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## 2019 Annual Meeting Edition

**"BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY TOGETHER"**

**Don't miss this once a year event June 6, 2019.**

**Hear Charlotte's School Superintendent Dr. Clayton Wilcox**

**Decide next year's League focus**

**Vote on your League leaders who will be forging new plans for the League's 100th anniversary year.**

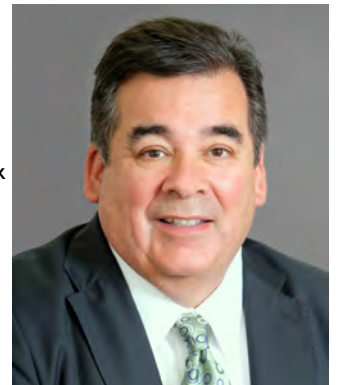
**Join your League friends and make new ones June 6, 6 pm.**

Make a reservation [here](#) for a buffet dinner and program.

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Annual Meeting June 6, 6 pm  
Midwood International Center auditorium (first floor)  
1817 Central Ave.  
\$15 per person cash, check or credit at the door, or credit online (\$16 if paid with credit card).  
Dinner of chicken marsala, eggplant parmesan, grilled vegetables, roasted potatoes, rolls, cookies & brownies, iced tea.

Dr. Clayton Wilcox



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LWVCM President Delores Johnson Hurt

## President's Message

If you've ever visited our LWVCM Facebook page, you've no doubt seen several reviews about who we are. One reviewer sums us up this way: "They are an awesome group of dedicated people."

**I couldn't agree more.**

League members are indeed dedicated volunteers.

Volunteers who twice weekly register new voters at naturalization services **Lunch With the League and League Talk**

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Come to Kathryn Schweille's book talk Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 pm, 1817 Central Ave.

# LWVCM Annual Meeting

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programs which bring “perspective and clarity on important issues”, as another reviewer wrote.

Volunteers who march and write letters and send postcards to lawmakers demanding an end to gerrymandering. Volunteers who study educational issues and bring them before county commissioners and the Board of Education. Volunteers who lobby for clean water and a clean environment. Volunteers who travel to promote passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Volunteers who register high school students and community members to vote. Volunteers who put together the Civics 101 class to inform citizens how local government works. Volunteers who work on our website, newsletter, finances and communications. Volunteers who make sure our office is attractive and accessible.

As we wrap up the 2018-19 fiscal year, I especially thank LWVCM board members who are the “leaders of the pack” of our dedicated volunteers.

I hope as many LWVCM members as possible (and supporters) come to this year’s Annual Meeting to share congratulations on work well done.

With sincere appreciation, Delores

## Supt. Wilcox invited to talk about Community Equity Advisory Committee and needs of immigrant children.

Dr. Clayton M. Wilcox became superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools on July 1, 2017. He came to the district from Washington County, Maryland, where he had been superintendent for 6 years.

A native of Iowa, Dr. Wilcox began his career as a teacher in Illinois in 1979. He had teacher and principal positions in Iowa and in 1994 joined St. Johns County School District in Florida as director for personnel services, subsequently becoming executive director for human resources and staff development. Since then, he has served as superintendent for school districts in East Baton Rouge, LA, Pinellas County, FL and Maryland. He has also held leadership positions for education and corporate relations at Scholastic, Inc.

Read more about Supt. Wilcox [here](#).

## Proposed Slate of officers for 2019-2020

**LWVCM Bylaws:** After the report of the Nominating Committee is presented to the annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

**Section 3. Elections.** The election shall be by ballot; however if there is but one nominee for each office, the secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote shall constitute election.

