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Empowering voters, defending democracy

Annual 2023 Report

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

Annual Meeting Program, March 4, 2023

Preparing the Next Generation of Young Women for Leadership

Featuring Dr. Lee Smithson Burd and Pam Kelley, co-founders of Madam President Camp

How do we inspire all girls to use their voices to make our democracy stronger? During our annual meeting, Dr. Lee Smithson Burd and Pam Kelley, co-founders of Madam President Camp, will discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the next generation of young women as voters and elected officials. Together, we'll explore the ways the League can support our future leaders.

President's Above and Beyond Awards

Deobrah Kitchin

Annual Meeting Agenda, March 4, 2023

Call to Order
Greetings from the President
Organization of the Meeting
 Declaration of Quorum
 Adoption of Annual Meeting Rules
 Adoption of Agenda
 Appointment of Minutes Approval Committee
 Appointment and Introduction of Parliamentarian
Recognition of Board and Committee Chairs
Financial Report and Administration
 Financial Report
 Adoption of 2023-24 Budget
Previously Adopted Positions
Proposal Local Programs for 2023-2024
Nominations and Elections
Directions to the Board of Directors
Announcements
Adjournment

Rules of the Annual Meeting

- When the Chair recognizes a member, the speaker will give his/her name unless the Chair already has identified the speaker by name.
- Each speaker, when recognized, will be limited to three minutes of comments.
- Any member wishing to speak may do so before anyone may speak a second time on the same subject, unless there is a point of clarification.
- Motions relating to program items shall be made verbally and in writing.
- Anyone proposing a non-recommended item must submit to the chair in writing a plan for implementing the study and specify the member who is committed to chairing the study committee (in case the leader is someone other than the person proposing the study).
- Items relating to the program shall be discussed in the same order in which they were presented to the members of the meeting.
- Direction to the board from members shall be given verbally, and if complex or lengthy, both verbally and in writing to the secretary.

Parliamentary Procedure

As a set of rules for conducting meetings, parliamentary procedure is designed to allow a group to accomplish its goals fairly, as smoothly as possible and with justice and courtesy to all. While the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* applies to all League meetings, the rules that apply during an annual meeting, council or convention are somewhat more formal than the rules that apply in committees and smaller boards. Therefore, the following chart may help you in our annual meeting.

<i>Motions at a Glance</i>			
<i>To Do This:</i>	<i>You Say This:</i>	<i>Debatable?</i>	<i>What Vote?</i>
Introduce new business.	"I move to..."	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion	"I move to amend the motion by..."	Yes	Majority
Request information	"I rise for a point of information."	No	No Vote
Complain about noise, etc.	"I rise for a question of privilege."	No	No Vote
Call for a brief intermission.	"I move to recess for (?) minutes."	No	Majority
Refer the question to a committee for further study	"I move to refer the motion to the (?) committee for study."	Yes	Majority
Put a limit on debate (or extend debate).	"I move that debate be limited to (or extended to) five minutes."	No	2/3
Close or end debate	"I move the previous question."	No	2/3
Verify a voice vote by rising	"I call for a division" or "Division." <i>Must be made clear before chair states another motion.</i>	No	No Vote
Ask for a counted vote	"I move the vote be counted." <i>Must be made before chair states another motion.</i>	No	Majority
Reconsider an action	"I move to reconsider the vote on the motion to..."	Yes/No	Majority
Call attention to breach of rules	"I rise to a point of order."	No	Chair rules, may be appealed.
Suspend the rules temporarily	"I move to suspend the rules so that...:"	No	2/3
Require a vote when the chair proposed unanimous consent	"I object" or "Objection."	No	---

Minutes of March 5, 2022 Annual Meeting

League of Women Voters of Johnson County Annual Meeting Minutes Zoom March 5, 2022

Call to Order

Amber Stenger, President, called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.

Greetings from the President

Amber Stenger welcomed everyone to the Annual Business Meeting. She reminded guests that they were welcome but not eligible to vote or speak out during the meeting. The purpose of the annual meeting is to approve the budget, set the local program and make other decisions for the coming year.

Organization of the Meeting

Declaration of Quorum—Bylaws state that a quorum consisting of 15% of the total voting members must be present. As of January 31, we had 293 members. Marsha Ratzel reported that we had more than the 44 needed. Per the poll, 63 members were in attendance for the business meeting and 1 non-member.

Adoption of Annual Meeting Rules—Amber Stenger said that the meeting would be run according to the bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. The Rules of the Annual Meeting and Parliamentary Procedure were published in the annual report, pages 4-5.

No one asked for a reading of the meeting rules and they were adopted by general consent as distributed. Persons wishing to speak were asked to raise their hand in the Zoom dashboard or post comments in the chat, and to limit their remarks to three minutes.

Adoption of Agenda—Bonnie Limbird moved to adopt the order of business as shown on the screen and in the annual report, page 3, and Amanda Vega-Mavec seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the agenda was adopted by general consent.

Appointment of Minutes Approval Committee—Amber Stenger announced the proposed members of the committee to approve the minutes: Annette Becker and Robyn Hart, with Kathleen Morrow as chair. There being no objection, the committee was appointed.

Appointment and Introduction of Parliamentarian—Amber appointed Carol Farmer as parliamentarian. There were no objections.

Recognition of Board Members and Committee Chairs

Amber Stenger recognized the board members and committee chairs who served during the term and referred attendees to the officer reports on pages 10-30 in the annual report for their work. The board members recognized are: Janet Milkovich, Vice President; Jerry Gilson, Treasurer; Tinna Hung, Secretary; Victoria Smith and Eileen Manza, Membership; Mitchell Krasnopoler, Communications; Deb Scott and Robyn Hart, Voter Registration; Marie Hernandez, Voter Information; and board-appointed directors, Jeannine Linnane, DEI and Ellen Miller, Development. Special recognition was given to the seven members leaving the board—Amber Stenger, Jerry Gilson, Eileen Manza, Robyn Hart and Deb Scott, Mitchell Krasnopoler and Ellen Miller. Departing board members will receive Rainy Day Books gift certificates.

Financial Report and Administration

The annual report contains two sections. The first, Appendix A: Annual Financial Review addresses the history of how monies were handled. All is in order. The other section is the proposed fiscal 22-23 operating budget. It addresses the future. It was approved by the budget committee and the board for presentation today.

Note that no second is needed as it was approved by the committee. Thank you to budget committee chair Lisa Kuhnke

Budget presentation - Lisa Kuhnke & Jerry Gilson

The budget committee started work in November with members Jan Brunks, Mary Estrada and Jerry Gilson as Treasurer. At the time, there were still effects from COVID-19, and they had to make some educated guesses for the 2022-23 budget.

The budget committee asked every committee chair to present anticipated needs for the coming year. They then reviewed all requests and filled in missing budget information. A draft proposed budget was sent on December 29.

The League is finishing this year on budget. Cash reserves look good, and things have happened this year that will help us in the next. The main one of these is the 501(c)3 approval, which will give the League access to additional funds and grants.

Income includes dues of \$22,225, representing 71% of income for the year. The remainder comes from fundraising, grants and cash reserves. The planned new income for 2022-23 is \$31,425 plus cash reserves for a total of \$32,925. Expenses mentioned include a stipend for seven members to attend the annual meeting, in-person events, including a picnic and holiday party, fees for the state and national Leagues, our membership management platform, and a significant amount dedicated to diversity, equity and inclusion. The committee offers a balanced budget for approval.

Adoption of the budget

The proposed budget is found on pages 33-35 of the annual report. Lisa Kuhnke moved to adopt the fiscal year 2022-23 budget. There were no objections or discussion. Adoption of the 2022-23 budget was put to vote via Zoom poll. All voters approved, and the budget was adopted. Amber thanked the budget committee for their work.

Previously Adopted Positions

Existing positions that have been adopted and updated locally since our League began in 1952 are under the news tab. This vote reaffirms our League's commitment to these positions. Nancy Allen made a motion to re-adopt the existing positions and Rebecca James seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was approved by general consent.

Local programs

There are no proposed or non-recommended studies for this year. If today there are suggestions for topics and leaders, please hold those for directions to the board.

