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April - May

2015

April 20 - Last to Register for
Primary Election

May 12 - Last Day to apply for
absentee Ballot

May 15 - Last Day to Receive
absentee Ballot

May 19 - Municipal Primary

Nov. 3 - Municipal Election

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THE VOTER

League of Women Voters of Washington County, PA

LWVWC ANNUAL MEETING 2015

May 12 at Citizens Library

BRING A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER TO ANNUAL MEETING

The League's Annual Meeting is Tuesday, May 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Citizens Library in Washington. The planning committee (Jean Spoeri and Nancy Speer) report the evening will begin with a catered meal and speaker on women in politics: Dr. Jennie Sweet-Cushman, Assistant Director of the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics at Chatham University, as well as Assistant Professor of Political Science and History at Chatham. The business meeting will follow.

You'll be receiving further details about Annual Meeting soon; right now, mark your calendar and invite a prospective member to join us!

It's really important that we have a quorum of League members to vote on the proposed budget. Recommended Program, and nominated slate of officers and directors.

Questions of clarification can be posed to Jean Spoeri when you contact her to make your reservation. Jean's email address is spoeri@verizon.net. Her phone number is 724-941-7484.

LWVWC PROPOSED BUDGET 2015-2016

INCOME	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 To date	2015-2016 Proposed
A. Dues			
Members (40 projected)	\$1,800.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,870.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,800.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,870.00
B. Contributions			
1. Members to LWVWC	1,000.00	553.03	1,000.00
Members to LWV Ed. Fund	300.00	400.00	400.00
2. Nonmembers to LWVWC	250.00	125.00	200.00
Nonmembers to LWV Ed. Fund	800.00	50.00	100.00
3. Donations in kind (not counted in totals)	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	2,350.00	1,128.03	1,700.00
D Other Sources --Projects			
1. Voters Guide	6,000.00	1,600.00	4,000.00
2. Facts for Citizens	600.00	0.00	900.00
3. Candidate Forums	0.00	0.00	0.00
4. Legislative Luncheon	500.00	575.00	500.00
5. Awards Reception	300.00	272.00	300.00
SUBTOTAL	7,400.00	2,447.00	5,700.00
E. From Ed. Fund reserves to PMP	500.00		1,030.00
F. Balance from Operating Reserves	1,500.00		0.00
TOTAL	\$13,550.00	\$4,745.03	\$10,300.00

EXPENSES	2014-2015 Proposed	2014-2015 to date	2015-2016 Proposed
A. Operating Costs			
1. General supplies	60.00	0.95	25.00
2. Postage	50.00	0.00	0.00
3. Telephone	400.00	251.85	400.00
4. Insurance	135.00	140.00	150.00
SUBTOTAL	\$645.00	\$392.80	\$600.00
B. Board & administrative committees			
1. Treasurer	30.00	128.03	15.00
2. Board Tools	50.00	0.00	0.00
3. Finance Drive	100.00	113.90	125.00
4. Membership	50.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$230.00	\$241.93	\$140.00

SPECIAL NOTES FOR INCOME

* Contributions to the LWV Ed Fund are now treated as actual income for the current year.

LWWWC PROPOSED BUDGET 2015-2016

EXPENSES (continued)	2014-2015 Proposed	2014-2015 to date	2015-2016 Proposed
C. State, national, and local meetings			
1. State Convention/Council	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2. National Convention/Council	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
D. Financial Support for the League			
1. State PMP to LWVPA (\$19.50)	640.00	502.50	780.00
2. National PMP to LWVUS (\$32.00)	1,020.00	778.87	1,280.00
4. Scholarships	100.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,760.00	\$1,281.37	\$2,060.00
E. COMMUNICATIONS			
1. VOTER printing	\$ 300.00	\$ 29.68	\$ 125.00
2. VOTER postage	250.00	49.00	125.00
3. Web page	50.00	0.00	50.00
SUBTOTAL	\$600.00	\$78.68	\$300.00
F. Educational activities			
1. Facts for Citizens- production and distrib.	900.00	59.09	900.00
2. Awards Reception	300.00	271.36	300.00
3. Voters service			
a. Voters Guide	6,000.00	1,555.27	4,000.00
b. Candidate Forums	300.00	0.00	0.00
c. How to run for public office or fundraiser	0.00	0.00	0.00
d. Register Remote	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$7,500.00	\$1,885.72	\$5,200.00
G. Position support			
1. Legislative luncheon	500.00	508.80	500.00
SUBTOTAL	\$500.00	\$508.80	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,735.00	\$4,389.30	\$10,300.00
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$815.00	\$355.73	\$0.00

