



You're invited to the
Janesville League of



Women Voters

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

29 South Restaurant

29 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545

5:30 p.m. Social

Appetizers and light refreshments will be available.

\$10 per person

6:00 p.m. Business Meeting

& Election of Officers

Please bring this mailing to the meeting.

Guest are welcome...this is an excellent event to share with potential members. If a potential new member comes and pays dues during the event, admission is complimentary!

R.S.V.P. by April 25, 2017 to

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League of Women Voters of Janesville

Annual Meeting

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Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. Lifetime Members - None
4. Approve Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting
 - a. Minutes were read by Sue Ellen Madere, Laura Boettcher and Kay Deupree
5. Appointment of Committee to review minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes
6. Annual Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Annual summary - Katie Kuznacic
7. Consider re-adoption of Local Positions
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 - b. Adoption of Current Study Positions..... Page 6-8
 1. Behavioral Health: Mary Buelow
 2. Diversity: Lisa Furseth
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 - a. Voter Services:
10. Approval of Budget for 2017-2018..... Pages 3
11. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers Page 11
12. Delegates for State Annual Meeting
Mary Buelow and Linda Reinhardt
13. Announcements:
14. Directions to the Board from members
15. Adjournment

**Dues for 2017-2018 may be paid tonight
(\$65 for individuals, \$100 for households)
Reminder only \$3.00 remains locally.**

League of Women Voters of Janesville Proposed 2017-2018 Budget for review and discussion

March 25, 2017

	FY 15-16 Final	FY 16-17 Budget	FY 16-17 Current	FY 17-18 Proposed
INCOME				
Dues	\$3,620.00	\$3,520.00	\$2,320.00	\$3,430.00 ¹
Interest	40.99	35.00	14.04	20.00
Donations-Member	727.50	900.00	279.00	900.00
Donations-Non Member	-	900.00	-	900.00
Program Income		-	400.00 ²	
Miscellaneous Income			323.00 ³	
Susan B Anthony Party Net Income	456.85	200.00		400.00
Reserves	1,398.85	730.00		780.00
Restricted Reserve (Grants)	-	200.00		
Total Income	\$6,244.19	\$6,485.00	\$3,336.04	\$6,430.00
EXPENSES				
Printing and Copying	382.92	350.00	199.98	300.00 ⁴
Mileage (local)			-	
Program Sponsorship		25.00	50.00	50.00
Voters Service	33.00	200.00		100.00
Membership Development	57.50	150.00	339.98	200.00
Postage	208.90	350.00	47.00	200.00
Program	-	150.00		150.00
Website	313.97	200.00	200.00	250.00 ⁵
Office Supplies	-	25.00		25.00
Miscellaneous	16.00	150.00	306.00	150.00
Educational Materials		50.00		50.00
Total Operations	\$1,012.29	\$1,650.00	\$1,143.29	\$1,650.00
State Per Member Dues	1,800.00	1,635.00	1,625.00	1,575.00 ⁶
National Per Member Dues	1,920.00	1,700.00	1,744.44	1,680.00 ⁷
Total Dues	\$3,720.00	\$3,335.00	\$3,379.44	\$3,255.00
National Convention	1,511.90	700.00		800.00
State Convention/Annual Meeting		500.00		600.00
State Meetings (Registration & mileage)		300.00		300.00
Total Leadership Development	\$1,511.90	\$1,500.00		\$1,700.00

¹ 48 Primary @ \$65; and 9 household/student @ \$30

² Membership meeting income

³ T-shirt income

⁴ Costs include newsletter, annual meeting materials, and membership booklet

⁵ Website hosting will increase by \$50 next year.

⁶ \$30 for Primary memberships and \$15 for 2nd in house and students

⁷ \$32 for primary memberships and \$16 for 2nd in house and students

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Restricted Expenses (Grants) \$ -	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	\$6,244.19	\$6,485.00	\$4,522.73	\$6,430.00
Balance	\$ -	-	\$(1,186.69.00)	\$ -
Susan B. Anthony Party				
Susan B Anthony Party Income		\$3,890.00		
Susan B Anthony Party Expenses		\$2,976.30		
Susan B Anthony net to Beloit		456.85		
Susan B Anthony net to Janesville		456.85		
Susan B Anthony Balance \$ -			\$ -	\$ -

Beginning Balance (07-01-16)	\$15,377.19
Beginning Susan B. Anthony reserve	\$ 2,572.76
Restricted Reserves	
General Reserves	\$5,002.50 ⁸
Available Balance (Unrestricted)	<u>\$7,801.93</u>
Income	\$3,336.04
Expenses	<u>\$4,522.73</u>
Unrestricted Balance	<u>\$6,615.24</u>
Susan B. Balance	-
Total Funds	<u>\$14,190.50</u>

⁸ General Reserves will be 1.5 x 3379.44 = \$5069.16

Study and Action

Recommended Study Items are adopted by a majority vote. Non-recommended items must first be approved for consideration by a majority vote, and approval is by a 60% majority vote. Janesville League members may adopt one or more or no new study items. The study should be timely, of interest to our members, and able to be affected by local governmental action.