Nominations and Elections

Amber Stenger thanked chair Mary Lou Jaramillo and the nominating committee members. Mary Lou Jaramillo presented the nominated slate of officers (found on page 37 of the annual report):

President – Janet Milkovich (1-year term)

Co-Vice Presidents – Connie Taylor, Andrea Vieux (1-year term)

Treasurer - Diane Pickett, CPA, CEBS (2-year term)

Communications: Heidi Matthews (2-year term)
Co-Directors: Membership - Cherish Cho (2-year term), Victoria Smith (1-year)
Voter Registration - Ann Schuster (1-year term)
Nominating Committee for 2022 – Robyn Hart, Mary Lou Jaramillo, Kathleen Marrow

The board will appoint two additional members to the nominating committee. The nominating committee has made every effort to identify leaders with a focus on DEI. Note: Claire Reagan, originally on the slate as a co-chair for co-registration will serve as a non-leader position on that committee.

Amber asked for any other nominations on the floor. Hearing no objections, the slate is nominated by acclamation. Amber thanked all the people helping behind the scenes today and in all the programs and congratulated the new board members.

Directions to the Board of Directors

Janet Milkovich, as the newly elected President, presided over the remainder of the meeting. Janet took a moment to thank Amber for her service, including her work on the strategic plan and her educational column in The VOTER. Amber was also presented with a gift certificate to Rainy Day Books.

Janet called for directions to the board. The following instructions were provided: put a comment in the chat or raise your hand virtually, wait to be recognized, unmute yourself, state your name, and keep recommendations to three minutes. If recommending a study, include a proposed leader for that study.

- Mary and Harry Bognich: We heard in a Zoom meeting that NAACP is registering voters in KS. Why not the League?
- Mary and Harry Bognich: We would like the League board members to think about polling our members about their views on important issues before making a decision on it.

The board will review these questions before providing a response. Thank you.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Janet Milkovich adjourned the meeting at 10:14 am.

Submitted by,



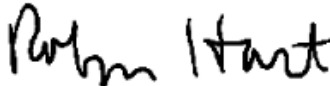
Tinna Hung
LWVJoCo Secretary

Approved by,



Kathleen Morrow
Annual Minutes
Committee Chair

Approved by,



Robyn Hart
Annual Minutes
Committee

Approved by,



Mitchell Krasnopoler
Annual Minutes
Committee

President's Message

Janet Milkovich

The League of Women Voters of Johnson County has been a force to be reckoned with for nearly 71 years. In 2022, our committed League members, led by an excellent board, dreamed big, worked hard and therefore met or exceeded our goals to empower voters and defend democracy.

Our work was guided by the five-year strategic plan that the board approved in February 2022. A copy of that plan is included [here](#). Integral to our work is the commitment to collaboration with partner organizations who share our goals and nonpartisan values.

Here are a few examples of successful collaborations.

- Fifty+ League members, under the leadership of Tanya Honderick, launched year one of a partnership with the Church of the Resurrection (COR) Civic Engagement Ministry and distributed facts about the primary election and voter registration information to 1,000+ church members and guests. Prior to the November general election, Tanya moderated a virtual COR program about the two proposed amendments. I was privileged to be a panelist.
- Wandra Minor fostered a League partnership with the NAACP of Johnson County for their successful fall coffee and donuts event with candidates running for state offices. I co-moderated the program.
- League members worked closely with the Johnson County Election Office. We helped recount many thousands of ballots for the primary election and volunteered as poll watchers and election workers. Johnson County Election Commissioner Fred Sherman and his highly capable staff spent a Saturday with us teaching scouts and parents attending our The Voter Girl Project workshop about the election process from registration through casting a ballot. And they joined us for our December holiday celebration.

Defending Democracy

The primary and general election ballots included three proposed constitutional amendments, something unheard of in Kansas. But true to form, our members knocked on hundreds of doors, mailed thousands of postcards, volunteered in phone banks, worked many voter engagement events and hosted legislative forums to educate voters on the amendment language and ramifications.

Empowering Voters through Education

Co-Vice Presidents Andrea Vieux and Connie Taylor rose to the challenges of finding new venues for our monthly programs and hosting hybrid meetings. Since March 2022, 1,000+ people attended League programs in one of three ways: in person, virtually via Zoom and by watching our recorded programs on YouTube.

Voter Registration, Engagement and Information

Like the suffragettes before us, the Voter Registration team was not deterred by Kansas voter suppression laws! In addition to staffing tables at events and utilizing QR codes that linked people to voter sites, including Vote411.org, they established an important YouTube presence with young voters. Check out "How to Register," "Time to Vote" and "Whose Decision Are These Anyway?" YouTube videos [here](#). Chair Ann Schuster was joined in this effort by Co-Chairs Tom and Anne Stroud.

The Voter Information team guided by Marie Hernandez and Debbie Kitchin hosted a series of nonpartisan legislative forums with 19 community partners and two coffees with the candidates. And

last spring they launched a successful The Voter Girl Project with the Girl Scouts of NE Kansas and NW Missouri.

Jill Quigley, champion of our Voter to Voter team, expanded our peer-to-peer voter outreach program.

Mary Coffman and the Vote411.org team actively worked to contact candidates for office and invited them to participate in League events.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Kay Heley, Jeannine Linnane and their team continue to help build awareness among members so that we view our work through the diversity, equity and inclusion lens. The monthly DEI Moments in The VOTER newsletter and at our meetings have been especially effective in our continuing education efforts.

Local and County Government

When surveyed, League members identified local and county government as having the greatest impact on our daily lives. Observer Corps volunteers, overseen by Eileen Marshall, are known to the chairs of local boards and provide a visible and consistent presence in public meetings, reinforcing the message that the public watches and cares about the actions of elected bodies.

Social Media

Heidi Matthews and the Communications team, including Mitchell Krasnopoler, have greatly expanded the reach of LWVJoCo through social media, including TikTok, Instagram and Twitter. By the time you read this, our Facebook page will have exceeded 43,749 interactions! The excellent The VOTER monthly newsletter produced by Diana Carney and regular e-blasts produced by Tinna Hung keep members up to date on League opportunities and key issues.

Membership

Victoria Smith and her team assimilated 73 new members this year! They also regularly connected with existing members and hosted well-received social events.

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to the mission and work of the League.

Co-Vice Presidents

[Andrea Vieux and Connie Taylor](#)

Two of the major responsibilities of the vice president include identifying and recruiting qualified speakers for monthly programs as well as developing partnerships with other organizations for cross-promotion. We met with local and regional experts as we planned programs related to member input from the annual survey and our strategic plan as well as local, state and national League position statements.

Progress on local efforts to make our region more resilient to climate change outweighed other topics. In addition, local League leaders felt it imperative that our members be informed of the three state constitutional amendments that appeared on both the August and November election ballots.

We returned to in-person programs beginning on May 7. While our plan was to continue meeting at

Atonement Lutheran Church, a constant beeping as a result of a mechanical failure distracted and disturbed panelists and attendees and inhibited our sound quality in our recorded video. As a result, we pivoted to find other suitable locations throughout Johnson County that would be available and meet our requirements for meeting space. Our hospitality and technical teams rose to the occasion and provided excellent support.

A Summary of the Programs:

Saturday morning, March 5, 2022 – **Restoring Our Faith in Democracy**. Speaker: Irene Caudillo, El Centro. (Virtual)

109 Attended plus 17 YouTube views (126)

Saturday morning, April 2, 2022 – **The Assault on Reproductive Rights**. Speakers: Dr. Alesa Doan, University of Kansas; Dr. Susan Rensing, Kansas State University; and Rachel Sweet, campaign manager for Kansans for Constitutional Freedom. Moderated by Amber Versola. (Virtual)

103 Attended plus 113 YouTube views (216)

Saturday morning, May 7, 2022 – **Spreading Empathy: Fighting the Mental Health Stigma**. Speakers: Tim DeWeese, director of Johnson County Mental Health, and Alicia Bredehoeft, Counseling and Advising Services, Johnson County Community College. Moderated by Andrea Vieux. (In-Person)

48 attended plus 46 YouTube views (94)

Saturday morning, June 11, 2022 – **Kansas Legislative Session: The Highs and Lows—What Do We Know?** Speakers: Sen. Cindy Holscher, Sen. Dinah Sykes, Rep. Stephanie Clayton and Rep. Jo Ella Hoyer. Moderated by Clay Wirestone, *Kansas Reflector*. (Co-sponsors: LWVJoCo, Mainstream Coalition and Voter Rights Network of Wyandotte County). (Virtual)

110 attended plus 25 YouTube views (135)

Thursday noon, June 18, 2022 – **Super PACs and the Courts: The Impact of Citizens United** (Lunch & Learn). Speakers/facilitators: Margaret Shadid and Kim Wahaus, AP high school government teachers with Olathe Public Schools who participated in the Harvard Civics Course. (In-Person) At the speakers' requests, the program was not recorded.

14 attended (14)

Wednesday noon, September 7, 2022 – **Stormwater Management: Preventing Runoff and Flooding** (Lunch & Learn). Speakers: Kristy Howell, JCCC's Center for Sustainability; Synthia Isah, Mid-America Regional Council; and Ian Fannin-Hughes, Johnson County Stormwater Management Program. Moderator/panelist: Jerry Knoll, Climate Action KC and BNIM. (Co-sponsored by LWVJoCo, JCCC's Center for Sustainability and JCCC's Department of History and Political Science). (In-Person) At the speakers' requests, the program was not recorded.

46 attended (46)

Saturday morning, October 1, 2022 – **All the Extras on Your Ballot**. Speakers: Dr. Micah Kubic, ACLU; Judge Patrick McAnany, KS Court of Appeals (retired/contract); Amii Castle, University of Kansas School of Law. Moderated by: Sherman Smith, *Kansas Reflector*. (Virtual)

101 attended plus 288 YouTube views (389)

Saturday morning, November 5, 2022 – **Bridging the Gap: A Dialogue on Social Equity**. Speakers Inoru Morris, Midwest Rainbow Institute and KU PhD student; Taryn Jones, Equality Kansas board member; Heather Rubesch, parent, activist and ally. Moderated by: Amanda Glass, JCCC associate chemistry professor, member of the DEI committee leadership team and co-advisor for the JCCC Gender and Sexuality Alliance. (In-Person)

51 attended plus 22 YouTube views (73)

A Summary of Programs:

		Attendees	YouTube	Total
Total for 2022-23 Programs		527	511	1038
Total Virtual 2022-23 Programs		368	443	811
Average for Virtual 2022-23 Programs		92	110.75	147.375
Total In-Person 2022-23 Programs		159	68	193
Average In-Person 2022-23 Programs		39.75	46	48.33

Voter Registration

Ann Schuster

The purpose of this committee is to promote political responsibility and active participation in government through activities related, but not limited, to elections. Due to a pending court case and following the recommendations of our state and national Leagues, we are not conducting actual registrations or passing out registration materials at this time. But we are assisting potential voters by directing them to places and websites where they can locate registration materials (such as nonpartisan information found at Vote411.org and ksvotes.org via QR codes). We provide these opportunities at high schools and colleges, senior centers, fairs and other community events when requested by area service organizations.

Spring 2022 (March-May):

- Johnson County Community College (JCCC) and KCK Community College voter information drives
- Shawnee Town Suffragists' meeting
- Climate Action KC Conference at JCCC
- High school voter events (Wyandotte High School and St. Thomas Aquinas High School)
- The Voter Girl Project workshop

Summer 2022 (June-August):

- Multiple civic engagement programs with partners at four area Church of the Resurrection locations
- Walk the Vote with Mainstream Coalition
- Four Johnson County Juneteenth celebrations

- Additional events including Lakeview Village, Novel Place Senior Center, Whole Person ADA (partnering with LWV of Jackson County, MO), Village Presbyterian Food Pantry, Femme Fatale and Grace Covenant Church
- KS Supreme Court Justice presentation at Congregation Beth Torah

Fall 2022 (September-November):

- Planning meeting with the Shawnee Mission School District community
- Three JCCC voter events
- Johnson County Pride Festival
- NAACP candidate forum

Voter Registration also provided materials and supplies to other LWVJoCo committees for their 2022 events.

VR Committee Data:

YouTube views:

- "How to Register" 617
- "Time to Vote" 229
- "Whose Decisions Are These Anyway?" 108

KSVotes.org cards distributed: 1,000+

Number of conversations with voters at events: approximately 1500

Volunteer hours: 621

As evidenced by the above statistics in a midterm election year and by voter turnout, the VR committee contributed to the success of reaching a great number of voters. Our committee also partnered with other committees, such as our own Voter Information group and the Church of the Resurrection's Civic Engagement Coalition. With the latter group, a PowerPoint presentation for volunteers was created by our COR liaison, which we hope to use in future training for our membership.

As we prepare for the 2024 elections, we have added two co-chairs to our team, Anne and Tom Stroud. One goal, moving forward, is to increase outreach to our area's youngest potential voters in high schools and colleges.

Voter Information: Legislative Coffees

Marie Hernandez

LWVJoCo, in partnership with the Johnson County Library (JCL), hosted two Legislative Coffees. All of the Legislative Coffees were virtual using Zoom webinar due to the COVID-19 pandemic. LWVJoCo worked with Ashley Ficke, JCL, on these events.

- Johnson County 3/12/2022, 3 volunteers, 54 attendees
- Bonner Springs 3/26/2022, 3 volunteers, 16 attendees

Additional coffees for this year are as follows:

1/21/2023	Corinth Library
1/28/2023	Monticello Library
2/11/2023	Blue Valley Library

2/11/2023	KCK Library
2/18/2023	Lenexa Library
3/11/2023	Gardner Library
3/18/2023	Central Library
3/25/2023	Bonner Springs Library

Voter Information: Candidate Forums

Marie Hernandez

Overview: LWVJoCo co-hosted seven nonpartisan forums with 19+ partner organizations, which reached many people.

Candidate Forum	Date	League Volunteers	Attendees	Partners
Candidate Forum JOCO Commission Chair Primary	7/11/2022	4	139	Mainstream Coalition, ACLU, Mid-America LGBT Chamber of Commerce, El Centro and NEJC Chamber of Commerce
NAACP JOCO Meet and Greet	10/8/2022	2	30	NAACP of Johnson County, Mainstream, More ²
Servicing LIPPS Candidate Meet and Greet	10/11/2022	1	20	Servicing LIPPS
Kansas Supreme Court Justices	10/13/2022	10	40/77	JCCC PELA, Mainstream Coalition, LWV of Lawrence-Douglas County, LWV of Wichita Metro, Loud Light, BE SEEN, KIFA
Watch Party Douglas County Amendments Event	10/27/2022	2	9/10/28	Bonner Springs Library, Bonner Springs NAACP, KU Student Group, Mainstream Coalition, LWV of Lawrence-Douglas County, LWV of Wichita Metro, Loud Light, BE SEEN, KIFA
Wichita Metro Amendments Event	11/3/2022	2	20/20	WSU Student Group, Mainstream Coalition, LWV of Lawrence-Douglas County, LWV of Wichita Metro, Loud Light, BE SEEN, KIFA

Process:

Four of the six forums were coordinated with the Mainstream Coalition. In weekly conferences, Laurel Burchfield and her team (Mainstream Coalition) and Marie Hernandez and Debbie Kitchin (LWVJoCo) worked out the dates, order, the practice agenda and the rules for the nonpartisan forums. They contacted possible partners in the month prior to contacting the candidates. Mainstream created a separate email for people to submit possible questions for the candidates. All partner organizations were requested to forward questions to the League for approval. Some partners supplied moderators.

The Servicing LIPPS event was coordinated by Servicing LIPPS of Wyandotte County. A League information table was staffed. We helped with setup and cleanup.

The NAACP event was coordinated by the NAACP of Johnson County. Our president, Janet Milkovich, was co-moderator. The League served as timekeepers and staffed a voter information table.

Recommendation: Virtual forums utilizing Zoom and Zoom Webinar should remain a viable option for forums going forward. The expense is minimal, flexibility is optimum, and exposure is unlimited. Also, it can be a very efficient use of volunteer time and effort. Some of our partners do not seem to want to do virtual events and prefer face to face.

Voter Information: The Voter Girl Project

Marie Hernandez

For the first time, LWVJoCo hosted a The Voter Girl (VG) Project workshop with the Girl Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri. The Voter Girl Project is a program started by the Kent, Ohio League that provides Girl Scout activities with the support of the League of Women Voters. The Voter Girl Project celebrates democracy and introduces young girls to the election process.

The League purchased the materials to run our own VG event and will be able to use this material for any event the League puts on with the Girl Scouts. The League can also share it with other Kansas Leagues who want to work with LWVJoCo.

Our event was scheduled for 1/29/2022 at Johnson County K-State Extension and Research in Olathe from 9 a.m. to noon. Due to COVID we had to reschedule to 4/9/2022. The League provided three classes of 75 girls. The ages of the participants were K-5th grade.

