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Stephanie Schlanger, *VP Public Relations/Communications*
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Directors

Chris Furlanetto, *Action and Advocacy*
Debra Helper, *Membership Services*
Marcy Litzenberg, *Development/ Fundraising*

Hannah Burling, *Outreach*

Off-Board

Danis Kelly, *Arrangements*
Anne Culp, *High School Voter Registration*
Irene Epp, Jody Larson, Hannah Burling, *Special Projects*



CALL TO MEETING!

2021 LWVSFC Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
11:00 am to 12:00 pm
(save the date and time)

Your 2020/21 Leadership Team is excited to report on the LWVSFC's accomplishments this year: events, action and advocacy, voter registration activities, election coverage, collaborations, and community outreach. The LWVSFC has had a big impact on Santa Fe County this election year, with record voter turnout and the launching of the VOTE411 voter resource portal.

Please plan to join us at 11:30 am on May 12 to:

- Review 2020/21 activities and accomplishments
- Approve the 2021/22 Budget
- Approve the 2021/2022 Program
- Choose your 2021/2022 Leadership Team

Register [HERE](#) for the event and you will receive a Zoom link to the meeting.

Please review the meeting packet included in this issue and have it at hand for the meeting.

LWVSFC Annual Meeting Packet

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LWVSFC 2021 ANNUAL MEETING PACKET

Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Agenda

Call to order – Judy Williams, VP/Administration

In Memoriam: Laura Atkins, Marian Graves, Claire Weiner

Approval of minutes of Annual Meeting May 13, 2020 – Susan Haase, Secretary

- Additions or corrections of minutes as published
- Motion to approve

Financial Report – Suzanne Ronneau, Treasurer

Budget report – Judy Williams, Finance Committee Chair

- Presentation of 2021-2022 Budget
- Motion to approve budget

Administration – Judy Williams

- Approve Bylaws changes

Approval of 2021/22 Program -Debbie Helper

- Review changes to state and local positions
- Motion to approve current local positions

Annual Reports – 2020/21 Leadership Team Members (written reports only)

- Administration – Judy Williams
- Program – Debbie Helper
- Membership –Debbie Helper
- Action & Advocacy – Chris Furlanetto
- PR/Communications – Stephanie Schlanger
- Development/fundraising – Marcy Litzenberg
- Voter Services - Information – Pat Hawkins
- Voter Services – Voter Registration - Kelly Davis
- Good governance – Jody Larson
- Civil Discourse – Irene Epp
- Outreach – Hannah Burling

Nominating Committee – Judy Williams, Chair

- Introduction of nominees
- Nominations from the floor, if any
- Formal vote, if needed
- Motion to approve slate

Other Business

- Adjourn

LWVSFC 2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

MAY 13, 2020, 11:00 -NOON

A Zoom virtual meeting to comply with pandemic restrictions.

Present: Laura Atkins, Hannah Burling, Anne Culp, Kelly Davis, Susan Haase, Danis Kelly, Pat Hawkins, Debbie Helper, Marcy Litzenberg, Donna Reynolds, Suzanne Ronneau, Stephanie Schlanger, Judy Williams, Jody Larson, Irene Epp, Barbara Conroy, Sally Sabo, Patricia Pedersen, Marilyn Ward, Lindsay Robinson, Meredith Machen, Virginia McCallum, Adair Waldenberg, Chris Furlanetto, Miriam Ries.

Meeting Called to Order at 11:20 by Marcy Litzenberg, VP/Administration

Marcy asked Judy Williams to say a few words in memory of Rebecca Frenkel, a long-time member of the League who recently passed away. Judy mentioned her serving twice as Santa Fe President, heading up several study committees, and being a valued mentor to many in the League. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2019, Susan Haase, Secretary

Corrections to Minutes as published: Larson is spelled with an "o".

Motion to approve as corrected by Pat Hawkins. Seconded by Laura Atkins. Approved.

Financial Report (Attached), Suzanne Ronneau, Treasurer

Suzanne reported that we started the year with a deficit budget, but thanks to donations from Board members and a successful fundraising effort led by Marcy Litzenberg we ended the year \$1900 to the good.

Motion to accept the report by Irene Epp. Seconded by Anne Culp. Approved as submitted.

Budget Report (Attached), Marcy Litzenberg, Finance Committee Chair

Marcy reported the Board followed-up the recommendations received from the membership at last year's annual meeting.

*One involved carrying D & O Insurance. After researching the issue, the Board unanimously concluded to continue the coverage.

*Another was the cost of membership meetings at hotels. During the past year, alternative sites including the conference room at the New Mexican were used to great advantage.

*Finally, last year we received approval for a deficit budget and used this challenge to overcome the deficit.

With the Development Director/Fundraiser position now filled, we project increased revenue this year.

2020/21 Budget (Attached)

Motion to approve the budget by Chris Furlanetto. Seconded by Debbie Helper. Approved.

Approval of 2020/21 Program, Laura Atkins, Program Chair

Review changes to local and national positions

Laura reviewed a change to the LWVSFC position on Sexual Offense Statutes, expanding the age range to apply to children under the age of eighteen. Motion to approve the change by Irene Epp. Seconded by Adair Waldenberg. Approved.

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A reorganization to the LWVSFC Natural Resources position would create a separate category for Land Use and Development, apart from Natural Resources, related to air, water, and energy. Motion to approve this change by Adair Waldenberg. Seconded by Judy Williams. Approved.

A motion to approve all 2020/2021 LWVSFC positions as amended by Debbie Helper. Seconded by Anne Culp. Approved.

A motion to concur with the changes to the LWVUS position on election procedures and voter representation was made by Meredith Machen. Seconded by Chris Furlanetto. Approved.

Annual Reports (Attached)

2019/20 Leadership Team Members
 Administration Report, Marcy Litzenberg
 Program and Membership Report, Laura Atkins and Debbie Helper
 Action & Advocacy Report, Hannah Burling
 PR/Communications Report, Donna Reynolds
 Voter Services Report, Pat Hawkins and Kelly Davis

Nominating Committee, Judy Williams, Chair

Judy thanked the members of her committee, reviewed the process they followed, and explained how this guided the changes they are recommending in the organizational structure.

Introduction of nominees

Officers

Vice President, Administration, Judy Williams
 Vice President, PR/Communications, Stephanie Schlanger
 Vice President, Program, Laura Atkins
 Vice President, Voter Services: Voter Registration/Education, Kelly Davis
 Vice President, Voter Services: Election Information, Pat Hawkins
 Secretary, Susan Haase
 Treasurer, Suzanne Ronneau

Directors

Membership Chair, Debra Helper
 Development/Fundraising Chair, Marcy Litzenberg
 Action and Advocacy Chair, Chris Furlanetto
 Outreach Chair, Hannah Burling

Proposed Off-Board Leadership Team Members 2020/21 (no election required)

Office Manager, Needed

Arrangements Chair, Danis Kelly
 HS Voter Registration Co-Chairs, Anne Culp and Randi Lowenthal

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Special Projects:

Civil Discourse Chair, Irene Epp
Future of Women Chair, Donna Reynolds
Good Governance Chair, Jody Larson

2020/21 Nominating Committee

Member: Randi Lowenthal
Member: Anne Culp
Member: Berit Leonard

Motion to approve the slate as presented by Meredith Machen. Seconded by Kelly Davis.
Approved.

Departing Member

Marcy called the members' attention to Donna Reynolds departing the Board this year to take charge of a special project. Donna has been active since coming to Santa Fe from the Virginia League. She brought highly valued expertise, and a calm and reasoned approach to problem solving. We will miss her on the Board but look forward to her work on the Future of Women project.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm.

All "attached" reports are in the April-May 2020 issue of **The Voter**

10:53 AM

04/16/21

Cash Basis

LWSFC
Revenue and Expense-YTD-Budget vs Actual
 May 1, 2020 through April 7, 2021

	May 1, '20 - Apr 7, 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Membership Dues			
Diversity Member (Membership paid by Diversity grants)	430	0	430
Individual Membership	5,340	7,500	(2,160)
Household Membership	2,400	1,000	1,400
Total Membership Dues	8,170	8,500	(330)
Donations			
Members	10,145	3,000	7,145
Nonmembers (Donations received from Non-members)	10,080	10,000	80
Total Donations	20,225	13,000	7,225
Other Income			
Admin Fee from Thornburg II	2,000	0	2,000
Amazon Smile	11	0	11
Uncategorized Income (Income not categorized elsewhere)	3	0	3
Epay Credit	2	0	2
Other Income - Other	5	0	5
Total Other Income	2,022	0	2,022
Luncheons/Registrations Fees	0	4,320	(4,320)
Interest/dividends	19	125	(106)
Total Income	30,436	25,945	4,491
Gross Profit	30,436	25,945	4,491
Expense			
Program			
Opportunity Fund (Unbudgeted expenses approved by Board, using uncommitted funds on...)	2,414	2,000	414
Meeting Supplies/Equipment	22	500	(478)
Outreach	0	1,000	(1,000)
Luncheons	0	3,828	(3,828)
Voter Services	4,090	3,400	690
VOTER Newsletter	164	590	(426)
Action and Advocacy	0	100	(100)
Total Program	6,691	11,418	(4,727)
Organizational			
Fundraising Expenses	284	1,000	(716)
National PMP	3,248	3,248	0
State PMP	1,320	1,320	(1)
Insurance	1,201	1,300	(99)
Conventions/Council Mtgs	161	1,080	(919)
Membership	0	150	(150)
PR/Advertising	0	200	(200)
Network/Website	52	500	(448)
Board/member training	55	500	(445)
Total Organizational	6,321	9,298	(2,978)
Operating			
Corporate Registration (Payments to Secretary of State for corporate reports)	22	0	22
Rent	5,400	5,055	345
Supplies, Postage, Copying	819	936	(117)
Stripe Fee	506	487	19
Total Operating	6,747	6,478	269
Total Expense	19,758	27,194	(7,435)
Net Ordinary Income	10,677	(1,249)	11,926
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
LWVNM EdFund (Contributions to EdFund for LWVNM held in LWSFC acct)	1,460	0	1,460
Thornburg II			
Admin Fee to LWSFC	(2,000)	0	(2,000)
Vote411 Spanish Transl	(354)	0	(354)
Vote 411 & Voter Ed	(4,622)	0	(4,622)
Communication Service	(541)	0	(541)
Personnel & Contract Services	(24,863)	0	(24,863)
Thornburg II - Other	47,504	0	47,504
Total Thornburg II	15,123	0	15,123
Total Other Income	16,583	0	16,583
Net Other Income	16,583	0	16,583
Net Income	27,261	(1,249)	28,509