Officers:

President 2019-2021	<b>Delores Johnson Hurt</b>
Second vice president 2019-2021	
Secretary 2019-2021	<b>Erin Giardi</b>
Treasurer 2019-2020	<b>John Lee</b>

Directors: :

(1) 2019-2021	<b>Cate Stadelman</b>
(2) 2019-2021	<b>Regan Adudell</b>
(3) 2019-2021	<b>Kevan Woodson</b>
4) 2019-2020 (to fill an unexpired term)	<b>Tricia Garcia</b>

Nominating Committee: 2019-2020

Chair:	<b>Reita Pendry</b>
Member:	<b>Tom Bowers</b>
Member:	<b>Sylvia Ross</b>

Continuing for the last year of their terms are:

First vice president **Tom Murdock** 2018-2020; Directors 2018-2020: **June White, Lucille Howard**

## Nominations for Leadership

### Meet Newcomers to League Leadership:

**John Lee** has been nominated for the office of **treasurer**.

John moved with his wife to Charlotte two years ago from Chevy Chase, MD upon selling his education consulting business. He started his professional career teaching at Laney College in Oakland, CA, and while there finished his Ed.D. at the University of California, Berkley. A Ford Foundation fellowship allowed John to spend a year on the House Education and Labor Committee in Washington, D.C. His career transitioned to national policy research positions, eventually ending up back in the Washington, D.C. area where he started his own consulting business, JBL Associates, which he ran for nearly 30 years. The business was focused on improving postsecondary opportunity for low-income students.

During this time John served on several boards; Family Services of Montgomery County, MD where he was chair, The Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education and Skystone Partners, a private fundraising company in Cincinnati, Ohio. International service included appointment to the Australian Universities Quality Agency and member of Oman Accreditation Council. In addition, he served as a precinct election judge in his local community.

John is the father of two daughters, one of whom lives here in Charlotte with her family, and the other lives in Sydney Australia with her family, which they have the good fortune to visit on a regular basis.



John Lee

**Regan Adudell** has been nominated for a **board position**, serving as Voter Services director.

Regan has been in NC since 1987, moving to Charlotte in 1991. She was a Bone Marrow Transplant and ICU nurse prior to raising her four children.

Regan has been an active volunteer in the both community and schools. She served on the Leadership Team at a CMS elementary school working with Magnet Schools choice programs, worked with early education literacy programs and the HEART math tutoring program targeting at risk elementary students. She also served on many PTO boards in both as both president and volunteer.

In the community she has served on several committees working with educating children on the importance of the environment as well as recycling. Regan is involved in several programs regarding suicide awareness and prevention in young adults. A

League member since 2017, Regan reports she has enjoyed working with voter services "because I feel voting is an important right we have. I also joined the environ-

mental group and am excited to be part of this group."



Regan Adudell

**Kevan Woodson** has been nominated for a position on the **board of directors**.

Kevan has had a diverse career in corporate America, working for 3M, Coca-Cola USA, Chrysler, CarMax, Harris Teeter and John Hancock Mutual Life. He cites his specialties as a director of business development and training, strategic planning including forecasting, direct and indirect sales management, Six Sigma Black Belt and Lead recruiter at the Center for Sales Excellence at 3M.

He also is a former school board member in 211 Schaumburg/Palatine, IL.

In his work, he learned that many business owners find the key problem is employee availability. He personally experienced that four years ago when his wife DonnaMarie had colon and breast cancer. It took his focus off the job and onto how to get her better. Thankfully she has progressed tremendously through treatment. They have just celebrated 36 months cancer free.

Kevan wrote that today he sees that education is the great equalizer. "If knowledge is shared, and ensured that it is understood, our goals can be unlimited. Knowledge and experience can get us through most difficulties," he said. This is one reason he joined the League and looks forward to assisting the League through the contacts he has made and his participation in Civics 101.



Kevan Woodson

# Nominations for Leadership

**Tricia Garcia** has been nominated to fill an unexpired term of one year on the board of directors.

Tricia has worked as a Hematology Oncology nurse at Atrium health since 2013. Prior to this she worked at GE for 13 years in various positions. She has a son who is 26 years old, a cat, a dog and loves to spend time working in and enjoying her yard.

Tricia joined LWVCM in 2016, first attending, then helping with Civics101 for four sessions. She is known for her decorating skills, especially Beth's car for League appearances in local parades, and has helped with several voter services and Vote411.org projects.



Tricia Garcia



Sylvia Ross

**Sylvia Ross** has been nominated to serve on the **nominating committee**, a one-year position.

Sylvia has been married for 47 years to Allan, and they have one daughter, Lauren, who is an attorney and lives in DC. They both retired in 2014 and have enjoyed traveling to many parts of the world.