The League had 30+ League volunteers actively planning the event. The League worked closely with Julie Phillips of the Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts provided the registration, snacks, office support, additional volunteers, printing and contacts. Johnson County Election Commissioner Fred Sherman and his staff provided a mock election and canvas. Kansas Rep. Christine Haswood discussed representative government with the scouts.

Our event this year is scheduled for 1/28/2023. We plan to have three classes of 75 participants again this year. They will work on their Democracy Badge. Commissioner Fred Sherman and his staff will provide a mock election and canvas. Chief Judge Karen Arnold-Burger of the Kansas Court of Appeals will discuss the judiciary with the scouts. Kansas City, Missouri Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw will discuss local government with the scouts.

College Activities

Event	Date	League Volunteers	Attendees	Partners
JCCC Crush the Vote Event	9/20/2022	2	50	JCCC, Loud Light, JCCC Foundation
JCCC Crush the Vote Event	10/11/2022	4	50	JCCC, JCCC Political Engagement and Leadership Alliance

Voter Information: Voter to Voter

Jill Quigley, Leader

Overview:

In the 2021 election cycle, 1,642 ambassadors on 349 teams participated in Voter to Voter (V2V). Seven local Leagues in Kansas sponsored teams, including Johnson County, Kansas, Manhattan-Riley County, Topeka-Shawnee County, Emporia, Lawrence-Douglas County and Leavenworth County.

This is LWVJoCo's fifth year participating in Voter to Voter, a project of Mainstream Voter Network. V2V relies on relational organizing. Volunteer ambassadors connect with people they already know, such as family, friends and co-workers, and encourage them to vote.

Ambassadors are asked to get 10 people they know to vote. Ambassadors have access to the V2V database, where they can look up the voting record of acquaintances and track their progress as they take steps to vote. Ambassadors provide voting information and follow up as needed with their friends and family throughout the election season. Ambassadors are provided training in using the online database and can access online resources with voting information and motivational tips.

In 2022, there were six League teams across the state, four were active (Johnson County, Lawrence/Douglas, Topeka, Manhattan/Riley).

Our Stats:

2022 August Primary V2V Summary

Since LWVUS has a 1983 position statement in support of women's reproductive choice, ambassadors not only encouraged people to vote in the August primary but also messaged against the proposed constitutional amendment that would restrict Kansans' ability to make health care decisions for themselves. Statewide, Voter to Voter had 431 teams with 1,896 ambassadors reaching about 33,500 voters. The V2V turnout rate was 70% compared to 48% statewide.

LWVJoCo Stats

33 ambassadors, 26 were active
510 voters were contacted, 41% (211) were infrequent voters.
85% of the those contacted voted, 14% voted by mail.

2022 August General V2V Summary

Statewide, Voter to Voter had 439 teams with 2,022 ambassadors.

LWVJoCo Stats

33 ambassadors, 26 were active (same as in the primary).
546 voters were contacted, 43% (234) were infrequent voters.
83% of the those contacted voted (down from 85% in the primary), 14% voted by Mail

Most active ambassadors

Name	Infrequent Voters	# Voters	Primary Voters	General Voters
Sarah Baum	39%	59	56 (95%)	53 (90%)
Madelaine Gogol	24%	25	23 (92%)	21 (84%)

Leslie Mark	53%	60	56 (90%)	59 (95%)
Janet Milkovich	8%	24	23 (96%)	23 (96%)
Ann Norbury	29%	63	57 (90%)	54 (86%)
Jill Quigley	77%	69	59 (86%)	58 (84%)
Shannon Skoglund	36%	22	21 (95%)	18 (82%)
Gene Troehler	19%	47	45 (95%)	44 (94%)

Voter Information: Vote411.org

Mary Coffman, Leader

League of Women Voters US provides this powerful online tool to allow voters to learn about and compare candidates specific to their voting precinct. Mary Coffman, assisted by Jamie Kluesner, Lindsay Meyer, Amy Hinrichs, Sarah Sullivan and Ruth Cain, headed the Johnson County effort. The committee was assisted by Voter Information leaders Marie Hernandez and Deborah Kitchin.

The Vote411 team collected email and contact information of the candidates from the election office, state of Kansas secretary of state website, candidate websites, texts and Facebook Messenger. The team wrote and submitted our questions for the candidates to LWV of Kansas (LWVK) to post on Vote411.org.

Local Statistics

In the 2022 election cycle in Johnson County, there were 68 candidates in the primary election and 58 in the general election.

Our volunteers emailed and texted the Johnson County candidates several times to encourage participation.

In the August primary election, 33 (48%) of the 68 candidates responded. Twenty-one (51%) of the 39 primary winners responded to the survey.

In the November general election, 28 (48%) of the 58 candidates had responded. Twenty-eight percent of the general election candidates who completed the survey won their races.

In contrast, the total number of candidates in contested races across the state of Kansas was 551, and only 170 candidates (31%) participated. It is possible that this is simply the nature of odd-year local elections.

The main challenge continues to be getting as many candidates as possible to respond to the questions so that the Vote411 website can be as informative and thorough as possible. Unfortunately, many candidates opted NOT to respond to the questions.

Recommendations

For the next election cycle, LWVJoCo should greatly increase its efforts to publicize Vote411.org to its own members who should, in turn, encourage people in their spheres of influence to use the website.

Members should reach out to candidates running for offices in their area and encourage candidates to complete the survey.

An e-blast should be sent to the membership a month before the primary election with instructions on how to use Vote 411.org and a script to use when contacting candidates.

We also recommend that social media platforms (TikTok, Facebook, Instagram) be used to educate voters on the benefits of Vote411. The message on the social media platforms should be targeted to the 18- to 30-year-olds.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

Kay Heley

Committee members: Kay Heley (chair), Jeannine Linnane (co-chair until 8/22 then needed to be off the committee for family reasons), Marie Hernandez, Mary Lou Jaramillo, Ann Sanders, Mapi Buitano, Ellen Miller, Amber Stenger, Angela Thornton Millard, Amanda Vega-Mavec, Debbie Schott, Elaine Johnson

The DEI committee meets monthly by Zoom on the second Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 pm.

LWVJoCo approved Phase II for our DEI Committee in June 2021, which proposed looking at awareness from a personal (conscious and unconscious bias), interpersonal (actions between people or groups) and institutional (policies, practices, laws) perspective. Our League's Strategic Plan assigns two areas for our committee.

Strategic Priority #1, Goal #1—Build a membership that more closely reflects the demographics of Johnson and Wyandotte counties by 2025. Identify gaps in membership demographics to inform recruitment strategies (2022-23 goal). Identify barriers to League Membership. (2024-25) After looking at demographic data for Johnson and Wyandotte counties, our committee discussed and put in motion a proposal to submit a voluntary demographic data survey to our members. Our committee also noted that with a membership consisting of largely older, white women, our League will benefit from inclusion of members from more diverse groups, including young people, people of color, those living with disabilities and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Ann Sanders was able to identify a scholarship recipient for an annual membership. We continue to work with other League committees.

Strategic Priority #1, Goal #2—Cultivate partnerships with groups serving communities with barriers to voting. Develop criteria for identifying partners whose commitment to voter empowerment aligns with the League (2022-23 goal). Encourage members to cultivate relationships with community groups and support them in those efforts (2023-24 goal). Identify groups that share our mission to inform and engage voters (2023-24 goal).

We invited Audé Negrete-Banos (executive director of the Kansas Hispanic and Latino American Affairs Commission), Stacey Knoell (executive director of the Kansas African Affairs Commission) and Dawn Ridgnal Rattan (the first African American elected to the Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees) to speak to our committee about issues and ways our League can connect. Committee Member Mary Lou Jaramillo, who is a commissioner on the Kansas Hispanic and Latino American Affairs

Commission, presented ideas to our committee as well. We will continue to work with other League committees and the board on developing criteria and cultivating relationships.

Members of our committee submitted DEI Moments for the monthly VOTER newsletter, social media and as 10-minute presentations for some of our meetings. Our topics included barriers to poor people voting, the origins of Black History Month, Black women's contributions to reproductive science, abortion access through a DEI Lens, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, World Population Day, Women's Equality Day, implicit bias tests, being an ally and International Day for People with Disabilities. The goal was to have the DEI Moment intersect with the monthly meeting topic where possible.