LWVSFC Proposed Budget: FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23

REVENUES	Budget 2020-21	Actual YTD	Explanations	Proposed FY 21/22	Proposed FY 22/23
Membership Dues	\$8,500	\$7,870	114 individual @ \$60; 20 @ 40; 7 student @ \$30	\$7,850	\$7,850
Fundraising/Members	\$3,000	\$9,895	Member donations/e-o-y solicitation	\$3,300	\$3,650
Fundraising/Nonmembers	\$10,000	\$9,950	Nonmember Donations, Events, Grants	\$11,000	\$12,100
Interest/Dividends	\$125	\$18	Bank account interest @.01%	\$40	\$40
Luncheons/Registration Fees	\$4,320	\$0	2 Luncheons @ \$30 ; 8 LwLeaders @\$10	\$3,400	\$3,400
Total Revenue	\$25,945	\$27,876		\$25,590	\$27,040
EXPENSES					
Organizational					
Development/Fundraising	\$1,000	\$284	Fundraising expenses (@ 5% of revenue)	\$715	\$787
PR/Advertising	\$200	\$0	Advertising other than voter services	\$200	\$200
National PMP	\$3,248	\$3,248	114 individual @ \$ 32; 20 @ 16	\$3,968	\$3,968
State PMP	\$1,320	\$1,320	114 individual @ \$ 13; 29 @ 6.50	\$1,670	\$1,670
Insurance	\$1,300	\$1,201	General liability @\$401; D&O @ \$800	\$1,201	\$1,201
Network/Website	\$500	\$52	Website expenses/possible conversion to MyLo	\$500	\$500
Board/member training	\$500	\$55	Board/member orientation and training	\$500	\$500
LWVNM Convention/Council	\$0	\$0	Delegate expenses	\$0	\$500
LWVUS Convention/Council	\$1,080	\$0	LWVUS Convention delegate expenses	\$1,112	\$0
Subtotal Expenses/Organizational	\$9,148	\$6,160		\$9,866	\$9,326
Operating					
Office Rent/Utilities	\$5,400	\$4,050	12 @ \$ 450 per month (includes phone, wifi)	\$5,400	\$5,400
Supplies, postage, copying	\$1,000	\$252	Office supplies, computer, printer, postage	\$1,000	\$1,000
Stripe Fees	\$520	\$494	Online payment fees	\$536	\$500
Zoom	\$0	\$165	Virtual meeting account	\$165	\$165
Subtotal Expenses/Operating	\$6,920	\$4,961		\$7,101	\$7,065
Program					
VOTER Newsletter	\$630	\$164	Miscellaneous expenses	\$200	\$200
Membership	\$0	\$0	Miscellaneous expenses	\$200	\$200
Outreach	\$1,000	\$0	Outreach materials & expenses	\$300	\$300
Action and Advocacy	\$100	\$0	A&A expenses	\$100	\$100
Voter Services - voter info	\$3,000	\$4,090	Voter guide ads , NM flyer	\$2,000	\$3,000
VS- VR etc		\$0	HS Civic Project,/print/supplies/translation	\$1,100	\$1,100
VR - HS		\$0	Materials, supplies	\$200	\$200
Meeting Supplies/Equipment	\$500	\$22	Event venues, meeting supplies and equipment	\$500	\$500
Luncheons/Members and Guests	\$3,828	\$0	2 luncheons @\$27; 8 LwLeaders @ \$8 ; 10 guests	\$3,018	\$3,018
Subtotal Expenses/Program	\$9,058	\$4,276		\$7,618	\$8,618
Total Expenses	\$25,126	\$15,397		\$24,585	\$25,009
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$820	\$12,479		\$1,005	\$2,032
Notes:					
L4: Dues - LWVSFC nets \$15 per individual member, \$17.50 per HH member, and \$30 per student member after PMP					
L5 and 6: Fundraising Revenue projections based on prior year budget plus 10%.					
L8 and 37: Estimated Luncheon attendance 30 members and speaker; Estimated LunchwLeader attendance 20 members and speaker.					
L12: Fundraising Expenses based on 5% of total revenue projections; member and nonmember.					
L14-15: PMP based on membership count from LWVUS as of 2/19/2021					

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**BYLAWS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**
Proposed changes are in italics.

Passed February 22, 1951. Amended at Annual meetings in 1953, 1955, 1956, 1961, 1964, 1967, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County. The local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of New Mexico.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. The League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County shall be attempting to influence legislation.

Section 2. Policy. The League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County may take action on selected local governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

Section 3. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy. The League is fully committed to ensure compliance - in principle and in practice - with LWVUS' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy and the DEI policy of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League of Women Voters shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership.

- a) Voting Members. Persons of at least 16 years of age who join the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County shall be voting members of the local and state Leagues of their place of joining and of the LWVUS. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members, excused from the payment of dues.
- b) Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County shall be a President, a first Vice President, a Secretary, and a *Treasurer if the traditional model is used.* A second Vice President may be included as an officer. *An alternative leadership team model may be used.* The officers shall be elected for terms of *two years* by the general membership at an Annual Meeting, and shall serve for a term of *two years* or until their successors have been elected and qualified. *Term lengths will be staggered.* Officers shall take office immediately after the Annual Meeting.

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Section 2. In the traditional model:

A The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. The President may, in the absence or the disability of the Treasurer, sign, or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The President shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall have such usual power of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board. The President shall notify all officers and directors of their election. The outgoing President will remain on the Board the year following her/his term as President.

B. The Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall in the event of absence, resignation, disability, or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice Presidents shall perform such duties as the President and the Board may designate.

C. The Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Board and General meetings of the League and of the Board of Directors. Copies of the approved/accepted minutes will be filed in the office of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County. The Secretary shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be requested of the Secretary's office.

D. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of these monies, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at its regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting. At least quarterly, the remaining balances of budget line items shall be reported to the Board. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed after the close of the fiscal year by a qualified person appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 If an alternative structure is used and there is no president, the president's duties will be redistributed among the Vice Presidents as needed to perform the duties of the organization.

ARTICLE V
Board of Directors

Section 1. Number. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, four elected Directors and not more than six appointed Directors.

Section 2. Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The four elected Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members may appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless he or she is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County.

Section 4. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Two consecutive absences from a Board meeting without notification to the President or Secretary, and without valid reason, shall be deemed a resignation.

