	+			
Luncheons/Registration Fees	3,500	5,406		(5) Luncheon events @ \$25 for 30 people	+			
Reimbursed Office Expenses	3,500	3,155	3,730	No longer applicable	+			
Ed Fund Transfers	10,000	7,169		No longer applicable	+			
Total Revenue	31,802	31,274	21,225	No longer applicable				
EXPENSES			EXPENSES					
Organizational				Organizational				
Insurance	1,300	1,257	1,300	Gen'l Liability @ \$500; D&O @ \$800	\top			
Membership	1,500	525		Membership materials & expenses				
PR/Advertising	500	-		Advertising (other than voter services)				
Network/Website	500	482	500	Website development & maintenance fees				
National PMP	5,040	33	4,320	145 members: 125@ \$32; 20@\$16				
State PMP	2,048	1,749	2,260	145 members 125@ \$16; 20@ \$13				
Board/member training	500	999	500	Board/member orientation and training				
Conventions/Council Mtgs	1,000	F 1	1,000	Registration fees/instate travel				
501(c)(3) conversion expenses	500	870	-	No longer applicable				
Subtotal Expenses/Organizational	12,888	5,915	10,680					
Operating								
Office Rent	6,600	6,075	5,400	12 @ \$ 450 per month				
Office Utilities	840	770	-	included				
Telephone/Internet	1,536	1,654	-	included				
Supplies,Computer,Postage,Printing	1,000	937	800	General office/organizational expenses				
Subtotal Expenses/Operating	9,976	9,436	6,200					
Program								
VOTER Newsletter	720	305	630	12 VOTERs \$360; postage \$170; supplies: \$100				
Development/Fundraising	1,000	-	—	Fundraising expenses (+/- 10% revenue)	_			
Action and Advocacy	118	33		A&A expenses				
Voter Services	2,000	1,337	3,000					
Meeting Supplies/Equipment/Rental	1,000			Event venues, supplies and equipment				
Luncheons/Members and Guests	4,100	7,157		\$23/person x 30 persons x 5 events + 11 guests				
Subtotal Expenses/Program	8,938	8,832	8,833		+			
Total Expenses	31,802	24 ,1 83	25,713					
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ 7,091	\$ (4,488)					
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Notes:		1			+			
A - Membership Dues based on 10% anni					+			
B - We are recommending a dues increas					-			
	sing revenue ba	sed on plans	for active donor s	solicitation and one major fundraising event.	+			
D - Based on rates at the Hotel Santa Fe					-			
E - Office rent and utilities based on new								

G - Ed Fund use: Voter Services; \$3,000; Allowable Office Exoenses, \$1,000

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2018/2019			PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2019/2020					
	В	Proposed Proposed Budget Budget 2018-2019 2019-2020			Change from 2018- 2019	Explanations		
REVENUES	201	10-2019	2013-202	0	2015	Explanations		
Membership Dues	\$	8,300	\$ 8,60	00	\$ 300	5 new members @ \$ 60		
Donations/Members		3,000	4,00	00	1,000	Member donations/e-o-y member solicitation		
Fundraising/Contributions		6,000	9,00	00	3,000	Contributions (non-member) & Fundraiser		
Interest/dividends		175	20	00	25	Bank account interest		
Luncheons/Registration Fees		3,750	3,75	50	-			
Total Revenue		21,225	25,55		4,325			

EXPENSES							
Organizational							
Insurance	1,300	1,300	-				
Membership	700	1,000	300	Inflation			
PR/Advertising	100	200	100	inflation			
Network/Website	500	500	-				
National PMP	4,320	4,480	160	5 @\$32			
State PMP	2,260	2,340	80	5 @\$16			
Board/member training	500	500					
Conventions/Council Mtgs	1,000	1,000					
Subtotal Expenses/Organizational	10,680	11,320	640				
Operating							
Office Rent	5,400	5,400	1-				
Supplies,Computer,Postage,Printing	800	1,000	200	Inflation			
Subtotal Expenses/Operating	6,200	6,400	200				
Program							
VOTER Newsletter	630	630	-				
Development/Fundraising	900	1,300	400	Inflation			
Action and Advocacy	100	100	-				
Voter Services	3,000	3,000	-				
Meeting Supplies/Equipment/Rental	500	500					
Luncheons/Members and Guests	3,703	3,703	-				
Subtotal Expenses/Program	8,833	9,233	400				
Total Expenses	25,713	26,953	1,240				
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (4,488)	\$ (1,403)	\$ 3,085				

LWVSFC Nominating Committee 2018-2019 Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors

Laura Atkins, Vice President, Program & Member Services

Ann Coulston, Vice President, Voter Services

Marcy Litzenberg, Vice President, Administration

Donna Reynolds, Vice President, PR/Communications

Secretary – Susan Haase

Treasurer – Berit Leonard

Board Member – Hannah Burling (Action & Advocacy)

Board Member – Debra Helper (Program & Member Services)

Board Member – Miriam Ries (*The Voter*)

Board Member – Vacant (Development)

Nominating Committee Chair – Patricia Hawkins

Member – Jody Larson

Member – Lindsay Robinson

^{*}The 2017-2018 Nominating Committee recommends LWVSFC continue to operate without a president to encourage the incoming board to "test-drive" the new governance structure for a second year.



Alan Webber, Santa Fe, New Mexico's 43rd mayor and first "strong" mayor, began serving a four-year term on March 12, 2018.

Topic:

"Building the Most User-Friendly, Eco-Friendly, and Family-Friendly City in America"



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