The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed, **diverse**, and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BELOIT

APRIL 2016

THE LWV IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION THAT DOES A PROFESSIONAL JOB

Up-coming Events:

Come for Supper in the Country Beloit LWV 2016 Annual Meeting

Learn about "Safe Schools, Healthy Students"
5:00 pm
Friday, April 29

Beloit LWV Leadership Team / Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 3
5:00 pm
(note time change)

Members are always invited. Beloit Public Library 605 Eclipse Boulevard

Wisconsin LWV Annual Meeting

Friday-Sunday, June 3-5

Landmark Resort, Egg Harbor, Door County, WI

BELOIT LWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Susan Adams, Dave Dobson, Stephanie Dobson, Deb Fallon, Effie Garrett, Gayle Hotchkiss, Alice Lamont, Beatrice McKenzie, Joyce Metter, Lynda Owens, Joyce Schoenfield, Wanda Sloan

Jottings

Spring has been a busy time for Beloit Leaguers, with several successful activities just in the past month:

- The League co-sponsored two separate Candidate Forums—City Council and School Board. Both forums went very well and were well-attended. The League received compliments from the candidates (even formal 'thank yous') for the well organized events. Ralph Berkley served as moderator and Joyce Metter worked with the Chamber of Commerce and NAACP.
- An appreciative crowd, including several members of the public, enjoyed candy, popcorn, water and soda while watching the movie "Suffragettes" at the Beloit Public Library. The Beloit League and the library so-sponsored the event.
- Many Leaguers worked at the polls on Election Day, and found themselves busy with voters <u>all day long!</u>
- Joyce Metter and Deb Fallon are on working on a Human

 Trafficking task force with Women's Fund members Sandra

 Kincaid and Marline Holmes to help First Responders coordinate their efforts.

 Joyce S.

League of Women Voters of Beloit Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Beloit subscribes to the belief that diverse perspectives and inclusiveness are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. The Beloit LWV affirms this belief in diversity and pluralism through its values and practices.

The Beloit LWV is, therefore, committed to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, and programs, which means that there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the Beloit LWV on the basis of race, national origin, creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, political activity or disability.

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Check out our Beloit League of Women Voters web site:

www.beloit.wi.lwvnet.org

Enjoy a short spring drive in the country and a Friday supper in the lovely setting of Big Hill Park

Beloit League of Women Voters 2016 Annual Meeting Friday, April 29 5:00 pm

Come for Supper in the Country We'll meet at the Big Hill Center

(in the meeting room on the lower floor)

After enjoying a supper of baked fish, fried chicken, and MORE we'll learn about the Safe Schools Healthy Students project and then carry out the 'LWV Annual Meeting business'

RSVP to <u>bclwv2010@gmail.com</u> by April 24th \$12 - pay at the door

The Beloit LWV has a New Member!



Mardell joined through our local League's website application system: www.beloit.wi.lwvnet.org

She sent the form and her dues check to the address given there

Welcome Mardell!

We're proud to have you as a League member!

Are YOU reading this r	newsletter as	s a 'guest'
Joining the League of	Women Voters is e	easy!
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Simply print out this page of	and cut off the form	below.
Write your check to the <u>League of W</u>	omen Voters of Beloit	. Dues are \$65
Mail it to Beloit LWV Treasurer:	Alice Lamont 2429 Lathers Road Beloit, WI 53511	(Phone: 365-4747)
name		phone
street	city/state	zip
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in the amount of \$_____ for one year's membership. I understand that it is my responsibility

to pay at least 20% (\$13.00) of the annual dues.

Annual Meeting League of Women Voters of Beloit April 29, 2016

Guest Speakers: Beth Herman and Shawn Fredricks "Safe Schools Healthy Students Project"

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Appointment of Reading Committee for 2016 Annual Meeting minutes
- 3. Treasurer's Report for 2015-2016
- 4. Proposed Program

ക ക Adoption of Program ക ക ക

- A. Adoption of current positions: (adoption by majority vote see back of page)
- B. Proposed Program for 2016-2017: (adoption by majority vote see back of page)
 New topics may also be brought up at the Annual Meeting as non-recommended topics. Such topics may be considered for discussion by a majority vote, then adopted for study by a 2/3 vote.
- c. Optional Directives to the Board for future consideration: (vote is optional)

 At this time, members may recommend additional events, actions, procedures, new studies, or position revisions for <u>future consideration</u> by the board.
- 5. Adoption of 2016-2017 Budget (includes adoption of Dues Categories) (adoption by 2/3 vote)