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Section 5. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the local Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 6. Executive Committee. There may be an Executive Committee consisting of three officers and two Board members, elected by the Board of Directors. The executive committee is empowered to act for the Board in emergency situations arising between its meetings. All actions taken by the executive committee in emergency situations shall be reported to the Board at its next regular meeting. The executive committee is empowered to make recommendations to the Board for appointments of Board members.

Section 7. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the e-mail or surface mail request of five members of the Board. The Board may conduct either regular or special meetings by e-mail or telephone conferencing provided that all board members have access to the electronic media used. Procedures for discussion, debate and voting shall be in place prior to the convening of such a meeting.

Section 8. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Administration

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County shall commence on the first day of May of each year.

Section 2. Dues. Annual dues in the amount to be determined at the Annual Meeting shall be payable September 1. Members who fail to pay their dues within two months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls after the mailing of the November Voter.

Section 3. Budget. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the LWVUS, LWVNM, and LWVSFC.

Section 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year and to supervise the current budget. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members two weeks before Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairman of the Budget Committee.

Section 5. Development. The LWVSFC, under the direction of the Development Chair, shall raise funds necessary for that part of the budget not covered by membership dues by:

- a. soliciting nonmember contributions from the community,
- b. soliciting member contributions; and
- c. any other practical means approved by the Board.

Section 6. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of the merger or dissolution of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County, for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time be owned or under the absolute control of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons a shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe

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County and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under these tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section 1. General Meetings. There shall be at least four general meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held between March 15 and May 31, the exact dates to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

- a) adopt a local program for the ensuing year;
- b) elect officers and Directors and members of the Nominating Committee;
- c) adopt an adequate budget; and
- d) transact such other business as may properly come before it;
- e) receive written reports from officers and chairs of committees.

Section 3. Quorum. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum at Annual Meetings and at any General meeting where business is transacted. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE VIII

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chair and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members two weeks before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of the report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot. When there is but one nominee for an office, and no nominations are made from the floor, the ballot may be eliminated and the Secretary may be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE IX

Program

Section 1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of program.

Section 2. Program of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County shall consist of:

- a) such current local government issues as the membership shall choose for concerted study, action, and sustained attention to permit continued action, and
- b) action to protect the right to vote of every citizen.

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Section 3. Action by the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- a) the Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by all voting members and the recommendations from the Local Program Planning Meetings two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Program.
- b) the Proposed Program shall be sent to all members two weeks before the Annual Meeting.
- c) a majority vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of items in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.
- d) recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote. Non-recommended program items must be adopted by a two-thirds vote.
- e) only those program recommendations which have been made following the above procedure will be considered. Items not previously submitted cannot be considered at the Annual Meeting.
- f) any study item adopted by the general membership at the Annual Meeting shall be dropped automatically if a chair is not found within sixty days of the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. Changes in Program. In case of altered conditions, program changes may be made, provided that information concerning the proposed change has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a General meeting at which the change is to be discussed. Final action by the membership may be taken at the same or a succeeding meeting.

Section 5. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

National Convention, State Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico.

Section 3. State Council. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that Council in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico.

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

Sections 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

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ARTICLE XII
Standing Rules

Section 1. Standing Rules. The League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County may adopt, pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order Revised, such Standing Rules as may from time to time be necessary and convenient to the governance of the internal affairs. No standing rules shall conflict with or take precedence over any provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 2. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in printed form at least two weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Updated and Adopted: May 5, 2017

2021-2022 Program Approval—Debbie Helper

Item 1: Review LWVSFC positions

No changes were proposed.

Approval needed for all 2021/22 LWVSFC positions.

Item 2: Local study proposals

No new studies were proposed.

Item 3: Review of LWVNM positions

LWVSFC held two consensus meetings to consider new or revised positions: education and spent nuclear fuel. No action is necessary on these specific items since LWVNM has already voted on them at the 2021 Convention.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Administration—Judy Williams

As the new administration person, I inherited excellent systems from Marcy Litzenberg, who spent several years developing them.

- Planned and conducted 12 board meetings, all as virtual meetings.
- Convened a Bylaws committee to recommended adding a section on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) to align with LWVUS bylaws.
- Developed a proposed DEI policy for LWVSFC the policy is based on, but much shorter than, the one adopted by LWVUS .Unlike their policy, however, we cover the Inclusion part of DEI.
- Convened the Finance Committee to develop the 2021-22 budget; researched issues concerning fiscal agency; worked to obtain a financial review and QuickBooks training
- Convened the Nominations Committee to identify new leadership candidates and fill vacancies.
- Managed phone and email messages and office issues.
- Organized and maintained computer and paper files in the office.
- Organized the purchase of a new computer for the office, which will accommodate the new QuickBooks and all the files.

Action & Advocacy—Chris Furlanetto

The Committee continued to meet on 1st Thursdays (except for March). Attendance was typically between 7 and 10 members. All meetings were on Zoom.

Hannah Burling facilitated the transfer of committee leadership from herself to Chris, including an introduction to Daniel Hernandez, Project Manager for the Midtown Campus Project.

Chris kept in regular contact with Daniel Hernandez about the public engagement process for the Midtown project.

Chris, Jody Larson and Judy Williams met via Zoom with Daniel and Michael Pride, the project's public engagement consultant in December. We completed a survey distributed to local nonprofits following the call. We then participated in a late March meeting with the consultants and members of nonprofits to discuss options for grants related to public engagement.

Hannah and Chris worked with Stephanie Schlanger to update and enhance the A&A webpage. The page now includes:

- A&A communications with public bodies / letters to the editor:
 - ◊ July 2020 – letter to Governing Body on website information for online public meetings
 - October 2020 – letter to Governing Body re the Health and Safety Task Force followed by a shortened letter to the *New Mexican* editor
 - ◊ November 2020 – letter to Governing Body re the proposed CHART commission
- Monthly A&A Reports to the Board (beginning 11/20)
- The League's A&A priority matrix. The priority matrix was reviewed in August, approved as revised by the committee in September and then approved by the Board in September.

