

## **Membership Annual Report**

### **LWVSFC Annual Meeting**

**May 11, 2022**

At the close of 2021 we had 167 members and with a 70% renewal rate it dropped to 116 in early January 2022. We currently have 129 members. Of those 102 are primary, 13 additional/household, 10 students and 4 Life members (Sally Sabo, Gisela Knight, Jane Hanna and Neva VanPeski). This time last year we had 146 members.

Sadly we lost active member and former Chair of Voter Information Patricia Hawkins this year. Several members attended a celebration service in her honor and spoke of her contributions to the League.

The Diversity Fund sponsored 10 members of which 2 are teachers, one is a contributing adult member, and 7 are college or high school students. All are active with the League – most with the Youth Civic Engagement Project or other Voter Services activities.

We changed our membership page on the website this year to reflect the fact that students can join without paying dues.

We resumed in-person League Libations held outdoors at Beer Creek Brewing Co. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month last Fall, took a hiatus during cold winter weather, and resumed again in March. This is a fun, interesting and well attended event.

We did not have a new member event this year. Despite 30 – 50 people being invited in the past, only about 5-7 RSVP'd and 3-5 attended. However, those 3 -5 have become involved and active members. It was done last on Zoom in February 2021 and feedback was mixed. We are hoping to have an in-person New Member event this year.

All new and renewing members are sent a letter with an attached Ways to Participate! document and up-to-date membership directory. These also steer the new and renewing members to our website where there are additional resources. We hope to follow up with phone calls welcoming new members and querying them as to their interests in involvement with the League.

We are in search of a dedicated Membership Director if anyone is interested in taking on this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Helper, Membership Director and VP Administration

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