

LWV OF ANCHORAGE

THE VOTER MARCH 2020

From the President:

Wow – a lot has changed since last month! We are now living in a Global Pandemic, in the world of COVID-19. Just today the State closed public schools until May 1st, and Mayor Berkowitz has issued a “hunker down” order for the citizens of Anchorage. So, we have to figure out how to still get the essential work of democracy done in this New Normal. Most importantly – changes to our LWV of Anchorage Annual Meeting and the LWV of Alaska Statewide Convention. First, the LWV of Anchorage Annual Meeting:

What: LWV of Anchorage Annual Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 21st, 2020 at 6pm

Where: **By Teleconference** – more details to come

Due to the State and Local orders to practice social distancing our meeting will be a virtual meeting via teleconference. We are still working out the details about which teleconference platform to use. As soon as we know, we will send out the information on how and when to join us! In preparation for the Annual Meeting, and in accordance with our By-Laws I have information to share with all of you:

Proposed Budget for FY 2020 – 2021

Proposed Program 2020 – 2021

Proposed Slate of Officers 2020 – 2021

Proposed Dues 2020 – 2021

Please note I am not seeking re-election as President for next year. Currently, we do not have a candidate for the position. I have really enjoyed being the President for the past two years, and I hope to serve again sometime in the future. Right now, I have personal obligations that are increasing in their demands on my time that make it too difficult to do the job of President that our League deserves. Thank you for letting me serve the LWV of Anchorage the past two years; it has been an honor.

Sincerely,
Margaret

PROPOSED PROGRAM – FY 2020-2021
As recommended by the Board of Directors

ANCHORAGE POSITIONS:

Planning and Zoning:

Statement of Position: The LWV of Anchorage supports comprehensive planning and effective implementation of a plan aimed at quality growth and development. Recommendation: Retain.

Community Councils:

Statement of Position: The LWV of Anchorage supports the concept and purpose of Community Councils as a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs. Recommendation: Retain.

Boards and Commissions:

Statement of Position: The LWV of Anchorage supports broad participation by all segments of the community on Municipal boards and commissions and the periodic review of the effectiveness of all boards and commissions. Recommendation: Retain.

Election of School Board Members:

Statement of Position: The LWV of Anchorage supports a seven member school board whose members are elected at-large to serve in designated seats. Recommendation: Retain.

PROGRAM EMPHASIS:

- LWV's 100th Anniversary
- Mark public information more accessible.
- Promote and support Youth Vote's expanding program emphasis.

LWV of ANCHORAGE GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Purpose: General meetings, possibly conducted in collaboration with other groups, would serve to educate the membership and general public on these identified specific areas of concern.

Format and Outcomes: A committee of League members would be responsible for soliciting relevant speakers, establishing General meeting outcomes, and upon the conclusion of the General meeting, summarizing and making recommendations to the membership on how the information gained may be used to update or validate existing positions.

Additions to Program: Our Bylaws permit additions to our adopted program should we find it necessary and spell out the procedures for doing so at a General meeting.

Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors FY 2020-2021:

President: _____ 1 year term exp. 2021
Vice President: Cari Zawodny 1 year term exp. 2021
Treasurer: Tina DeLapp 2 year term exp. 2022
Director: Shirley Pittz 2 year term exp. 2022
Director: Schawna Thoma 2 year term exp. 2022
Director: Jasmine Carter 2 year term exp. 2022

Nominating Committee for FY 2020-2021:

Chair:
Member:
3rd member to be appointed by the Board

The elected members shall 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 Annual Meeting.

The following Board members have one year remaining on their terms:

Secretary: Carol Dickason Term expires 2021.
Director Beth Nordlund Term expires 2021
Director Pat Redmond Term expires 2021
Director Keri Clark Term expires 2021

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**Proposed Dues FY 2020-2021**

\$65.00 - Individual membership  
\$97.50 - Household (\$65.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> member, \$32.50 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> member at the same address)  
\$ 0 - College Student membership\*  
\$ 0 - Youth ages 16-18 membership\*