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Committee members, led by Hannah, volunteered with distributing flyers and making phone calls for the 2020 Census in the early Fall.

Other topics of discussion included:

- Mayoral Salary Commission amendments
- Ideas for a study or voter education re bond issues
- Santa Fe Estates proposed land sale

The committee had regular coverage of the SFPS (Mary Ellen Gonzales) all year and of S (Irene Epp) for part of the year. Members monitored meetings of the Governing Body and the BCC when issues of particular interest were on the agenda. Requests for new volunteer observers were made in several Voters and through a Constant Contact message but were not successful.

The committee organized and hosted two virtual meetings in March for the entire membership:

- March 8 with Mayor Webber and staff on the revised plan for the CHART process
- March 24 with Daniel Hernandez on the status of the Midtown Campus Project with a focus on the public engagement component

Special projects which had originated in the A&A Committee – Good Governance, Civil Discourse and Outreach – were moved out from under the committee with the revised Leadership Team structure approved at the 2020 Annual Meeting. At committee members' request, updates on these projects continued to be part of the A&A agenda.

PR and Communications—Stephanie Schlanger

Publications: We published nine issues of *The Voter*. The membership has been exceedingly helpful in creating content for *The Voter*, greatly enhancing its informational and entertainment value. Thanks especially to regular contributors Hannah Burling, Kelly Davis, Irene Epp, Kristina Flanagan and the committee and project chairs.

Website: We maintained the website, regularly posting announcements and updating the calendar; we added a new feature, the Discussion Forum, which works in concert with the Civil Discourse Project. We looked into switching platforms, from Weebly to the LWVUS platform MyLo. While there are some positives to making the switch, some users preferred to stay with the program they were familiar with (especially in terms of membership and financials). There's no advantage to MyLo that would outweigh their preferences, so we propose staying with Weebly for now.

Social Media: With a grant from the LWVSFC opportunity fund, two League members spent two months enhancing and expanding our social media presence (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter). As a result, we have over 700 followers on Facebook, 60+ followers on Instagram and 370+ followers on Twitter. We are continuing to post on all three platforms; we've also developed a promotional campaign describing our mission and activities to encourage membership and involvement—these messages are posted monthly.

Public Relations/Advertising: We participated in the state-wide Vote411 social media campaign in preparation for the 2020 General Election. We also participated in developing a

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PSA to advertise the Candidate Forum hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Santa Fe, which was also a fundraiser for LWVSFC. We supported Voter Registration in creating voter information flyers.

Internship: Our college intern, Ivanna Hernandez, has been providing Spanish translations for a variety of voter information materials and social media posts. She is currently conducting a survey on obstacles to voting and access to voter information in Santa Fe's Spanish-speaking immigrant community.

The PR/Communications Team welcomed three new members this year: Mary Joy Floyd, Sally Sabo and Cynthia Shore.

Program—Debbie Helper

The 2020-21 Calendar Planning meeting took place by Zoom on June 24, 2020.

The 2021 Program Planning meeting was on January 27. We reviewed the LWVSFC and LWVNM positions to determine what changes are needed. We also discussed possible new studies. We considered a study of local bonds and how the League could weigh in on them.

The position on Ranked Choice Voting, which was not approved at the 2019 Convention, was discussed. Some members would like to propose re-consideration at Convention. Some members at the 2019 Convention said they didn't know enough to vote, so the group discussed some options for educating members.

The LWVNM Education Position was reviewed by LWVNM and changes were proposed. The Program Planning meeting participants reviewed them and agreed to one change, but said they wanted more information before endorsing other changes. Those changes will be proposed at the LWVNM Convention.

At a later meeting the board considered the request from Rebecca Alvarez to approve an LWVNM study: Codification of Indian/Tribal Law at the state level. The board voted to forward the study proposal to the state League.

Events

- Despite Covid 19, we had an active calendar of events. All events were by Zoom. There were four general meetings during the fiscal year. In addition, we held two Consensus Meetings.
- June 24 – Calendar Planning Meeting
- August 12 – General Meeting: Santa Fe Water Conservation Efforts by Bill Schneider, Hydrogeologist
- August 23 – Women's Vote Centennial Car Parade
- September 19 – Joint Meeting with Santa Fe World Affairs Forum: Foreign Interference in Elections by Maggie Toulouse-Oliver, New Mexico Secretary of State
- September 23 – Joint Meeting with SFWAF: Impact of Fake News and Social Media by Sarah Hood Reference and Instruction Librarian, Santa Fe Community College
- September 30 – Joint Meeting with SFWAF: New Mexico Voters' Concerns by Lonna Atkeson, Professor of Political Science, University of New Mexico

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- October 21 – Lunch with a Leader: Early Childhood Education by Cabinet Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky
- November 18 – General Meeting: 2020 Election Debriefing by Heather Ferguson, Executive Director Common Cause New Mexico
- December 9 – Holiday Event/General Meeting: Food Insecurity in New Mexico by Jill Dixon, Director of Development , The Food Depot
- January 6 – Legislative Preview with State Legislators
- January 14 – Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage (LWVNM) Consensus meeting
- January 21 – Women of the Florentine Renaissance by Linda Higgins, Certified Italian Tour Guide
- January 27 – Program Planning Meeting
- January 28 – League Libations resumed; to be continued every 4th Thursday of the month
- February 25 - Program Consensus/Concurrence Meeting: Changes to LWVNM Education Position – approved.
- March 8 – Sunshine Week/General Meeting: CHART Presentation by Mayor Alan Webber
- March 24 – Lunch with a Leader: Midtown Campus Project Update by Daniel Hernandez, Project Manager
- April 14 – Lunch with a Leader: Post-Legislative Update on Early Childhood Education by Deputy Director Jennifer Duran-Sallee
- April 24-25 – Biennial LWVNM Convention
- May 12 – Annual Meeting