ക ക Adoption of Dues Categories ക ക ക

Individual Membership \$65.00
June Swannack, LWV Beloit Founder \$200.00
Carrie Chapman Catt, LWVUS Founder \$150.00
Susan B. Anthony, Suffragette \$100.00
Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Suffragette \$75.00
(please note that the 20% dues scholarship policy continues)

6. Nominating Committee Report / Election of Officers (adoption by two-thirds vote)

ക ക ക Election of Officers and Directors ക ക ക

Nominating Committee Report: Duties of these members will be determined later

Susan Adams Deb Fallon Alice Lamont Lynda Owens

Bette Carr Effie Garrett Beatrice McKenzie Joyce Schoenfield

Stephanie Dobson Gayle Hotchkiss Joyce Metter

Nominating committee to be selected:

Board Member Board Member League Member

note: During the next League year, the board will review Bylaws ARTICLE IV - <u>Board of Directors</u> to clarify the wording of the bylaw and also to decide whether to increase the number of people who can be on the Beloit LWV Board. That goal would be to decrease the work load by dividing and sharing tasks.

The board would like to consider establishing two appointed intern board member(s) on a trial basis. The non-voting interns would be able to learn what the board does and decide whether they would be interested in serving as board members.

7. Adjourn

ക ക Adoption of Current Positions ക ക ക

- - Adoption by Majority Vote - -

Following is a list of all of our local positions dated according to the year each of them was adopted or last revised.

Government Structure and Procedures

* City Government - 1995

- Zoning 2013
- * City Budget and Priority Setting Process 1986 County Administrator 1988

Government Services

* Community Development - 1978 Liquor Licensing - 2013

Solid Waste Disposal - 2013

* Library Resources - 1995

Sewage Treatment - 2013

Natural Resources Management

* Land Use - 1983

Rock County Parks - 2014

Social Policy

Affirmative Action - Public Institutions - 2015 Housing - 2011/2013

Housing Code Enforcement - 2011/2013

* Interracial/Multi-cultural Relations - 2002

* English Language Learner (ELL) - 2008/2013

- * Proposed Casino 2001
- * Casino Negotiations 2001

Education

- * Budget Process 2002
- * Long Range Planning 2002

Homelessness - 2011/2013

- * Alternative/Individualized Education 2002
- * Student Discipline 2002

* Career Education - 2002

* Police Liaison Program - 2002

- * Counseling 2002
- * Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education (Blackhawk Technical College) 1988
- * Items marked with an asterisk indicate positions that are in need of review.

The board recommends continued review of these Local Position Statements if time and effort become available.

ക ക a Proposed Program for 2016-2017 ക ക ക

- - Adoption by Majority Vote - -

Based on recommendations of members at the Lively Issues meeting, the Beloit LWV Board of Directors recommends focusing on the following issues as 'program':

The Beloit LWV Board of Directors **recommends no specific local studies**, but rather investigation of recommended topics through a variety of activities such as information gathering, observing, and/or presentations by Leaguers and guest speakers.

Possible Areas of focus:

- Observer Corps
 - City Council:

(7:00 First and Third Mondays each month)

- School District of Beloit committees: (4:00 Second Tuesday each month) Curriculum and Instruction, Policy and Personnel, Finance/Transportation, and Property **Equality Committee** (4:00 Second Monday each month)
 - Community Mental Health issues
 - Youth Incarceration
 - Truancy
 - Driver Cards for undocumented immigrants
 - Water Quality
 - · County Parks
 - Campaign Finance Reform
 - Voter Rights Act
 - Redistricting

2016-2017 BELOIT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BUDGET Presented to LWV Board on March 1, 2016

Year to Date	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Budget			
- INCOME -					
\$2,636.00	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 2,860.00	Member Due	s Collected	
\$486.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	Member Con	Member Contributions	
\$550.00	\$700.00	\$ 700.00	Non-Membe	Non-Member Contributions	
\$905.50	\$500.00	\$ 900.00	Program & A	Program & Annual Meetings	
\$975.00	\$400.00	\$ 700.00	Grants/Special Projects		
	\$534.00	\$ 605.00	Fund Raisers, eg. SBA		
			From Reserve	es	
\$4.13	\$ 3.50	\$ 5.00	Interest on C	Interest on Checking Account	
\$1.95	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.00	CD Interest	CD Interest	
\$645.00			Badger Girls	State Fund	
\$6,203.58	\$5,800.00	\$ 6,272.00	TOTAL		
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\$37.30	\$135.00	\$45.00	• •	Board Supplies/Postage	
\$54.09	\$100.00	\$ 50.00		Treasurers Expenses	
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Increase of Cash due to non-expenditures to National Convention, State Convention, increased grants, and Badger Girls State unpaid at this time. Printing and publications costs decreased because of email.