\*Based on current LWVAK and LWWUS policy

| 2020-2021 Budget Proposal                                    | FY 19-20           | FY TO DATE         | PROPOSAL            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|                                                              | BUDGET             | 04/1/19-3/6/20     | 4/1/20-3/31/21      |
| <b>Beginning Balance @ start of month (checking account)</b> |                    |                    |                     |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                                              |                    |                    |                     |
| Dues                                                         | \$3,000.00         | \$2,437.50         | \$2,500.00          |
| Contributions: Members & Friends                             | \$1,000.00         | \$2,440.00         | \$2,500.00          |
| Dividend Earnings                                            | \$15.00            | \$5.21             | \$15.00             |
| Miscellaneous (incl. Spirit of Youth)                        |                    |                    |                     |
| MOA Ballot Review                                            | \$53,000.00        | \$53,040.00        | \$53,040.00         |
| Youth Vote                                                   |                    |                    |                     |
| Fund Raising (Corporate/friends/SOY)                         | \$21,000.00        | \$13,784.00        | \$20,000.00         |
| LWVAK Ed Fund                                                |                    | \$8,676.08         |                     |
| Grants (restricted)                                          | \$12,860.00        | \$11,545.00        | \$22,140.00         |
| Grants (unrestricted)                                        | \$1,340.00         | \$1,055.00         | \$2,460.00          |
| Youth-Led (People Powered) Fair Maps Project*                |                    |                    | \$19,800.00         |
| <b>TOTAL ALL SOURCES</b>                                     | <b>\$92,215.00</b> | <b>\$92,982.79</b> | <b>\$122,455.00</b> |
| Transfer FROM Money Market TO Checking                       |                    |                    |                     |
| Transfer FROM Checking TO Money Market                       |                    |                    |                     |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS ADJUSTED FOR TRANSFERS</b>                 |                    |                    |                     |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                              |                    |                    |                     |
| <b>Board Operating Costs:**</b>                              | \$970.00           | \$2,560.35         | \$1,050.00          |
| <b>BOARDS &amp; COMMITTEES</b>                               |                    |                    |                     |
| Supplies***                                                  | \$150.00           |                    | \$100.00            |
| <b>MEETINGS &amp; CONVENTIONS</b>                            |                    |                    |                     |
| Anchorage Annual Meeting                                     | \$50.00            | \$89.33            | \$50.00             |
| LWVAK Convention - 2019-20 (approved); 2020-21 (proposed)    | \$2,000.00         | \$895.00           | \$-                 |
| General Membership Meetings                                  | \$500.00           |                    | \$300.00            |
| National Convention - 2020 (proposed) - updated              |                    |                    | \$2,000             |
| <b>VOTER SERVICE</b>                                         |                    |                    |                     |
| Miscellaneous Voter Service Expenses                         | \$150.00           |                    | \$50.00             |
| Municipal Ballot Review                                      | \$47,700.00        | \$47,695.36        | \$47,740.00         |
| <b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF LEAGUE</b>                           |                    |                    |                     |
| PMP LWVUS (\$32 x 44 Members; \$16 X 6 HH Members)           | \$1,296.00         | \$1,504.00         | \$1,504.00          |
| PMP LWVAK (\$10 x 44 Members; \$5 X 6 HH Members)            | \$526.50           | \$470.00           | \$470.00            |
| <b>YOUTH VOTE</b>                                            |                    |                    |                     |
| Project Coordination                                         | \$13,500.00        | \$21,500.00        | \$28,500.00         |
| Misc. Operating Expenses                                     | \$16,700.00        | \$1,923.13         | \$16,400.00         |
| Space Rental & Phone                                         | \$4,000.00         | \$1,060.00         | \$3,600.00          |
| Youth-Led (People Powered) Fair Maps Project***              |                    |                    | \$19,800.00         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                        | <b>\$86,572.50</b> | <b>\$77,697.17</b> | <b>\$121,564.00</b> |

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|-------------------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| <b>CASH ON HAND (Business Checking Account)</b> |  |  |                      |
| Money Market Account                            |  |  | MM dividend +\$17.91 |
| <b>TOTAL SHARE ACCOUNTS</b>                     |  |  |                      |

\* Contingent on getting grant funding for this project.

\*\*Board Operating Costs includes telephone, P.O. Box rental, PayPal fees, Website maintenance, credit card annual fee & misc.charges

\*\*\* Includes Committee Expenses and Supplies

### **LWV of Alaska State Convention:**

Due to the continued concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19, the State Board determined that it was best to alter the State Convention into a Distance Delivery Convention. This means that rather than hosting delegates from other locals here in Anchorage over three days, the convention will be a one day event with delegates calling in from all over the State.

What: LWV of Alaska State Convention

When: Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

How: More Details to Come!

If you are interested in being a delegate to the State Convention, please let myself or another Board Member know! It would require that you be available to receive needed documents via email and be able to participate in either tele- or video-conference for most of the day. Anchorage is entitled to two delegates to the State Convention, so consider giving it a try!

### **Alaska's Suffrage Star:**

Please see the Press Release below regarding the traveling Alaska's Suffrage Star Exhibit from the State Museum. I do not know how COVID-19 will change access to this important and exciting exhibit.

**For Immediate Release February 26, 2020**



*Margaret Vale, niece of President Woodrow Wilson, represents Alaska in a 1915 suffrage parade in New York City. Image courtesy Library of Congress*

### ***New Exhibit on Women's Suffrage Travels across Alaska***

The Alaska State Museum has organized a traveling exhibit examining women's suffrage in Alaska to commemorate the 2020 centennial of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

During 2020, the traveling exhibit *Alaska's Suffrage Star* will be on exhibit in museums and libraries in Cordova, Haines, Anchorage, Nome, Wrangell, Fairbanks, Homer, and Wasilla. *Alaska's Suffrage Star* describes how local and national activism helped Alaska women citizens achieve the vote in 1913, seven years before the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment prohibited denying the vote based on a person's sex.

In 1913, the first bill ever passed by the Alaska Territorial Legislature granted voting rights to women citizens. In 1924 all Alaska Native women become eligible voters when the federal government granted US citizenship to Native Americans.

*Alaska's Suffrage Star* highlights Alaska women voting rights activists from the 1910s and 1920s. Nellie Cashman was an entrepreneur, miner, and the first woman to vote in a territorial election in Alaska. Cornelia Hatcher was a temperance leader who led the successful effort to enact Prohibition in Alaska. Lena Morrow Lewis was a socialist organizer and the first Alaska woman to run for federal office in 1916. Tillie Paul was a Tlingit educator and tribal historian who was arrested for assisting a Tlingit man to vote.

The League of Women Voters Alaska, the League of Women Voters Anchorage, and the Friends of the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum sponsored the exhibit.

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That is all for now! I hope all of you are safe and feeling well! Take care of yourselves and your loved ones, these are strange, strange times!

Stay tuned, we will send out more information as we know it!