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

The 2014-2015 Nominating Committee
Reports the following nominations for election
to the board at the 2015 Annual Meeting :

Nominated for **Officers:**,

President:	Length of Term	
Judy Hughes	2 years	2015-2017

Vice-President:

Margaret Jennings	1 years	2015-2016
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Treasurer:

Ken Hanawalt	2 years	2015-2017
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Nominated for **Directors:**

Heather Burtch	2 years	2015-2017
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Mary Gail Korsmeyer	1 year	2015-2016
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Susan Ruether-Hanawalt	2 years	2015-2017
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Nominated for the 2015-2016 **Nominating
Committee:**

Chairperson:

Jean Spoeri	1 year	2015-2016
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Members:

Maggie Balsley	1 year	2015-2016
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Jackie Campbell	1 year	2015-2016
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Two additional committee members will
be appointed from the board following board
reorganization.

Nominations for all positions will also be
taken from the floor at the meeting. Continuing
as board members for another year will be
Directors: Donna Riggle, Nancy
Fitch, and Secretary Nancy Weiss.

Submitted by the 2014-2015 Nominating
Committee: Jean Spoeri (Chair), Maggie
Balsley, Heather Burtch and Nancy Weiss.



Calendar

- April 20:** Last day to register to vote before
the Primary
- May 5:** Voters Guide distributed in local
papers
- May 12:** Annual Meeting, 6 to 9 p.m.,
Citizens Library
- May 19:** Municipal Primary
- June 5,6,7:** LWVPA Convention, Monaco
Hotel, Pittsburgh

2015 - 2016 RECOMMENDED PROGRAM

Based on discussion at the January 21 local program planning meeting, the Board recommends retaining the current Local Program.



1. **PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY** with the focus being centered on the Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction in Washington County parks.

2. **STUDY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY'S ELECTION SYSTEM AND PROCEDURES** with the focus to survey agencies that are authorized or mandated to register voters in order to see how well the process is working. Possible areas to examine include: the training of agency workers to carry out the registration, the registration process itself, the transfer of registration forms to the county and/or state election departments, and the tabulation of citizens registered.

2015 League of Women Voters of PA State Convention June 5-7, 2015

The Convention, hosted by LWV of Greater Pittsburgh, will be held Friday, June 5, through Sunday, June 7, at the Hotel Monaco, a new boutique hotel in downtown Pittsburgh.

In 1915, the Pennsylvania Women's Suffrage Association began its first statewide political campaign, in support of Amendment 1, the Women's Suffrage Referendum. The Justice Bell, replica of the Liberty Bell engraved with "Establish Justice," its clapper chained and silenced, toured the state in the summer of 1915, accompanied by pennants and signs urging "Votes for Women!" On June 24, 1919, Pennsylvania became the 7th state to ratify the federal suffrage amendment. In 1920, the Suffrage Party changed its name to the League of Women Voters, the amendment became law, and the Justice Bell was brought in victory to Independence Mall, its clapper unchained. Our 2015 Convention will look back at the events of 1915.



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of Washington County

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Web Page

<http://washingtoncounty.palwv.org/>

Join the League of Women Voters of Washington County: Join the Action!

To join, please send a check for \$50 (one person) or \$90 (two people in one household) for one year's dues with this form to Treasurer: **Kenneth Hanawalt - 724-941-3186** email: **struether@verizon.net** - regular mail: **205 Grandview Drive, McMurray, PA 15317**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I need partial or full fee waiver I need to pay dues in installments

I am interested in following issues and activities:

