

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF EMPORIA

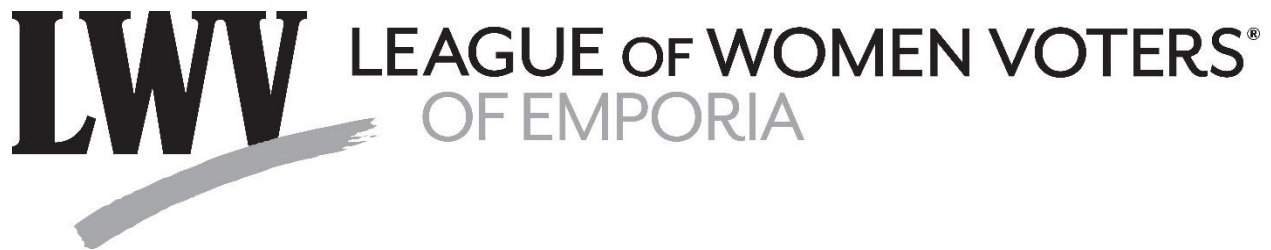


62nd Annual Meeting

Emporia, Kansas

Empowering Voters.

Defending Democracy.



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Lyon County History Center

6:00 Gather for meal and visiting

6:45 Business meeting

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Call to order

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Attendance/Quorum report

Presentation and adoption of Agenda

Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting (previously adopted)

Treasurer's report for 2019-20

- Examiner's report

Reports in the booklet

- President's Report
- Voter Service Report

New Business

- Presentation of proposed budget for 2020-21
- Adoption of the budget
- Council in Emporia – Saturday, April 25 8:30a – 5p
- Board members needed for Emporia and Kansas!!!
- Discussion on dues schedule – raise PMP?

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Annual Meeting
March 19, 2019

LWV President, Teresa Briggs, introduced Carrie Lancaster, Advocacy Chair from the State League, and Sharon Ailslieger, also from the State League, and her husband.

Carrie talked about her new position, “Advocacy”, how we could advocate from home, and how to access information from the internet (LWVK), listen to audios (youtube), from the legislature, find the calendars to see what is being discussed, how your legislator voted, listen to other sessions, check positions, and more!

An “old-fashioned” business letter gets more attention! Carrie discussed “tips for visits to your legislator.” Always groups of 2 or 3, make an appointment, be cordial to the legislator, thank them for their time. We can contact Carrie anytime –she left her business cards, and she believes that it is important for us to let them hear from us.

Rita Burns spoke on the 2018 Legislative Observers as well as “transparency.” Carrie and Rita began as observers in 2018. Why do we go as observers? –to be informed and know what is going on. The “corps” listen to committee meetings and are “seen” being there as observers. They did get training, introduced to the website, www.kslegislature.org, observed, and found out that hardly anyone meets on Fridays. They have meetings with experienced observers, and find out how things work, write reports, (lots of information on the website. She talked about a committee and went to a meeting about a bill—and never heard about it again. Lesson#1: The Power of Committee Chairs. They are appointed by the chair of the party—very loyal members of that committee. Susan Wagle appointed herself, chose 2 “newbies”, dismissed 2 who were on the committee, and passed SB22. It’s up to the committee chair to decide which bill to discuss. It doesn’t even get considered unless the “chair” chooses it –not a “democratic” process, rather a “controlled” process. There can be NO recording or photographing unless the committee assistant agrees, but some committees never have minutes. Even if it is heard, you may not hear the outcome. Anyone can submit a bill.

Legislators are allowed to “gut” the contents of a bill that has passed either the House or the Senate, insert different content, even unrelated topics and with little discussion, “go.”

There were 19 bills in 2018 that were trying to make the bills more transparent, putting names on bills, recording, etc. NONE passed. Most did not make it to the table.

From Observers to Advocates for Transparency—they drafted a statement that passed by the State LWV—to allow the record, etc., and it passed. (See statement on Legislative Transparency, June 2, 2018.) Gives them a “to do” list. Last year there were 19 “transparency” bills; this year there were only 2.

It’s our job—we are the LWV!

Teresa introduced Sharon, our Intra-League Coordinator.

Sharon gave a presentation for LWVE –gave the Emporia League a \$500 check for Terry Erisman. Sharon has been to all the Leagues, except for 2, and says the main complaint she hears is “communication.” Sharon says it is important that all Leagues “are on the same page.” We’re a 3-tired organization: Local, State, and National.