Voter Services: Voter Information Report – Pat Hawkins

In this important election year, we faced some seemingly insurmountable problems, that I am happy to say we largely overcame. Because of the pandemic we were unable to hold any Candidate Forums for the Primary, but we did publish a Voter Guide in the New Mexican and - for the first time ever for Santa Fe and New Mexico– an online voter guide, VOTE411. It was quite a learning experience, but the League determined to push through and adopt Vote411 as our primary means to publish a Voter Guide and to familiarize voters with this new format. Because the League is so well known for our printed guide and since the Santa Fe New Mexican was eager to continue the collaboration, we also did a 12-page printed guide. The LWVSFC Voter Guide was published by the New Mexican on October 3. (VOTE411 successfully went “live” on September 15.) Unfortunately, in the effort to get the copy to the paper, several of us did not catch the fact that we had dropped one of the races for the Court of Appeals. One of the candidates pointed it out and we were able to print the answers to the questions in a subsequent issue. We also did not catch some incomplete answers from one of the candidates for the State House, but all in all it was a wonderful learning experience, and one we look forward to improving in coming elections.

The Unitarian Church was eager to team with us to do virtual forums for the general election. Because of the challenges of doing virtual events, only two were scheduled. The PRC forum was a great success, with three candidates participating. The second, for CD3, had to be canceled at the last minute because the Republican candidate pulled out over what she termed “security concerns.” Hopefully, the pandemic will be gone by late September, early October and we can again do live forums.

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We got an extra 500 hundred copies of the Voter Guide from the New Mexican and County Clerk Geraldine Salazar asked if we could provide Guides for all the people lined up to vote at the Convention Center on the first day of early voting. I delivered 100 copies and was told they were gone by noon. The poll workers would not let voters put used copies back out of fear of the virus. I was able to squeeze another 70 or so copies out of the New Mexican and took them to the Convention Center. Again, I was asked if we could provide more. I saved the remaining 350 for distribution to the early voting convenience centers, where Kelly, Danis and I distributed on Saturday, the 17th.

I was really amazed each time I visited a Voting center – lines of people waiting to vote, all masked and patient. It was very impressive, and, I think, indicative of how important this election was to people. Poll workers at each center greeted us with thanks, and recognition. I know this was an unusual situation, but maybe we should consider doing a bigger print run for next time.

I want to thank all of you who helped call the candidates to remind them that their submissions were due by what dates and letting them know that if they didn't respond, we would still print their names, with the aviso "Did not Respond." That brought much better responses, and I think the candidates are getting used to doing our Guide.

Vote 411 is fairly labor intensive to get started. There is a lot of information that must be obtained from the Secretary of State's office and from the candidates. Then all that information must be entered into the Vote411 format. Judy Williams was a great help, as a mentor, editor and encourager. Ideally, I need at least two other people willing to learn Vote411 and help me put it together. My thanks to Irene Epp and her group who have indicated interest in learning about and helping with the Forums.

Voter Services: Voter Registration and Education – Kelly Davis

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Voter Service Registration and Education annual report includes the following: (1) Activities: Flyer Distribution, Tabling Sites, Help Line (2) Outcomes (3) Future Plans and (4) The High School Civic Project Report (see attached).

The coronavirus required changes to the Voter Services Registration and Education service delivery system. The focus was on flyers/pamphlets, sandwich boards-methods that required minimum face-to-face contact. Some tabling was provided. The revised service delivery system resulted in a major expansion of the number of individuals the League served. This contributed to making Santa Fe County voter turnout the second highest in the state (see below Outcomes). Many of the changes will be permanent.

ACTIVITIES

DISPLAY/DISTRIBUTION SITES FOR FLYERS/PAMPHLETS (English and Spanish)

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Organization for Women, American Association of University Women, Indivisible, Houses of Workshop, Senior Residence, Constant Contact, and League's Social Media Platform were asked to distribute a Register to Vote flyer. Encouraged organizations to ask members to distribute the flyer to their social media contacts.

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- Santa Fe Farmers Market (Saturday) created display using sandwich board with attached poster advertising Vote 411 with 411 QR code.
- Food Depot did a weekly distribution (total 12 weeks) of a Register to Vote flyer to each car during the food drive.
- St Johns Methodist Church distribution of flyers every other week by car during the food drive.
- St Vincent Hospital posted League's Voter Information notice (using Vote 411 as the "go to" site) on TV monitors in the hospital and clinics. It was also included in the employee Newsletter that is circulated to 2200 employees.

FLYER CONTENT

Flyers included information on: Voter Registration, Drop Box Locations, How to Register to Vote, Vote 411 links, Early Voting Sites, How to Pamphlets (step by step guide to voting), Mail in Ballots, Voting Plan Check List, Voter Security, Voting Absentee, Absentee and Early Voting Schedule. Flyers were in English and Spanish.

TABLING SITES

- Pete's Place, South Side Santa Fe Farmers Market, Madrid Boardwalk, San Isidro Plaza, Food King. Tabling was provided September 22-October 20.
- National Voter Registration Day (Tuesday September 22) tabling at Pete's Place, South Side Santa Fe Farmers Market, Santa Fe Farmers Market (Rail Yard) and Madrid Board Walk.

HELP LINE

Activated the later part of July. Provided voters with information on where to register to vote, voting plans, absentee ballots, volunteer opportunities, etc. Help Line voice message was in English and Spanish.

