

Membership Annual Report

LWVSFC Annual Meeting

May 13, 2023

At the close of 2022 we had 165 members and with an 87% renewal rate it dropped to 143 in early January 2022. We currently have 145 members. Of those 111 are primary, 17 additional/household, 12 students and 5 Life members (Sally Sabo, Gisela Knight, Jane Hanna, Neva VanPeski and Julia Nathanson). This time last year we had 129 members.

The Diversity Fund is now named the Rising Leaders Fund and it sponsored 11 members of which 2 are teachers, one is a contributing adult member, and 8 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 resumed in-person League Libations held outdoors at Violet Crown Theater on the 4th Thursday of the month last Fall, took a hiatus during cold winter weather, and will resume again in May. 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 considering an in-person New Member event this year. However, I believe a more successful approach has been, and will continue to be, a personal phone call with offer to meet in person to see what the new member's interests might be.

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 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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