In addition, the DEI Committee, led by Amanda Vega-Mavec, organized a guided tour of "Redlined: Cities, Suburbs and Segregation" at Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center. About 25 people attended.

Communications

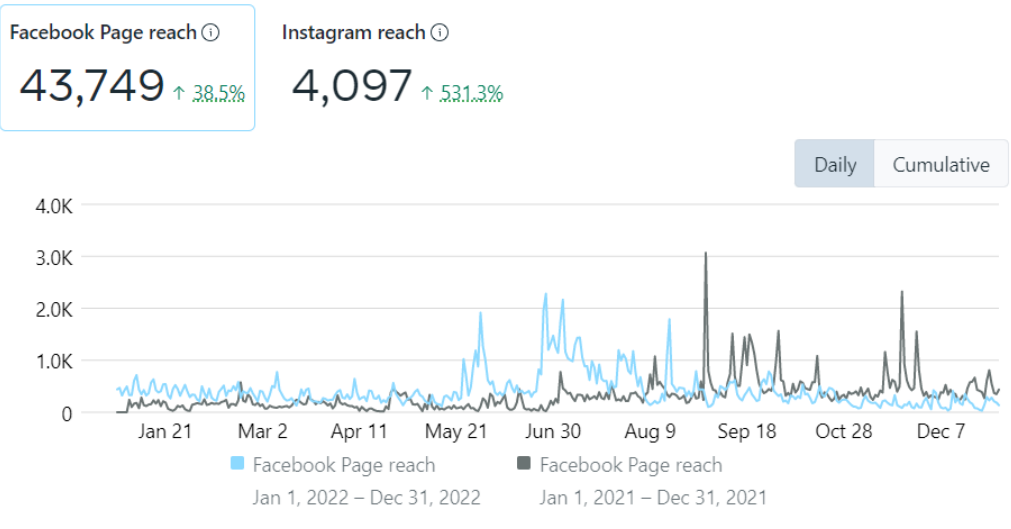
Heidi Matthews

Members of the Communications Committee worked diligently throughout the year to keep our members and the community aware of League programs and civic engagement opportunities, and to provide information on League-supported positions, which were particularly impactful this election year.

Committee members are Heidi Matthews (chair), Mitchell Krasnopoler (webmaster), Diana Carney (The VOTER editor/creator), Tinna Hung (eblast editor/creator), Marsha Ratzel (social media team), Ashley Irey (social media team) and Amber Stenger (PR/media support & advisor).

This year the team built on the success of the previous years by collaborating with the board members, committees and our local partners to be a resource when searching for information on issues, voting and elections. Our bi-monthly and targeted eblasts continued to keep our members up to date on the actions needed by members and the community. The open rates for both members and nonmembers were fairly consistent with rates increasing by 2% in July/August. Our website also had an increase in visits during those two months, reaching a high mark of 2,259.

Our social media engagement numbers show quieter first and fourth quarter activity with higher interactions in the second and third quarters. This year's ballot amendments spiked our website visits and, in particular, our social media reach as the community used the League as a source for factual information. Leading up to the August Vote NO on the constitutional amendment push, our Facebook page reach increased to 15,105 at its highest point. As seen in the graph below, the social media wave on Facebook through the summer carried our reach to an increase of 38.5% over the previous year. Additionally, the hot issue boosted interest in our Instagram, which increased by 531.3% over the previous year.



The October reach decreased to 5,937, but comments on our pages showed that people did not know there were other things on the November ballot. The October program called “All the Extra on Your Ballot,” featuring those ballot amendments, earned our highest number of views of the year on our YouTube channel at 288 while we tried to get the word out. The social media team launched a new TikTok channel to provide clips of the October program to aid educational efforts. We still have a Twitter account as well, with 843 followers. This channel of communication has fewer of our targeted members but provides a presence seen by state media, other organizations and officials.

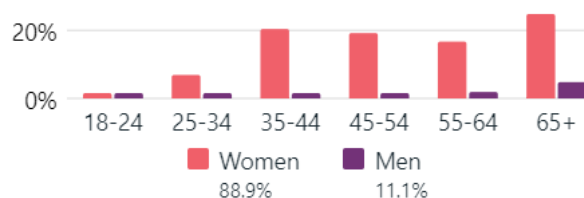
We are working to widen our reach through our communication platforms by adding apps like TikTok, but Facebook is still our highest-reaching social media avenue. The demographic we reach there predominantly is over 35 years of age.

Audience ⓘ

Facebook Page likes ⓘ

2,039

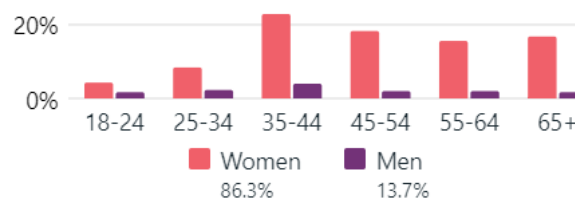
Age & gender ⓘ



Instagram followers ⓘ

562

Age & gender ⓘ



These followers are primarily within Johnson County. Overland Park, Kansas, accounts for 26% of the followers. Other areas we reach are Kansas City, Missouri; Kansas City, Kansas; Lawrence, Kansas; and Topeka, Kansas.

Messaging that resonated with viewers the most again this year spiked related to the ballot amendments. Overall messaging on registration and voting information remained popular, as did the information that was historical in nature. Our members also liked to see themselves or others in action at our events and socials.

The local media reached out to us this year for our input on the ballot amendments. Our president was part of radio appearances for both KCUR and KKFI. Reporters from *Shawnee Mission Post* and the *Kansas Reflector* also reached out for comments from our president. The Voter Girl Project event and support at the Souls for the Polls events brought some nightly news coverage this year, too. These opportunities increased our visibility and reinforced our status as a trusted resource for the community.

Membership

Victoria Smith

In 2022, LWVJoCo gained 73 new members and ended the year with 300 members! 2022 was a busy year for the Membership team. Events, monthly meetings, scholarship/sponsorships and finding ways to retain and welcome new members were our priorities this year.

The Membership team started a postcard project for new members. Every new member received a welcome postcard in addition to a welcome email. The team has received great feedback from those receiving the postcards. Another new initiative for 2022 was developing a flowchart for the team. This enabled us to see who was doing what and where we might be able to fill in some holes on the team.

In addition, the Membership team started working with scholarship and sponsored members. A questionnaire was put together to help identify and integrate recipients into the League. We will be doing an end-of-the-year questionnaire for the recipients as well to see where we can improve the process. This will also help us determine retention of the recipients.

Events! We had several events this year in addition to monthly team meetings. This was the first year in the past two that all planned events were able to occur. In April, Membership had a social at Antioch Park. It was an opportunity for new and old members to gather and enjoy the beautiful weather. Our next social event was in August at the new Olathe Library. A bonus was being able to show off our local government at work since the library space was also used as an early voting location.

Our last and largest social event of the year was our Holiday Party at Thompson Barn. More than 60 people attended. We also invited guests we collaborated with on different projects and events. Several new members and some potential members participated, and others commented that they were happy to be getting back to a “new normal.” This event also gave us the opportunity to have some of our new team members help with an event in person.

In the upcoming year, the Membership team has some lofty goals. We are looking forward to feedback from our scholarship/sponsorship endeavors. Evaluating what is working and what is not will help shape this into a sustainable program we can move into the future. The team is also working with other League members on a training to use our ClubExpress website platform. There are many different avenues of the website that are not being utilized by leadership or our members. By using some of these functions, we are hoping to gather data that can be used for grants in the future.

The Membership team is looking forward to 2023 and all the wonderful things we can do for and with Leagues members!

Observer Corps

Eileen Marshall

The Observer Corps consists of members who volunteer to observe public meetings of elected bodies and write a short report for our chapter newsletter. Our purpose is twofold:

1. To provide a visible and consistent presence in public meetings, reinforcing the message that the public watches and cares about the actions of elected bodies; and
2. To educate our members about relevant actions taken by elected bodies.