OUTCOMES

- The Santa Fe Food Depot and St Johns Methodist Church distributed **7,802 flyers**.
- Tabling (September 22-October 20) served **439 individuals** (includes those requesting both voter registration assistance and voter information). Each tabling site had a Spanish speaker.
- Sites at National Voter Registration Day served **52 individuals**.
- Help Line assisted **131 callers**.
- Voter Turnout:
 - Santa Fe County **77%** (second highest county voter turnout in the state).
 - New Mexico **69%**.
 - Santa Fe County voter turnout was **8 points** over state turnout.
 - *(Statistics from the Secretary of State's Office.)*

FUTURE PLANS

- Encourage and educate voters on voting by mail.
- Continue to provide flyers and tabling services in English and Spanish.
- Make Help Line a permanent service.
- Provide information on judge retention, bonds and constitutional amendments to Help Line callers and to tabling sites.
- Provide training for new Voter Registration Agents.

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- Continue to collaborate with nonpartisan organizations to promote voter registration and education with the goal of increasing voter turnout.
- Continue to provide voter information through the League's social media platforms.
- Offer alternative sources of voter information for individuals who don't have Internet. Continue to support civic education in high school. Identify and service areas where potential voters are hard to reach.

High School Civic Project/HS Registration—Anne Culp and Kelly Davis

From July 2020 to January 2021, Anne Culp sent 12 emails to 11 teachers across 8 high schools in Santa Fe and one high school in Pojoaque; scheduled five Internet classroom meetings, and one face-to-face meeting. Anne mentored an intern, Campbell Leonard. Campbell was a VRA with us last year and graduated from Santa Fe Prep in May 2020. She was active with Anne from August to mid-October. Campbell and Anne used the on-line modality to connect with the teachers and the students. We started the school year with on-line voter registration. Once the ballot was available, we reviewed it with the students. We provided material to the teachers monthly. For example, we gave them links to the sample ballot, to videos on why students should vote, readings, and the LWVSF voting guide. In some of her interactions with the students they voiced interest in getting their peers registered to vote, as well as their family members. Several times, Anne asked the teachers to count how many students registered to vote and how many students voted. The teachers did not send me any numbers and voiced their frustration with the on-line teaching this year. Anne sent one email in January 2021 and received no response from the teachers. She believes they were exhausted. In late January, she reached out to two teachers individually (Nick Wirth and Eric Brayden) for consultation, and while they said they would be happy to talk with her at their convenience, they did not make any appointments with her. Anne made the decision to respect their tense teaching situation this year. We delayed any work with them until closer to the Fall of 2021 when we will know candidates who are running for the November elections. One teacher, Simon Mudge, requested a voter registration on-line session in May. We will follow up on this request. Anne Culp consulted with Kelly Davis monthly.

The High School Project continues to promote Harvard's David Moss Case Study Workshop. As of May 1, four teachers have completed the workshop. This fall, the Case Study curriculum will be implemented in their respective high schools: The Masters Program, Tierra Encantada, The Academy for Technology and the Classics, and Capital. As part of the Workshop requirements, the League will be sponsoring four Community Discussion Events. Each Event will be facilitated by one of the teachers and their students.

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Membership Report—Debbie Helper

We have 146 members currently. There are four life members (Neva Van Peski, Sally Sabo, Gisella Knight and Jane Hanna). There are seven students and four other sponsored/scholarship members.

At the end of 2020 we had 184 members of whom 142 had renewed by the end of January. With 3 new members in January, we had a total of 145 at the time of accounting by National. That’s the highest membership since 2017.

Unfortunately we lost three longstanding members to death: Marian Graves, Claire Weiner and, most recently, Laura Atkins.

We had a New Member Event in February 2021 by Zoom at which many board members were present, with attendance by three new members after the invitation was sent out to more than 50.

Fundraising/Development Report—Marcy Litzenberg

The members of the Fundraising/Development Committee FY 2020/21 were Valerie Brooker, Stephanie Schlanger, Debbie Helper, Danis Kelly and Pat Hawkins. When you see them, please thank them for their service. Together, we set a fundraising record for the LWVSFC, and exceeded our annual fundraising goal by about \$10,000. We made some smart strategic decisions, like to capitalize on the increased level of interest in the General Election by calling our Annual Fund Drive “Countdown to the 2020 General Election” and starting it in September. We also used more sophisticated fundraising tools, thanks to Stephanie Schlanger’s encouragement and skills, to develop a promotional video and buy an insert in the New Mexican that was designed with a younger target group in mind. Finally, we began our “Planned Giving Campaign” with an article in *The Voter*, and we have plans to pursue this more actively next year. Here’s a breakdown of this year’s activities:

ANALYSIS OF FUNDRAISING RESULTS FY20/21

Total 2020/21 Revenue from Donations.....	\$22,185.00
2020/21 Revenue from Member Donations.....	\$10,820.00
2020/21 Revenue from Non-Member Donations.....	\$11,365.00

Total Solicitations= 261	Total Donations= 100	Return Rate= 38%
Member Solicitations=140	Member Donations=46	Return Rate= 32%
Nonmember Solicitations=121	Nonmember Donations= 54	Return Rate= 45%

Total Expenses= \$284
Total Revenue= \$22,185
Fundraising Expenses/Revenue= 1%

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Good Governance Project—Jody Larson

This project was initiated at the request of Santa Fe City Counselors Roman Abeyta and Carol Romero-Wirth, and supported by Mayor Alan Webber, in the late winter of 2020. Originally, Counselors Abeyta and Romero-Wirth proposed some specific changes to the structure and processes of the city’s governing body, and requested the League’s review and critique of their plans prior to formal presentation to the rest of the governing body. After a few meetings with a few members of the board and the Action and Advocacy Committee, the counselors and the mayor made a presentation at a Lunch with a Leader meeting in March 2020, and later the board approved this project.