Teresa add “Convention” under “Centennial. Betty (Margaret) moved to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Teresa reviewed the Annual meeting booklet. The Treasurer’s report is separate. Ann added that Judy Wild is helping with recording the dues payments. Jerry Fair has checked the books and they are fine. Other reports are in the booklet. Bob Grover has been very helpful with meetings as well as Doug McGaw working on the website. Mary added that we need to be move visible with the “gun issue” and “Moms Demand Action.” Mary, Doug, and Bob went to Topeka about this. Julie reminded us that there is a “Legislative Dialogue” this Saturday at the Presbyterian Manor at 8:00 for refreshments, and the Dialogue at 8:30. Ruthann (Eleanor) moved to accept and approve the changes in the booklet.

Ann talked about the budget and the treasurer’s report and the member contributions. This year we “beat the budget” (see Financial Report) –a new line item in the LWV Ed. Fund: We received a \$500 grant from the

State Ed. Fund. See pgs. 7 & 8—income from the memorial for Georgia Taylor.

Julie (Doug) moved the approval of the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

Discussion on the dues schedule to encourage young students to join; we will not charge them dues until 2022. Bob, Ruthann, and Teresa are working on a grant to fund registering these young voters, especially in underserved populations, at ESU, and also, a method of contacting them before the next election to remind them to vote# We need to waive the \$20 fee until 2022,

Discussion about the “women’s right to vote,” as well as discussion about DEI. Bob, Ruthann, and Teresa are already working on the first three.

Centennial Celebration – planning events to celebrate the Centennial. We need to be visible to the community, and to work with Lisa at the History Center.

Discussed the 501c4 converting to 501c3, and the changes that we may consider. The conversion may not concern us, but this will be brought up at the convention.

Teresa talked about the “Bookmarks” and talked about going to the Convention at Manhattan.

We do have the Council next year at Emporia!

Officers for next year?

Adjourn: 7:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleanor Browning, Secretary

Treasurer's Report March 2020

Current Fund Balances:

March 7, 2020	ESB Checking Account:	\$ 3,233.48
	Cap Fed 12Mo CD	2,679.73
	Cap Fed 18Mo CD	2,613.82

The LWV of Kansas PMP and LWV of United States PMP has been paid through June 2020.

The 2019 Kansas Annual Report to the Secretary of State was paid. The 2019 Tax Return (Form 990 N) was filed electronically in June and was accepted.

During the year the Savings Account at ESB was closed and the funds moved to the checking account.

The Emporia League continues to staff the Mobile Precinct for the Lyon County Election Office for which we receive \$600 per election. We will do both the primary and general election during 2020.

A special thank you to Judy Wild for serving as an assistant and worked to collect the dues from members during most of the fiscal year and to Sara Wyrick who has helped with the filing of the report with the IRS. I have been happy to serve as the Emporia League's Treasurer for the last few years and am happy to turn the books over to Joyce French starting on April 1st. She will be auditing the books from the 2019-20 year as she learns about our financial activity.

Ann Havenhill, Treasurer

March 17, 2020

PRESIDENT’S REPORT OF 2019-2020

Our Leadership Team has worked tirelessly this past year to arrange an interesting line-up of programs. A huge thank you to Bob Grover who has been responsible for programs as well as publicity. Programs have included Mark McAnarney, Emporia City Manager, who discussed infrastructure and Steve Hale, explaining the importance of the 2020 Census. We have served as a connection between members of HOTT and LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) after Sally Sanchez and Veronica Sotelo of HOTT expressed an interest in forming a local chapter. They also believe strongly as we do that it is important that we extend the opportunity to register to vote to every citizen and to then **get out the vote!!**

Bob Grover has been prompt in forwarding Voter Notes, Action Alerts and other communications from LWV, both national and state. I hope that you watch for and read these as they contain timely information and ways for active participation, especially in contacting your Legislators. Mary McGaw has helped hostess events and kept track of new members, Eleanor Browning kept us supplied with the best homemade cookies as she served as Secretary until the time frame of the meetings conflicted with her job at which time Bob Grover took over the role of Secretary to finish the year. Ann Havenhill has made the job of Treasurer look easy with Judy Wild keeping track of dues coming in, which was helpful for Ann.

I appreciate those members who have attended the programs and supported League efforts by helping with voter registration and other events in the community.

Teresa Briggs

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Voter Services Report

Voter registration remained a focus in 2019. Voters were registered at ESU & FHTC twice each, and Northern Heights HS during the year. We confirmed that EHS was routinely registering students as they turned 18.

In October we took the voting machines to six long-term care facilities for advance voting. Many thanks to all who helped. I will need you again!

We enjoy good rapport and support from our County Clerk Tammy Vopat who is also actively involved in voter registrations as well.