Sylvia's professional life was a combination of education and technology. She started as an Extension Agent then went back to school and earned a Masters in Child Development and Family Relations. She taught Child Development at the University of South Carolina then worked at the National Headquarters of AAA promoting automobile and pedestrian safety for preschool and school students throughout the nation. After moving to Charlotte, she earned a degree in technology and worked in the IT department at Bank of America and later taught in the IT Department at CPCC. She worked for CMS from 2006 through 2014 teaching computer skills to elementary students and as a teaching assistant.

Sylvia and Allan have volunteered with Odyssey of the Mind for almost 25 years. They are currently co-captains for the Spontaneous Problems at the regional level and volunteer at the State and World levels.

## Continuing Service to the League

Those nominees who have agreed to continue to serve the League in their current positions or in a new capacity are shown here. Three board members will finish the second year of their terms.

	<p><b>Delores Johnson Hurt</b> is nominated for a second two-year term as <b>president</b>. Previously she had a one-year term.</p>		<p><b>Cate Stadelman</b> is nominated for a two-year position as a <b>director</b>. She heads the ERA Action-Team.</p>		<p><b>Erin Giardi</b>, who served on the nominating committee, has been nominated as <b>secretary</b>.</p>
	<p><b>Reita Pendry</b> is nominated to move into the <b>chairmanship of the nominating committee</b>.</p>		<p><b>Tom Bowers</b> is nominated to continue as a <b>member of the nominating committee</b>, a one-year term.</p>	<p><b>Tom Murdock</b>, who heads Civics 101 will be serving his second year as a <b>director</b> on the board. <b>June White</b> will be serving the second year of a term as <b>director</b>. <b>Lucille Howard</b>, who edits the <u>Voter</u>, will be serving the second year of her term as a <b>director</b>.</p>	

## Board Reports on 2018-2019 Work

Board members and Action Team leaders have submitted reports about the activities of Action Teams and/or activities they have been involved with during the past year. Bring any questions to the Annual Meeting June 6, 6 pm, for a complete picture of **your League in action**.

### Education Committee Report

The Education Committee teams (Funding, Equity, and New Initiatives) have been very busy during the past year focusing on issues that impact public education at the state and local levels. We have met with newly elected NC legislators from Mecklenburg County including Rep. Christy Clark, Rep. Rachel Hunt, and Sen. Natasha Marcus to advocate for changes to improve support for public education in North Carolina.

In October Mary Klenz and Peg Chapin led an advocacy training for the Education Committee that provided a number of guidelines and points to consider when taking on issues.

In January we addressed the County Commissioners to thank them for funding 600 additional PreK seats and to urge them to fund even more so that the waiting list can be further reduced. In February, members of the **Funding Team** met with Mecklenburg Finance Chair, Sarah Lyberg, to understand how the county is supporting the schools, and also attended County budget workshops.

We attended an education forum in March sponsored by the NC Justice Center where we learned that a new report on the state's compliance with the Leandro decision is forthcoming in June.

Members of the **Equity Team** have been attending meetings of the CMS Equity Policy Committee as it attempted to create a new Equity Policy for CMS. Our President, Delores Johnson-Hurt, presented a letter we drafted to the Board urging them to include a community-based Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) as part of their new equity policy. Additionally, we met with CMS Board member Thelma Byers-Bailey to urge her support for such an EAC.

The **New Initiatives Team** has been doing research and collecting data on all the private schools in Mecklenburg County which have students who receive Opportunity Scholarships (vouchers). We are analyzing that data and comparing it to the studies done by the Cape Fear LWV and Duke University. We will share conclusions of our voucher research with Mecklenburg representatives to the NCGA and advocate for more transparency and accountability for these schools that are receiving taxpayer money for vouchers.

In addition, we have met with **community allies and officials** including Justin Perry, Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Pastor Tim Moore, Charlotte Clergy Coalition for Justice; Mark Jerrell, Mecklenburg County Commissioner; and Dr. Betty Howell Gray, National Alliance of Black School Educators. We shared our initiatives with them and heard their views on a variety of topics including funding for education, universal PreK, equity, and vouchers among others. Dr. Devonya Govan-Hunt of the Black Child Development Institute has also met with us and wants to coordinate activities.