I developed a project plan, and the board approved it in April 2020. However, by then COVID had struck and the entire state had gone into lockdown. Faced with serious changes needed in governance due to restrictions on public meetings and other processes, the governing body turned its attention to other matters. A few of the ideas in Councilors Abeyta’s and Romero-Wirth’s original proposal were modified and presented to the governing body, and were passed with amendments, including raising the limits for expenditures that could be approved by staff. No proposals were presented to the League for review in advance or after the resolutions were introduced.

Some League members are now interpreting this project to include general matters of good governance, but my interpretation sticks with the original definition as represented in my project plan last year. In this vein, I request that the board either abolish this project as no longer relevant, given the actions and inactions of the original proponents in the governing body, or redefine it in specific terms when there is opportunity to do so.

Civil Discourse Project – Irene Epp

The Civil Discourse Project was initiated by the LWVSFC. The current team became active in June 2020. CDP originally organized around and was inspired by the concepts and strategies in “Our Common Purpose”. OCP is the 2020 Report by the Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship for the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Since its active start in June 2020, CDP has focused on ways to meet the urgent need to bridge the partisan divide, exploring and using the power of active listening, steadfast nonpartisanship, and the search for common ground.

Progress June 2020 to April 2021

June

- Set up Project structure and norms (see original purpose statement)
 - ◊ Collaborative working group
 - ◊ Working group is small
 - ◊ Irene appointed chair by LWVSFC Board, attends Board meetings but not a LWVSFC Board member
- Decide to start with small listening sessions, just for members at first, learn about Santa Fe community perspectives, later hold listening sessions for members.

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July

- First listening session: Inez Russell Gomez (editorial page editor, New Mexican)
- Develop Purpose Statement for Board, develop guidelines for Listening Sessions

August

- Jody Larson joins CDP
- Contact Food Depot
- CDP decide to create a blog to encourage internal league conversation

September

- Listening Session: Jill Dixon from the Food Depot
- October
- Kristina Flanagan joins CDP
- CDP presents Guidelines for the Discussion Forum to the Board
- November
- Launch Forum on LWVSFC website

December

- Listening Session: former State Historian Estevan Rael Gálvez
- CDP watches videos from NICD “Engaging Differences”
- Jill Dixon presents on Food Depot to LWVSFC membership (Annual Holiday Gathering)

January

- Extend Forum to Facebook and Twitter in LWVSFC web site (little interaction on web site Forum)
- Implement first Group Conscience conversation open to all league members
- Jody presents her idea to invite the Mayor to present to LWVSFC on CHART

February

- Listening Session: Dr. Estevan Rael Gálvez
- Irene presents CHART Proposal to Board
- Second Group Conscience set for March 23

March

- Kelly makes a proposal for CDP involvement with the civics education project in Santa Fe Schools
- Ricann Bock joins CDP
- CDP decides to make Group Conscience a regular offering on the first Monday of the month from 7 to 8pm

April

- Improve outreach for the Group Conscience Sessions: link them to Discussion Forum, provide prep materials for those who sign up, reading and podcasts, create email group for participants
- Attend April LWV/NICD webinar with Kristen Hansen, Director of the Civic Health Project
- Charlotte Rivera joins CDP



Calendar of Events Spring 2021

April

April 1, 1-2:30: Action & Advocacy Committee
 April 14, 11:30-1: Lunch with a Leader: Early Childhood Education, Jennifer Sallee,
 April 20, 10-12: LWVSFC Board Meeting
 April 22, 5:30-7: League Libations on Zoom
April 24-25: LWWNM Biennial Convention

May

May 3, 7: CDP Conversation on Zoom
 May 6, 12-2:30: Action & Advocacy Committee
 May 12, 11:30-1: LWVSFC Annual Meeting
 May 18, 10-12: LWVSFC Board Meeting
 May 27, 5:30-7: League Libations on Zoom

*LWWNM and other organization functions in italics
 Events in blue are unconfirmed; check the website
 calendar at lwvsfc.org.*

Monthly Meetings/Events:

- **Action & Advocacy Committee:**
1st Thursday of each month on Zoom until further notice
- **LWVSFC Board Meetings:**
3rd Tuesday, 10-12
- **League Libations:** 4th Thursday;
now on Zoom

League Libations Social Hour Is Back ! (via Zoom for now)

Join us for conversation
and good cheer
with friends old and new!

The 4th Thursday of the month
5:30 to 7:30 pm

Click [HERE](#) to join Zoom

Upcoming Civil Discourse Project (CDP) Conversations on Zoom

May 3 at 7 pm: “*What—if any—are a corporation’s responsibilities to society in a capitalist democracy?*”

June 7 at 7 pm: “*What are my individual responsibilities towards actions for reparations?*”

For details and Zoom links, check the calendar on the website
lwvsfc.org

For more information on these conversations and the CDP project, email Irene Epp at
[irene.epp@gmail](mailto:irene.epp@gmail.com)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member Renewal

Please check box of the membership you wish to start or renew:

- Individual membership: \$60
- Household membership (*two family members at the same address*): \$100
- Student membership: \$30 (*for students 16-25 years old currently enrolled; scholarships are available to students wishing to be active members; email lwvsfc@gmail.com for more info.*)

Member Information:

Name (first and last): _____

Address: (*include zip code*)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please include information about the second household member here, if appropriate:

Name (first and last): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation - I would also like to donate (circle one):

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$250 \$500 other \$ _____

Make check for dues and donation payable to “LWVSFC” and mail the check with this form to the address below.

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