We currently have the following 17 observers signed up for the following 10 meetings:

County Boards

Johnson County Commission	Leonore Rowe, Kathleen Morrow, Joan Gilson, Jerry Gilson, Rebecca James
JOCO Commission on Aging	Marcia Manter
JOCO Library Board	Karen Wulfschle
JOCO Mental Health	Mary and Harry Bognich
JOCO Parks & Recreation	Open
Water One	Annette Becker
JCCC Board of Trustees	Open

School Boards

Blue Valley	Ann Schuster
Olathe	Cindy Hicks
Shawnee Mission	Open

City Councils

Leawood	Alleen VanBebber, Mary Grimes, Lynn Hardy
Lenexa	Ellen Miller
Prairie Village	Eileen Marshall

We have **openings for JCCC Board of Trustees, Johnson County Parks & Rec, Board of County Commissioners (shared) and Unified Government of Wyandotte County, as well as any city council not listed above.** We are always on the lookout for potential observers.

You can view Observer Corps reports on our [website](#).

Speakers Bureau

Kathleen Morrow

The following groups requested and received a presentation from LWVJoCo's Speakers Bureau during this reporting period.

- Mom's Collective, a locally-focused parenting resource for moms and families
- Welstone Senior Living (Johnson County)

- KKFI podcast
- PEO (Overland Park)
- GSA (General Services Administration) (Kansas City Office)

Requests for speakers were significantly fewer than in the past. Despite efforts at promotion, the COVID dormancy period appears to be the primary reason.

Plans for 2023 are to promote the League Speakers Bureau to new areas and audiences. We plan to reach out to underrepresented voter populations and areas that have demonstrated low voter turnout in recent elections. Target sites for promotion will be identified in cooperation with the LWVJoCo Voter Services team and through suggestions of general membership.

Current PowerPoint Presentations

The current Speakers Bureau curricula includes 7 to 10 PowerPoint presentations covering the history of women's suffrage and development and activities of the League, locally and nationally, during its 103 years of work. We will update these presentations and develop new ones. The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, Medicaid Expansion and Kansas and US legislative efforts to suppress the vote are issues that will be addressed.

SPEAKERS (new or interested in continuing)

Harry Bognich
Marie Hernandez
Claire Regan
Ann Sanders
Victoria Smith

Great Decisions

Rebecca James, Group Leader

The LWVJoCo Great Decisions foreign policy study group has been meeting for 20 years. Produced by the [Foreign Policy Association](#), it is coordinated locally by the [International Relations Council of KC](#). Our goal is to educate members about the effects global news has on our local everyday lives.

Our 22 members meet virtually bi-weekly on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. during the months of February through May. League member Rebecca James is the leader, but discussions are facilitated by group participants.

The Foreign Policy Association (FPA) provides an annual "Briefing Book" that serves as the focal text for each season of Great Discussion with an article and suggested additional resources for the topic.

Examples of covered topics from the last five years include refugees, global migration, the rise of populism in Europe, modern slavery, human trafficking, supply chains, US security, the WHO response to COVID, Putin's Russia and the potential end of globalization.

New members are always welcome.

Hospitality

Gloria and Gerald Hiller

Hospitality Committee has little to report for 2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions limiting in-person general meetings. An in-person general meeting was held in May 2022 at Atonement Lutheran Church. At that time, it was requested that we have coffee only and no treats.

Another in-person general meeting was held November 2022 at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center. For that meeting, due to lack of ability to make coffee at Tomahawk Ridge, coffee was purchased at Panera. Coffee was purchased for an estimated attendance of 60 person. Cost was \$127.60. (Note that when meetings are held at Atonement, the cost for providing coffee is much less as we purchase ground coffee and make it ourselves using Atonement's large coffee machines.)

We continue to store the many large containers of hospitality supplies.

Vote No Advocacy

Danielle Keller

Four League members, Danielle Keller, Cathy Matlack, Jill Quigly and Amber Stenger, started meeting in January 2022 to plan our efforts to defeat the Value Them Both Constitutional Amendment on the August 2nd ballot. This amendment would have removed the right to have an abortion from the Kansas Constitution. Our League took a position to defeat the amendment based on the LWV US Position on Public Policy on Reproductive Choices. The League of Women Voters of Kansas was a member of the Kansans for Constitutional Freedom Coalition. We supported the coalition's efforts, and a Vote No Committee of 18 League members and volunteers, led by Danielle Keller, started meeting monthly to discuss additional advocacy activities.

The Vote No committee created a comprehensive webpage with the LWV US position statement, background information, the exact ballot wording, calls to action, and local and national news articles about abortion rights. We also added almost every Kansans for Constitutional Freedom event to our League's calendar.

Our League's Voter to Voter team, captained by Jill Quigly, focused on Vote No messaging in addition to their get-out-the-vote efforts. Our committee ordered, printed and distributed 250 Vote No yard signs. Last but not least, we hosted three postcard writing parties that resulted in 1,350 postcards being sent to voters in low density counties across Kansas.

We are proud to report that the constitutional amendment was soundly defeated with "No" receiving 59% of votes and "Yes" receiving 41% of votes.

Narrative Description of Budget Spreadsheets FY 2023-2024

Highlights

Columns

- B. Actual Income and Expense (Apr. 2021-Mar. 2022) 12-month year.
- C. Actual Income and Expense (Apr. 2022-Nov. 2022) Current year through Nov.
- D. Proposed Budget for Apr. 2023 through March 2024.

Income Page 1

- Line 2. Dues Income estimated at 250 primary members at \$70 and \$55 Household additional members at \$35. Total 305 members.
- Line 11. We do not know of any approved grants for the upcoming year.
- Line 19. Planned use of Cash Reserves:
We are planning activities related to our strategic plan completed last year. Our cash reserves from grants and the Education Fund are available for these budget expenses.

Expense Page 2

- Line 16. LWV Financial Support consists of the national and state portions we pay from our dues.
Each primary membership includes \$32 national and \$20 state payment. Each additional household membership includes \$20 national and \$10 state payment.

Expense Page 3

- Lines 20 and 23 include notes indicating planned expenses for Strategic Goals.
Details are indicated in the notes on page 5.
- Line 26: We plan \$2,000 in expenses for DEI training and activities.

Expense Page 4

- Lines 39, 40 and 44: These expense areas also include planned expenses for strategic goals.
Details are also listed in the notes on page 5.
- Line 49 indicates a significant plan to increase Voter Services activities, especially in the areas of New Voter Postcard Education and Awareness. The Voter Girl Project is also planned for next year.

Proposed Budget

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LWV JoCo 2023-2024

Proposed Operating Fund Budget

Date 1/18/2023

	12 Mo 2021-2022 Actual Apr 21-Mar 22	8 Mo 2022-2023 Actual to Date Apr 22-Nov 22	12 Mo 2023-2024 Proposed Budget Apr 23-Mar 24
A	B	C	D
1 INCOME			
2 Dues	18,875	14,595	19,425
3 Primary	17,790	12,950	17,500
4 Additional	1,085	1,645	1,925
5 Student	0	0	0
6 Fund Raising	7,060	14,000	16,000
7 Contribution (Member)	5,870	4,775	7,000
8 Donations	1,050	6,229	8,000
9 Merchandise Sales	140	2,996	1,000
10 Unclass. Fundraising Income	0	0	0
11 Grants	820	10,000	0
12 Other Income	1,175	200	1,300
13 Events	100	0	0
14 Fees	0	0	0
15 Name Tags	50	0	100
16 Unclass. Other Income	1,075	200	1,200
17 New Operating Income	27,930	38,795	36,725
18 Transfers in	0	3,318	0
19 Plan use of Cash Reserves	0	0	4,005
Total Income	27,930	41,933	40,730

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LWV JoCo 2023-2024

Proposed Operating Fund Budget

Date 1/18/2023

	12 Mo 2021-2022 Actual Apr 21-Mar 22	8 Mo 2022-2023 Actual to Date Apr 22-Nov 22	12 Mo 2023-2024 Proposed Budget Apr 23-Mar 24
1. EXPENSE			
A	B	C	D
2 Delegates and Travel	0	1,600	500
3 National Meetings	0	1,600	0
4 State Meetings	0	0	500
5 Events	1,376	948	2,650
6 Annual Meeting	651	0	850
(Parliamentarian)			
7 Holiday Party	725	0	750
8 Preview Party	0	0	100
9 Picnic	0	0	600
10 Social Events Expen.	0		350
11 Fundraising	12	2,350	400
12 Merchandise cost	0	2,350	300
13 Sales Tax	12		100
14 Unclass. Fundrsng Exp	0	0	0
15 Grant Expense	0	0	0
16 LWV Financial Support	16,042	12,620	14,430

