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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LA CROSSE AREA 95TH ANNUAL MEETING MAY 20, 2019

The 2019 Annual Meeting was called to order by President Deb Lutjen at 7:10 p.m. There were 40 persons present. The Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were approved.

PROGRAM:

A video of Lady Gaga's "*A Parody of Bad Romance – Women's Suffrage*" (Inspired by Alice Paul) was shown. Deb Lutjen lead a discussion of the video followed Suffrage Trivia. The video was then shown again. The video will be available on the website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Lutjen provided a written report in the annual report. She noted the many community organizations, especially the Driftless Voter Coalition, League partnered with on voter registration and the "*Everyone Votes*" message. In addition, a coalition of League members and Vernon Friends of Fair Maps successfully managed a county wide citizen's referendum advising the Wisconsin legislature to create a nonpartisan procedure for congressional redistricting plans.

She thanked the members for their time, talent, funds and in-kind donations that assisted in both the *Fair Maps* campaign and Voter's Services activities. These donations and grants totaled almost \$5000.

Goals for the following year are to continue collaboration with community organizations, enhance our presence on social media, and join the *Grow the Vote 411* challenge for the 2020 election by gathering candidate information – all of which need League volunteers.

TREASURER'S AND BUDGET REPORT:

Kathy Ivey, Treasurer, reviewed the finances for the past year as well as the prior year's annual financial report. Mary Nugent, Vice President, presented the new budget report and reviewed some of the expenses and increased costs. MSP to approve the budget for 2019-2020 as presented.

VOTER SERVICE:

Voter Service committee provided a report in the Annual Report. Chris Haskell recognized the many groups we worked with in coalition as well as the many hours League members volunteered helping to register voters. Emphasis was on being present, voter registration, on-line voter registration training, yard signs and collaboration.

Peg Perry requested volunteers for the La Crosse Interstate Fair in July.

MEMBERSHIP:



Kathy Mulliner reported there are 118 members. Sharon Imes and Grace Stucky Brinker were recognized for being members for 50 years.

PROGRAM:

Sheila Garrity presented the program summary from the past year and a full listing of the past year's events was set forth in the Annual Report. Next year's programs will reflect the Centennial theme.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGION INTERLEAGUE:

Caroline Jenkins reported on the work of the Interleague organization and the Great Lakes Compact.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The election of the following officers and board members was approved:

Officers: 2019-2021

President: Mary Nugent

Vice President: Robin Schmidt

New Board Members: 2019-2021

Sheila Garrity

Chris Haskell

Laura Milner

Nomination Committee: 2020

Pam Thiel

Nancy Hill

Jan Gallagher

The above listed individuals were voted on unanimously to serve in the offices as shown and on the board as Directors.

Continuing Board Members elected last year for two year terms:

Officers: Maureen Kinney, Kathy Ivey

Continuing Directors: Kathy Mulliner, Ellen Frantz, Nora Garland, Pam Knudtson

STATE CONVENTION:

Deb Lutjen, Mary Nugent, Chris Haskell, Robin Schmidt, and Nancy Hill will attend the State Convention as delegates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Submitted by Mary Nugent, Vice President.