Recommended Local Items:

1. Continuing the study on Diversity, possibly focusing on how minorities are treated within the justice system.

National Study Items: Making Democracy Work: Focus on Voting Rights and Voter Protection, and Money in Politics. (Continuing)

State Study Items: Voter Education and Registration, State Budget, Education on problems related to storm water run-off, and Redistricting. (Continuing)

POSITIONS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JANESVILLE, WI

Readopted at the Annual Meeting, April, 2016

- Support improved housing conditions, especially through an improved housing code
Adopted February, 1980 Revised May, 2013
- Support retention of Council-City Manager form of government in Janesville
Adopted March, 1981
- Support for mandatory arrest in response to domestic violence
Adopted October, 1987 Revised April, 2015
- Support County Administrator form of county government
Adopted 1975 Revised April, 1988
- Support for historic and neighborhood preservation
Adopted October, 1979 Revised May, 2014
- Support school programs to aid potential dropouts
Adopted March, 1980 Revised April, 1988
- Support for appropriate juvenile detention facilities and programs
Adopted May, 1994 Revised June, 2011
- Support for local ordinance to insure equitable treatment for all persons in the housing market
Adopted September, 1989
- Support for inclusion of multicultural education in the Janesville school curriculum Kindergarten - 12
Adopted April, 1993 Revised May, 2014
- Oppose a casino for the Beloit area in Rock County. Support planned development of the Interstate 90 Wisconsin state line area.
Adopted November, 2001
- Support up-to-date County parks plan, support of timely planning and adequate staffing, including the position of coordinator of volunteer partnerships.
Adopted March, 2002 Revised May, 2014
- Support for local government recycling effort
Adopted May, 2012

Behavioral Health Position (AKA Mental Health)

The Janesville and Beloit League of Women Voters firmly believes that effective treatment of behavioral health is important to overall health and social well being of Rock County residents.

We encourage the Board of Supervisors, in their role as policy makers, and the County Administrator to support evidence based policies and practices regarding mentally ill and/or addicted individuals and their families.

We encourage the Rock County Human Services Department to continue to follow proactive procedures and policies by:

- Providing an affirmational, welcoming atmosphere/service that is culturally competent, trauma informed, and recovery oriented.
- Building respectful and compassionate relationships with individuals and their families
- Managing co-occurring disorders (mental illness, substance abuse, and other issues occurring simultaneously) together with coordinated treatment
- When involuntary treatment for mental illness and/or addiction is required, providing the least restrictive option to meet the needs of the individual in a location close to their home.
- Pursuing harm reduction options when an individual is not yet ready for treatment such as wet housing, halfway housing, and needle exchanges
- Separating behavioral health issues from criminal activities through diversion courts, deferred prosecution, realistic probation rules.
- After detox or crisis events, following up with the individual the next day to try to connect the individual with services.
- Identifying and advocating for the needs of mentally ill and addicted individuals.

We encourage the Rock County law enforcement and courts to provide alternatives besides incarceration for mentally ill and addicted individuals.

We encourage all County, municipal, and district governments and agencies to:

- Provide training for employees to become “Behavior Health friendly”, so employees may understand mental illness and AODA issues and become more competent working with these individuals.
- Provide first responders, correctional officers and youth workers with training, resources and skill building opportunities to de-escalate and manage crisis situations
- Adopt policies to allow agencies to cooperate and communicate with each other about mentally ill and addicted individuals and issues, as allowed by law.
- Provide mental health and addiction resources in schools



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We ask the Board of Supervisors to provide sufficient funding so these evidence based practices can be carried out by County employees. We recognize that funding preventive measures saves money in the long run, and support funding in the following areas:

- Staff to provide the range of treatments needed to treat this population, including
 - counselors and therapists
 - case workers,
 - child psychiatrists,
 - professionals who can prescribe and monitor medications,
 - social workers for assisting incarcerated individuals to successfully integrate into the community to reduce recidivism
- Sufficient staff for agencies to provide effective treatment, to communicate between agencies, and to communicate with families of those affected.
- Local resources for inpatient care, including single occupancy psych beds.
- Harm reduction options such as wet housing, halfway housing, and needle exchanges for individuals who are not yet ready for treatment
- Diversion courts to separate behavioral health issues from criminal activities

Diversity Position



We are committed to making Janesville a more inclusive community, defined as a diverse community with equal access to respect and opportunity, goods and services, civic participation and decision-making, and the ability of all to thrive. We believe this work begins with our own membership. We will demonstrate this commitment through the following actions:

- By engaging and educating our members and our community on topics related to inclusion and the challenges encountered by our diverse residents in achieving the vision ascribed to by the LWV.
- By conducting intentional voter registration and education outreach to diverse populations, with an initial emphasis on Hispanic/Latino citizens. Registration activities will address language barriers.