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LWV JoCo 2023-2024

Proposed Operating Fund Budget

Date 1/18/2023

	12 Mo 2021-2022 Actual Apr 21-Mar 22	8 Mo 2022-2023 Actual to Date Apr 22-Nov 22	12 Mo 2023-2024 Proposed Budget Apr 23-Mar 24	
EXPENSE				
A	B	C	D	
17 National PMP				
(32 Primary, 16 Add.)	9,872	8,592	8,880	
18 State (20 Primary, 10 Add.)	6,170	4,028	5,550	
19 Meetings and Education	1,423	68	7,000	
20 Committees	0	0	450	(Note 1)
21 Equip and Supply	0	0	250	
22 General Meeting Venue				
(Rent)	700	0	2,100	
23 Other Meeting Venue				
(Zoom)	723	0	1,000	(Note2)
24 Printing	0	68	600	
25 Refreshments and Hospitality	0	0	600	
26 Diversity Equity and Inclusion	0	0	2,000	
27 Operating and Admin.	3,791	765	3,350	
28 Board Meeting Venue	0	0	0	
29 Equip and supplies	0	0	300	
30 Fees (PayPal)	122	109	200	
31 Financial				
Compilation and Fees	140	40	200	
32 Insurance	325	300	350	

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Proposed Operating Fund Budget

Date 1/18/2023

	12 Mo 2021-2022 Actual Apr 21-Mar 22	8 Mo 2022-2023 Actual to Date Apr 22-Nov 22	12 Mo 2023-2024 Proposed Budget Apr 23-Mar 24	
EXPENSE				
A	B	C	D	
33. Membership				
Name Tags	45	84	100	
34 PO Box Fee	146	182	200	
35 President and Board	2,918	0	1,000	
36 501C-3 Conversion	0	0	0	
37 Unclass. Other Admin Exp (stipend)	95	50	1,000	
38 Promotion and Visibility	400	0	1,450	
39 Sponsorships	400	0	750	(Note 3)
40 Unclass. Promotion	0	0	700	(Note 4)
41 Technology and Communications				
2,026	2,301	4,650		
42 Annual Meeting Book	168	0	300	
43 Membership Mgt (ClubExpress)	881	924	1,000	
44 Printing and Postage	804	813	1,300	(Note 5)
45 Video Recording	0	90	1,500	
46 Website and Social Media	173	474	550	
47 Unbudgeted Board Approv.	1,500	2,218	0	
48 Voter Services	877	1,589	6,300	
49 Info/Forums, Coffees	150	373	5,300	

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LWV JoCo 2023-2024

Proposed Operating Fund Budget

Date 1/18/2023

	12 Mo 2021-2022 Actual Apr 21-Mar 22	8 Mo 2022-2023 Actual to Date Apr 22-Nov 22	12 Mo 2023-2024 Proposed Budget Apr 23-Mar 24
EXPENSE			
A	B	C	D
50 Naturalization	0	0	300
51 Registration (Supplies)	727	1,216	700
52 Transfers Out	0	0	0
53 Total Expense	27,447	24,459	40,730

Notes

1. Line 20 Includes \$250 for Strategic Priority 2, Goal 1.6
2. Line 23 Includes \$300 for Strategic Priority 2, Goal 1.5
3. Line 39 Includes \$750 for Strategic Priority 1, Goal 2.4
4. Line 40 includes \$500 for Strategic Priority 4, Goal 2.4
5. Line 44 includes \$500 for Strategic Priority 1, Goal 1.3

LWVJoCo Account Balances Dec. 31, 2022

Operating Accounts	12/31/21	12/31/2022
Checking (R1)	\$24,836.47	\$41,196.34
Certificate of Deposit	\$8,897.87	\$8,964.18
Total	\$33,734.34	\$50,160.52

Souls to the Polls (R)	\$2,982.55	\$2,792.46
LWVUS Education Fund (R)	\$3,038.01	Incl Checking
Total Assets	\$39,754.80	\$52,952.98

Notes:

R Accounts are restricted as to their use—these funds do not belong to LWV.

R1 **Within the Operating Fund, these amounts are restricted:**

Grant from M.R. and Evelyn Foundation	\$10,000.00	<i>Restricted for Educational Purposes</i>
\$ transferred from Education Fund	<u>3,138.01</u>	<i>Restricted for Educational Purposes</i>
Restricted Funds	13,138.01	
Unrestricted Funds	<u>28,058.33</u>	
	<u>\$41,196.34</u>	

Thank you to the 2022-2023 Budget Committee: Chair Lisa Kuhnke, Jan Brunks, Mary Estrada and Jerry Gilson, acting treasurer.

Local Positions

Positions are member-approved statements of public policy, created after intensive member research and discussion. They serve as the foundation for League advocacy at local, state and national levels. LWVJoCo currently has [47 positions](#).

Our positions fall into three major areas:

Government

Natural Resources

Social Policy

Typical sections of each position include background, statement of position, date approved and/or updated and footnotes. They are essential sources when planning programs and advocating for or against proposed or existing public policies

The LWVUS positions are found [here](#).

Proposed Local Program for 2023-2024

Recommended study: None

Non-recommended study: None

Nominating Committee

Mary Lou Jaramillo

The 2022 nominating committee included Robyn Hart, Marie Hernandez, Kathleen Morrow and Mary Lou Jaramillo. Monthly meetings were held virtually from July through December. Committee members reviewed the bylaws, the Leaders Manual, Strategic Plan, job descriptions and LWVUS Little Green Book. Board prospects were identified by the League's various committees and cold-calling. Other methods of prospecting included announcements at general meetings, the League's newsletter and social media. As of this report, the treasurer position is open as are the three members for the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates:

- Co-Presidents – Janet Milkovich and Connie Taylor (1-year term)
- Co-Vice Presidents – Jennifer Day and Amelia Wiederaenders (1-year term)
- Treasurer – Unfilled (1 year remaining)
- Secretary – Harry Bognich (2-year term)
- Membership – Nancy Allen (1-year term)*
- Voter Registration – Ann Schuster, Tom & Anne Stroud (2- year term)
- Voter Information – Marie Hernandez (2-year term)

*Per the League's Bylaws, the Membership Chair is elected in the even years for a 2-year term.

2023-2024 Nominations for Officers and Directors

Co-Presidents



Janet Milkovich

Janet spent years in nonprofit management and gravitated toward government relations on the state and national level. Interacting with elected officials in both parties and advocating on behalf of students who learn differently taught her the importance of voter education and engagement. Janet served as LWVJoCo's vice president from 2021 to 2022 and as president from 2022 to 2023. She lives in Overland Park with her husband, Jim. Both enjoy their volunteer roles with Church of the Resurrection and cherish time with their adult sons and daughters-in-law and three precious grandchildren ages 3, 4 and 7.



Connie Taylor

Connie has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas and worked in public relations and logistics for the Department of Defense. She has volunteered for nonprofit organizations for more than 20 years in California, Nebraska and Kansas. She is passionate about voting and voter education. She joined the League in 2019 and served on the Communications Committee. She then jumped into advocacy as the People Powered Fair Maps Champion to lead LWVJoCo's fight for fair maps in the redistricting process in Kansas, testifying at redistricting town halls and serving as LWVJoCo's redistricting expert in several public forums. She lives in Olathe with her husband, Jeff, and their 13-year-old Pembroke Welsh corgi.

Co-Vice Presidents



Jennifer Day

Jennifer moved to Kansas soon after graduating from Pepperdine University with a BA in English literature. She has lived in Overland Park for over 23 years. Jennifer splits her professional career over the last two and a half decades between working as an executive assistant (15 years) and working in interior design (10 years). She was the first woman elected to represent Kansas House District 48 in south Overland Park from 2020 through 2021. Jennifer's community service includes serving as an election judge for the Johnson County Election Office since November 2018 and joining LWVJoCo in 2019. She said: "I love finding committees that fit my interests and participated in the Juvenile Justice position statement committee in 2021-2022 and have joined the Voter Girl team in 2022 and 2023. I also truly enjoy attending the Legislative Coffee series held during the legislative session each year."



Amelia Wiederaenders

Amelia is originally from Fairway, Kansas, and worked on her first campaign in 2010 when Barbara Bollier first ran for office. In 2012, Amelia interned in Sen. Claire McCaskill's office in Kansas City, Missouri, and was a top organizer on her re-election campaign that year. From 2013-2019, Amelia lived in San Francisco where she served on the League's board and worked on a number of campaigns around the Bay Area while also acquiring her master's degree in public administration. Amelia is looking forward to serving on LWVJoCo's board.