We are keeping our eyes on education bills currently being considered by the NCGA and are included in the proposed budget bill. Among them are **HB 145** (making the way schools are graded on the 1-5-pointing scale permanent), **HB 457** (restoring supplemental pay for teachers with advanced degrees), and **SB 475** (changing the formula for school performance scores to 50% proficiency and 50% growth). We hope to see positive support for public education emerge from this session of the NCGA.

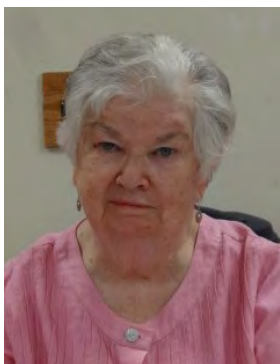
The LWVCM Education Committee will continue to advocate for strong public schools in North Carolina.

—Cheryl Milam, co-chair



Cheryl Milam

### LWVCM Environment Task Force (ETF)



Margaret Howe-Soper

The ETF was formed in January, 2019 with nine core members to date. (Those interested are welcome to join us.) We meet the 4th Friday of the month at 11 AM. The immediate focus of the group is to learn the environment-issue landscape in Mecklenburg County and in North Carolina. The members range from some who don't know much about the topics but who are interested and motivated, to others who are experienced hands with local environmental issues. We are learning what other organizations and people are involved.

In pursuit of learning what issues need to be discussed, the ETF hosted the April Lunch with the League. Speakers Rusty Rozzelle and Jordan Miller (from Mecklenburg County and City of Charlotte respectively) talked about the need for local governments to have the flexibility to work with developers who redevelop building sites in order to mitigate increased storm water runoff. At the present time, NC law forbids local governments to require developers to make accommodations for increased storm water runoff. County Board Member Elaine Powell and Charlotte Councilwoman Dimple Ajmera spoke briefly about what the county and city are doing at the board levels about environmental issues, and each has agreed to speak with the ETF in the future to go into further detail.

—Margaret Howe-Soper, chair

## Board Reports on 2018-2019 Work

### Fair Districts Report

In coordination with LWVNC's FEAT, our Charlotte FEAT team has been working diligently to bring fair and impartial redistricting to NC. We have joined with community organizations from around the state to form Fair Districts NC - a nonpartisan organization that is dedicated to getting the NCGA to adopt reasonable redistricting reform legislation during the current session.

Time is running short. If nothing is done before the 2020 Census data is released, we will be stuck with at least another 10 years of extreme partisan gerrymandering.

We urge voters to help by going to [FairDistrictsNC.org](http://FairDistrictsNC.org) and endorsing the 5 Principles for Reasonable Redistricting Reform (more info is available on the website). Once the online form is submitted, it will go straight to your representatives.

LWVCM FEAT has sent out over 1,000 postcards with this message to voters in Mecklenburg and surrounding counties. We are also speaking with business and community groups to raise awareness about the danger facing our democracy when representatives choose their voters.

—Debbie Snowden, Chair



League members at the US Supreme Court to hear arguments in the League's NC gerrymandering lawsuit.

### Women's Issues/ERA Action Team

In January at Charlotte's Women United March, LWVCM collected more than 300 signatures on a petition in support of ERA ratification. This level of interest validated the League's belief that the organization should be working in a formal way to support ratification.

Bills to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment were introduced in both houses of the NC General Assembly March 5, 2019. Although an Action Team did not yet exist, LWVCM joined the ERA-NC Alliance action which brought hundreds of ERA advocates to Raleigh to witness the bill introductions. Remarkably, every single Democrat in the NC House AND Senate signed on as co-sponsors to H271 and S184. In addition to our presence in both chambers, we lobbied NCGA members to request public hearings on the bills, pass them in committee and call for a vote on the floor.

The League Talk in March featured a presentation by Sherry MacQueen of ERA-NC Alliance and was followed by the official kick-off of the Charlotte Mecklenburg League ERA Action Team, led by Cate Stadelman. The Action Team has had two monthly meetings and is already working on plans to educate the public about the Equal Rights Amendment, which most people believe is already a part of the US Constitution. Education is needed focusing on areas that would be impacted by ERA (equality under the law, economic injustice, violence against women). The group is planning to create a presentation specifically geared for delivery to conservative groups, and is creating a social media plan.

On April 2 Mecklenburg County Commissioner Susan Harden introduced a County Resolution to ask the NCGA to ratify the ERA and Cate Stadelman delivered remarks on the LWVCM position in support of the Resolution which was unanimously adopted by the BOCC. Letters have been sent to governing bodies of all Mecklenburg County towns asking for their support as well.

The Action Team has a closed group on Facebook called ERA Action Team LWV Mecklenburg (League members can request to join)

**LWVCM ERA Action Team intends to continue its activities until the US ratifies ERA.**

—Cate Stadelman, Chair



**CORRECTION: ERA Team meetings are FIRST MONDAY of each month, 6:30 pm at the League Office.**

### Membership

As of April 16, 2019 there are 206 members in the LWVCM. Of these 206, 48 people have joined since June, 2018. We lost approximately 25 members who didn't renew their membership or moved. Among the major reasons given for not renewing membership were "moved" and "not enough time".

Prospective member-letters and/or "Join" brochures were sent to 26 people since June, 2018. A number of coffees were held (in small groups or one-on-one) with 31 new members since June, 2018.

The Membership Committee could use a few more members if anyone is interested.

—Margaret Howe-Soper, Chair

## Board Reports on 2018-2019 Work

### Civics 101

This year has been the second time that we have had two Civics 101 sessions – Fall 2018 and Spring 2019. We had a total of 116 attendees. As in prior sessions, several have decided to continue their citizen activism by joining the League. A couple have expressed interest in investigating running for office.

We wish to thank the former office holders and media leaders who spoke to our sessions:

- Jennifer Roberts, Former Charlotte Mayor
- Richard Vinroot, Former Charlotte Mayor
- Trent Merchant, former member, Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education
- Amelia Stinson-Wesley, former member, Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education
- Karen Bentley, former Mecklenburg County Commissioner
- Pamela C. Escobar, Community Access & Outreach Administrator with Panelists:
 

Hon. Robert Bell--Senior Resident Superior Court Judge	Kevin Tully, Chief Public Defender
Hon. Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge	Bruce Lillie, Asst. District Attorney
Hon. Regan A. Miller, Chief District Court Judge	Hon. Irwin Carmichael, Sheriff
Hon. Elisa Chinn-Gary, Clerk of Superior Court	Chief Telisa White, Sheriff's Office
Charleston Carter, Trial Court Administrator	Chief Rodney Collins, Sheriff's Office
- Taylor Batten, Editorial Page Editor – *Charlotte Observer*
- Jim Morrill, Reporter/Politics – *Charlotte Observer*
- Peter St. Onge, Associate Editor – *Charlotte Observer*

As we finish up the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of the League's sponsorship of Civics 101, a special thanks goes to Civics 101 Spring 2018 Team Members: June White, Trisha Garcia, Leta Bosc, Margaret Howe-Soper and Pam Liebman.

---Tom Murdock, Chair

## Annual Meeting Votes: Rules, Program, Budget, Slate

Following the patterns of League chapters all over the US, LWVCM will conduct its annual meeting using Robert's Rules of Order and the provisions of the Annual Meeting Rules (if approved by the membership). The requirements of the annual meeting, according to the LWVCM by-laws, are to adopt a program, to which the board has added areas of focus, approve a budget and elect officers for the next year. The membership also will be asked to approve rules for the meeting and minutes of the annual meeting in 2018.

### ANNUAL MEETING RULES

1. Only League members may debate and vote on business to come before this meeting.
2. A motion must be seconded. Most motions can be amended. There will be a limit of one amendment to an amendment of a primary motion. If additional changes should be made, a new amendment should be proposed.
3. PROGRAM DEBATE
  - (1) A speaker may speak for or against a program item.
  - (2) A speaker may speak for two minutes and may not speak again until all others who wish to be heard on that item have had a chance to do so.
  - (3) The chair will recognize pros and cons alternately during debate.
  - (4) Program debate will be limited to one hour. If members wish to extend the time for program debate, a motion to this effect will be entertained by the chair.
  - (5) If members wish to consider a non-recommended item, a motion must be made to consider the item. A majority of members present must approve such consideration.
  - (6) After all motions are made, program debate will begin.
  - (7) Debate on current positions will be limited to four minutes per item.
  - (8) Debate on new program items will be limited to 15 minutes on each issue.
  - (9) If a non-recommended item is approved for consideration, debate on that item will be limited to 10 minutes.
  - (10) A majority vote is required to adopt each recommended program item. A two-thirds majority is required to adopt a non-recommended item that members have voted to consider.
4. Discussion and vote under program direction to the board will be limited to 10 minutes, unless members vote to extend discussion.

## Proposed Local Program 2019-20

The League's program consists of those governmental issues that the League has chosen (over the years) for concerted study and action at the local level. The program process is specified in the bylaws. At each annual meeting, members are asked to adopt the program consisting of issues on which League members reached a consensus. State and national League studies and consensus are considered at their respective conventions.

Positions must be readopted each year by League members at the annual meeting in order to remain on the program of issues for possible action.

### I. TRANSPORTATION

- (1) Support regional transportation planning. (1994)
- (2) Support policies which encourage the use of bicycles and other alternatives to the automobile to be included in any comprehensive transit/transportation system. (1994)
- (3) Support a regional transportation plan should consider (a) all modes of transportation including air, rail, truck bus, automobile, bicycle and pedestrian, (b) the cost, pollution, consumption of natural resources, (c) effectiveness in moving people, and (d) integration of transport systems. (1994)
- (4) Support a distribution of public funds that puts a greater emphasis on alternatives to the automobile. (1994)
- (5) Support incentives to encourage the use of alternatives to automobile and disincentives to discourage its use. (1994)

### II. GOVERNMENT

- (1) Support consolidated city/county government (1971, 1991)
- (2) Support of district representation on the Charlotte City Council, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board and appointed boards and commissions (1977, 2006)
- (3) Support non-residents sharing in financial responsibility of city revenue and the use of alternate sources of revenue in addition to property tax (1980)
- (4) Support stated goals of 2005 Plan that are compatible with LWV(US) position on land use (1986, 1990)
- (5) Support establishment of planning districts and city/county zoning policy (1986, 1990)
- (6) Urge adoption of criteria for planning commission members and mechanism for citizen participation (1986, 1990)
- (7) Support non-partisan city council elections with a primary (1998)

### III. EDUCATION

- (1) Support equal access to a quality education for every public school student and endorse the premise that socio-economic and racial integration of schools is a necessary condition for providing an equitable and quality education for all students. (2016)
- (2) Support and endorse concept of teacher-career development and improved teacher working conditions (1984, 1988, 1989)
- (3) Support administrative career development (1988)
- (4) Support early and continuing intervention for at-risk children and promote comprehensive community and parental involvement in early childhood education for at-risk students (1991)
- (5) Support parental opportunity for controlled choice from among a wide variety of learning environments, options within schools, and learning styles within programs, in accordance with criteria designed to ensure both the quality and equality of educational opportunities, as well as socio-economic and racial integration. (1992, 2016)

### IV. HOUSING – Support use of public/private funding for assisted housing in scattered sites. (1989)

### V. SOCIAL POLICY – Support consensus study based on findings of the domestic violence Court Observation Project (2005).

### VI. ENVIRONMENT/GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE – Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.

### VII. HEALTHCARE REFORM – Support the LWVUS health care policy goals of having quality, affordable health care available to all US residents.

### VIII. HUMAN TRAFFICKING – Support the work of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Human Trafficking task force and provide educational information about the issue and work to support the passage of a bill to create a Human Trafficking Task Force in North Carolina. (2012)

### Areas of focus recommended by the board for 2019-2020

#### 1) Voter Registration/Education and Fair Elections

#### 2) Passage of ERA

#### 3) Local Environment

#### 4) Public Education: Adequate and timely funding, community equity advisory committee, PreK expansion, support for public education