- By soliciting diverse input and including questions related to diversity and inclusion in LWV sponsored candidate forums.

The LWV shall

- Encourage members to actively participate in groups representing and responding to the interests of Janesville's diverse residents such as 4th Ward Neighborhood Groups, the Diversity Action Team/Courageous Conversations,

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YWCA Racial Justice Program.

- Secure an organizational membership in the Beloit/Rock County Chapter of the NAACP and encourage individual LWV members to join as well.
- Incorporate diversity as an element of new-member orientation.
- Challenge study committees to include input from diverse communities in study exploration and to integrate the needs of diverse citizens in study work and conclusions. Recommend additional study topics related to the issue of diversity (e.g., no-box policies, criminal justice reform including but not limited to alternatives to incarceration, driver's licenses for immigrants)
- Encourage inclusiveness within all public institutions serving Janesville residents including diverse representation of decision-makers and staff at all levels of these organizations, ongoing education of staff, delivery of culturally relevant services including the interpretation of key materials, and regular input from diverse stakeholders.
- By placing the following diversity statement on our website and publishing the same in our monthly newsletter.

The Janesville LWV commits to the diversity of Janesville. This means that there will be no barriers to participation in any activity of the Janesville LWV on the basis of race, national origin, creed, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, economic status, political activity or disability. (Note: pursuant to LWV policies, LWV Board Members are prohibited in active participation in any partisan election)

Next Steps

- Recommend renewal of the Diversity Study Committee for at least one year. The Study Committee will accept the task of organizing educational activities and may pursue additional study as noted in the above recommendations.
 - o Recommended focus of educational work includes but is not limited to white privilege and expansion of community understanding of minority status, experience, and barriers.
- Host, or collaborate to host, specific educational opportunities for LWV and community members (e.g., Book Club in a bag or alternatives).
- Incorporate information regarding Voter ID assistance and complaint resources on the Janesville LWV website and encourage the WI LWV to create a Voter ID assistance hotline to centralize submission of concerns related to Voter ID.
- Advocate the creation of a Community Ombudsman position at the community level to advocate for the vision established by the LWV and to support both public and private organizations in efforts to position themselves to engage and serve Janesville's growing diverse population.



Bylaw changes (no action, for your information)

1. Local: there are no changes at this time
2. State: there are no changes at this time
3. National

During the 2016 LWVUS National Convention, delegates approved amendments to Article III, Section 2 of the bylaws pertaining to Types of Membership. Requirements around voting membership in League were changed. Voting membership is now open to non-citizens and to individuals 16 years of age or older. As League policy requires “consistency” in the first three articles of the bylaws of all Leagues, this memorandum explains how state and local Leagues and ILOs should amend their own bylaws to reflect those of LWVUS.



Each League board should review and approve the language. Because this is a conforming amendment, it is not necessary to bring this issue to all members. Please note that Leagues cannot specify something different than the amendment approved at the LWVUS National Convention.

The previous language read: *Article III, Section 2. Types of Membership. A. Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.*

2. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members. The new language as approved at the LWVUS National Convention reads:

1. Article III, Section 2. Types of Membership. A. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.
2. B. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.



Notes

The Nominations Committee presents the following well qualified candidates: 2017-2019 Nominating Slate for the Janesville League of Women Voters

President (2017-2019)	Linda Reinhardt
First Vice President (2017-2019)	Ethel Himmel
Secretary (2017-2019)	Heide Keith
Director (2017-2019)	Carol Herzig
Director (2017-2019)	Mary Buelow
Director (2017- 2019)	Evon Mitchell

Nominating Committee (2018) Marie Bilek, Deb Kolste, and Nancy Stabb
(with one additional appointee from the board)

Respectively submitted, the 2017 Nominating Committee: Jennifer Johns, Marie Belik, Deb Kolste, and Nancy Stabb.

Officers in continuing terms ending in 2018

Second Vice President (2016-2018)	Sarah Kopp
Treasurer (2016-2018)	Laura Boettcher
Director (2016-2018)	Jennifer Johns
Director (2016-2018)	Nancy Lader

Celebrate your Birthday with the League!

Remember you may still contribute to the State League with a birthday donation and half of your donation will be returned to our Janesville League.