Secretary



Harry Bognich

Harry joined LWVJoCo with his wife, Mary, in 2015. They have been Observer Corps members who attend the Johnson County Mental Health Center Advisory Board meetings and submit reports for The VOTER newsletter. His other contributions include copying and mailing The VOTER newsletter to the League members who want to receive printed copies of the newsletter and setting up the microphones/speakers for meetings for many years. In 2017-2018, he served as chair on the Voter Education Ad Hoc Committee that researched and created the "Media Integrity in an Era of Fake News" presentation. He also served as chair of the Budget Committee for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Membership



Nancy Allen

Nancy is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a master's degree in dietetics. She holds a master's certificate in creativity and change leadership from the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Buffalo, and a master of library science from Emporia State University. She retired from Children's Mercy Hospital, after a 25-year career—early on as a neonatal dietitian and finished her career facilitating health care providers to develop care plans that optimized the health of children in the region. She is process-oriented and believes data will improve our ability to plan and articulate success. She joined LWVJoCo in 2021 and worked with People Powered Fair Maps to collect data on Kansans' ideas and feelings on redistricting after the 2020 census. Nancy lives in Overland Park with her husband and spends her time writing poetry and flash fiction, learning the intricacies of watercolor painting, and of course, volunteering for the League.

Voter Registration Co-Chairs



Ann Schuster

Ann joined LWVJoCo in 2019 after being inspired by the 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration at Johnson County Community College. Since then, she has served on the Voter Registration Committee and served as the committee's co-chair last year. One of Ann's priorities is encouraging 18-year-old students to register. She has also enjoyed participating in the Souls to the Polls voting drives. Ann is a native of Illinois, a graduate of Northern Illinois University and holds a master's degree from the University of Nebraska/Omaha. Before her retirement, Ann taught at the elementary school level and spent the last 30 years of her career as an elementary school librarian, teaching in Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota and Kansas. She is a past president of the Kansas Association of School Librarians and was elected to the board of directors of the American Association of School Librarians.



Ann & Tom Stroud

Anne and Tom joined the League in 2018 after attending several programs. They are particularly interested in registering voters and appreciate its positive impact on elected representatives. Naturalization ceremonies are particularly meaningful. Tom served as co-vice president with Cathy Matlack, and Anne has served on Hospitality Committee and helped with the Membership Committee.

Voter Information



Marie Hernandez

Marie joined the League in 2018 and has served as chair of the Voter Information Committee for the past two years and is a member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Marie is a CPA who worked in public accounting for eight years and as a CFO with a small firm for 21 years before retiring in 2018. Marie is a master gardener with the Johnson County K-State Research & Extension Master Gardener Program.

Thank you to the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee: Chair Mary Lou Jaramillo, Robyn Hart, Marie Hernandez and Kathleen Morrow.

Directions to the New Board

This item, which is on the agenda for all annual meetings, is an opportunity for members to make suggestions to the Board for the coming year. Directions may cover many things, such as any of the following or suggestions of your own.

Action: What should our action emphasis be?

Study: What direction should local or state items emphasize?

Voter Service: What kind of information might help citizens? Should we sponsor particular issues or candidate forums?

League: How can our management be more effective? How can LWVJoCo better serve its membership?

Other issues: Special projects? If so, purposes and goals?

Appendix A: Financial Review Report

INTERNAL REVIEW OF OPERATING ACCOUNT – LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS JOHNSON COUNTY

The following procedures were performed to inspect the financial activity in the Quicken detail for the twelve months ended March 31, 2022 for the League of Women Voters Johnson County ("LWV"). The inspection was conducted on December 8, 2022 by Marie Hernandez and Mary Lou Jaramillo.

The following procedures were performed:

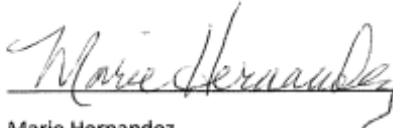
- Selected 16 payments by check from the Quicken Detail (detail of items inspected is in the table below). The total dollar amount of checks issued for the 12 months ended March 31, 2022 was \$26,619.69. The inspection included 16 checks that totaled \$19,785.14. There were 36 checks issued during the year ended March 31, 2022, and the inspection provided coverage, in dollars, of 74.3% of all checks that were issued for the year ended March 31, 2022. The following procedures were performed for each check listed below:
 - a. Agreed the Quicken detail of payee and amount to the invoice(s) and/or contracts.
 - b. Agreed the check amount and check number to the respective month's bank statement when it was presented to the bank for payment.
 - c. Noted that the recorded purpose of the check per Quicken was consistent with LWV's activities and functions.

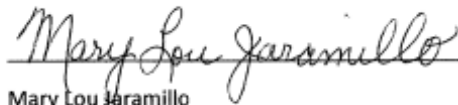
Date	Num	Description	Amount
9/10/2021	3681	LWV US	-9,872.00
2/4/2022	3693	Elevate	-2,500.00
5/1/2021	3672	LWV Kansas	-1,542.50
10/8/2021	3686	Amber Stenger	-1,500.37
2/13/2022	3696	Amber Stenger	-718.61
8/12/2021	3680	Atonement Church	-700.00
3/22/2022	3702	Modern Litho	-526.62
7/23/2021	3678	Jo. Co. Parks And Rec	-500.00
3/22/2022	3701	C. Farmer	-425.00
8/3/2021	3679	State Farm Ins.	-325.00
6/29/2021	3675	A. Stenger	-301.04
12/18/2021	3691	Precision Printing	-228.00
2/4/2022	3694	Precision Printing	-228.00
2/12/2022	3695	Precision Printing	-168.00
6/15/2021	3674	Marie Hernandez	-150.00
9/22/2021	3682	Deb Scott	-100.00

- Agreed the bank statements from Capitol Federal to the balances in the Quicken file as of March 31, 2022.
- Agreed to total payments made in the Quicken file for the year ended March 31, 2022 agreed to the total expenditures in LWV's internal financial statements.

- Agreed the total deposits in the Quick file for the year ended March 31, 2022 to the total receipts in LWV's internal financial statements.

No exceptions were noted.


Marie Hernandez


Mary Lou Jaramillo

Appendix B: Strategic Plan and Priorities

An organization's strategic plan is based on the organization's purpose and aspirations—how it seeks to make a difference in its community. The board finalized and approved the [2022-2027 Strategic Plan](#) at its Feb. 8, 2022 meeting.

Appendix C: Past Presidents

Presidents, League of Women Voters of Johnson County 1977-2023

1977-1979 Dorothy Novotny
 1979-1981 Kaye Cleaver
 1981-1983 Linda R. Johnson
 1983-1985 Carol Sader
 1985-1987 Judy Haas
 1987-1989 Marilyn Gaar
 1989-1991 Kaye Cleaver
 1991-1992 Ann Hebberger
 1992-1993 Vickie Stangl
 1993-1994 Nan Wilson
 1994-1995 Donna Lauffer
 1995-1996 Elaine Mann
 1996-1997 Mardie Kirkwood
 1997-1998 Audrey Romasco
 1998-1999 Debbie Ingold
 1999-2000 Nancy Jefferis
 2000-2002 Dolores Furtado/Janis McMillen
 2002-2003 Elaine Mann
 2003-2004 Myrna Stringer/Diane Kuhn

2004-2005 Diane Kuhn
2005-2006 Pat Lanser
2006-2007 Ann Sanders
2007-2008 Royceann Mather
2008-2009 Barbara Stillman
2009-2010 Candy Birch/Gwynne Lee
2010-2011 Harriett Anderson
2011-2012 Harriet Duff
2012-2013 Paula Schwach
2013-2014 Roberta Eveslage
2014-2015 Diane Kuhn/Ann Norbury
2015-2016 Ann Norbury/Susan Horst
2016-2017 Candy Birch/Ann Sanders/Anita Kaiser/Eileen Manza
2017-2018 Donna Lauffer/Sandra Sanchez
2018-2019 Ellen Miller
2019-2020 Ellen Miller
2020-2021 Ellen Miller, Amber Stenger
2021-2022 Amber Stenger
2022-2023 Janet Milkovich

In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened by the loss of this League member this past year. She made a difference in many lives through her advocacy and service to the community. We are lucky to have spent time with this wonderful person. She will be remembered.

Jane Hess

Special thanks to member Amber Stenger for her help putting together this Annual Report.