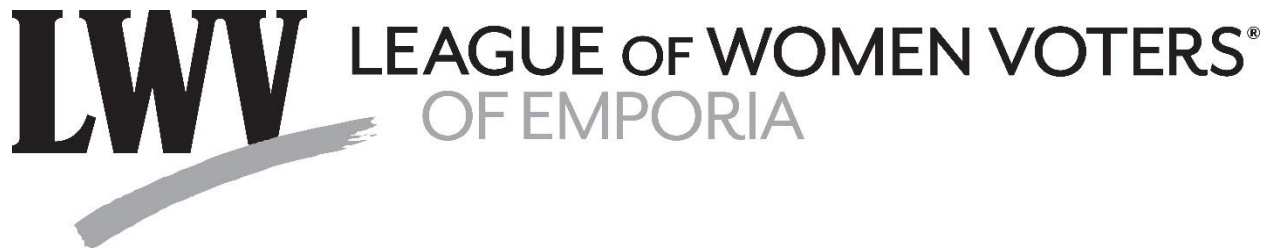
I want to say a huge thank you to Bob Grover who all year has helped set up, arrange, liaise with ESU, create surveys and haul equipment & technology all over. He was able to attend a state March to the Poll meeting when I could not.

Our 2020 plans are to continue to coordinate voter registration with the above institutions and other local groups.

Ruthann Resch

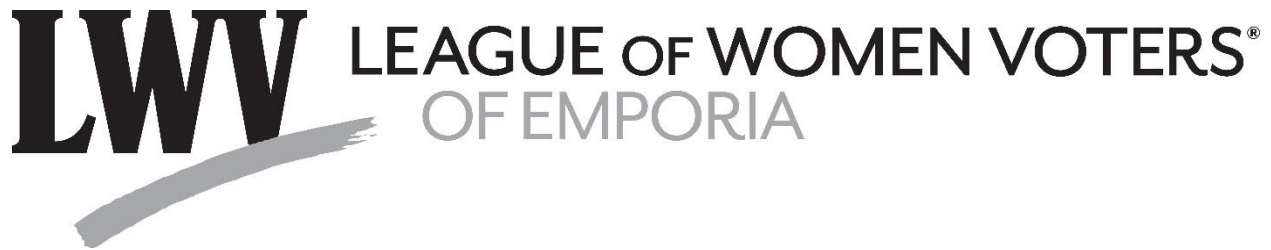
If I left anyone out, I apologize! I look forward to working with you again.

Ruthann Resch, Voter Services



Financial Report for 2019-20 and Proposed Budget for 2020-21

	2019 – 2020 Budget	To March 7, 2020 Actual	2020 – 2021 Budget
INCOME			
Regular members	\$1,400.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,400.00
Household members	600.00	405.00	450.00
Student members	0.00	0.00	0.00
New members	0.00	0.00	25.00
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	\$2050.00	\$1755.00	\$1875.00
Membership contributions	\$ 200.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 200.00
Election income	600.00	600.00	1,200.00
Finance Drive	500.00	0.00	0.00
Finance Drive Ed Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Finance Dr. discounts earned	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,300.00	\$ 855.00	\$1,400.00
Interest Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 102.80	\$ 100.00
Other Income - Host LWVK event	0.00	0.00	100.00
Other income – misc.	100.00	500.00	100.00
Meals	300.00	238.00	300.00
From Reserves	1,230.00	0.00	740.00
LWVUS Ed Fund Grant	125.00	125.00	0.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	\$1,805.00	\$ 965.80	\$1, 340.00
Total Income	\$4,345.00	\$3,575.80	\$4,615.00



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	2019 – 2020 Budget	To March 7, 2020 Actual	2020 – 2021 Budget
EXPENDITURES			
General Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00
Postage	75.00	55.00	75.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	67.27	50.00
Meals	300.00	180.10	400.00
Meeting Expense	200.00	222.28	300.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 675.00	\$ 524.65	\$ 875.00
Leadership Team	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.73	\$ 100.00
Finance Drive	100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL BOARDS & COMMITTEES	\$ 200.00	\$ 20.73	\$ 100.00
State Council/Convention	\$ 400.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 500.00
National Council/Convention	0.00	127.20	0.00
Workshops/League Day	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL DELEGATES EXPENSE	\$ 600.00	\$ 367.20	\$ 700.00
PMP LWVK	\$ 900.00	\$ 810.00	\$ 900.00
PMP LWVUS	1440.00	1488.00	1440.00
Total National & State Support	\$2340.00	\$2298.00	\$2340.00
Voter Service	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Guide to Government	200.00	99.77	200.00
Action in the Community	250.00	233.65	250.00
Web Site	250.00	0.00	0.00
Various Expenses	25.00	76.40	50.00
LWVUS Ed Fund Grant	500.00		0.00
Total Other Expenses	\$1340.00	\$ 409.82	\$ 600.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5155.00	\$4030.99	\$4615.00