#### 5) Healthcare: Emphasis on access and quality care



# LWVCM Financial Report for 2018-2019

Accrual Basis

## LWV Charlotte Mecklenburg Financial Statement

### Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2018 through April 2019

	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Direct Public Support</b>		
Contributions	\$ 4,071	\$ 7,592
Dues	\$ 11,005	\$ 11,650
<b>Other Types of Income</b>		
Room Rental	\$ 445	\$ 300
<b>Program Income</b>		
Annual Meeting	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Civics 101	\$ 6,826	\$ 3,600
Lunch with League	\$ 424	\$ 500
Program meetings	\$ 160	\$ -
Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ 500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 22,931</b>	<b>\$ 25,142</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Admin Operations</b>		
Conferences & Workshops	\$ 380	\$ 1,200
Digital costs	\$ 94	\$ 150
Fundraising expenses	\$ 211	\$ 150
Holiday Party	\$ 265	\$ 200
Mailings	\$ 435	\$ 475
Membership committee	\$ 301	\$ 630
President's Discret. Fund	\$ 704	\$ 750
Website maintenance	\$ 250	\$ 250
<b>Facilities and Equipment</b>		
Operating costs	\$ 705	\$ 737
Rent, LWV Center	\$ 7,847	\$ 9,360
<b>Per Member Payments (PMP)</b>		
National PMP	\$ 4,224	\$ 5,120
State PMP	\$ 1,584	\$ 1,920
<b>Program Expenses</b>		
Annual Meeting	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Civics 101	\$ 2,338	\$ 1,600
Community Education	\$ 293	\$ 500
Position devel. & support	\$ 18	\$ 100
Program mtgs/Lunch w LWV	\$ 716	\$ 500
Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ 500
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 20,366</b>	<b>\$ 25,142</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,564</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

### Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2019

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash in Bank	\$ 12,081
Deposits - rent	\$ 1,350
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 13,431</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Prepaid Dues	\$ -
<b>Equity</b>	
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	
100th Anniv Fund	\$ 975
Angel Fund	\$ 425
Merch. Sales	\$ 168
New Citizen Grant	\$ 385
Voter Service Fund	\$ 3,005
Youth Grant	\$ 750
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>\$ 5,708</b>
Retained Earnings	\$ 5,159
Net Income for Year	\$ 2,564
<b>TOTAL LIAB + EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 13,431</b>

### Details on Grant Balances

<b>Grants from LWVUS Ed Fund for Youth &amp; New Citizen Reg.</b>	
Beg Balance	\$ 2,394
Addl funds rec'd	\$ 1,625
Expenses YTD	\$ 1,056
<b>Balance transfer *</b>	<b>\$ (1,828)</b>
<b>Voter Services Fund (VOTE411)</b>	
Left over grant balances	\$ 2,735
Contributions	\$ 5,755
Expenses YTD	\$ 5,485
<b>Remaining Balances</b>	<b>\$ 4,140</b>

\* unspent grant money at year end  
transferred to Voter Serv fund

# Proposed Budget 2019-2020

## LWV Charlotte Mecklenburg Proposed Budget

	2018/19 Budget	Proposed 2019/20 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Direct Public Support</b>		
Contributions	\$ 7,592.00	\$ 5,000.00
Dues	\$ 11,650.00	\$ 12,850.00
<b>Other Types of Income</b>		
Room Usage	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
<b>Program Income</b>		
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00
Civics 101	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 7,200.00
Lunch with League	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
Fundraisers	\$ 500.00	
Transfer from reserves		\$ 2,384.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,142.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,934.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Admin Operations</b>		
Affiliations	\$ -	
Conferences & Workshops	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,300.00
Digital costs	\$ 150.00	\$ 210.00
Website Maintenance	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Fundraising expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
Holiday Party	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Mailings	\$ 475.00	\$ 550.00
Membership committee	\$ 630.00	\$ 650.00
President Discretionary Fund	\$ 750.00	\$ 800.00
<b>Facilities and Equipment</b>		
Operating costs	\$ 737.00	\$ 750.00
Rent, LWV Center	\$ 9,360.00	\$ 9,840.00
<b>Per Member Payments (PMP)</b>		
National PMP	\$ 5,120.00	\$ 5,152.00
State PMP	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,932.00
<b>Program Expenses</b>		
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00
Civics 101	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,800.00
Community Education	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
Position dev. & support	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
Lunch with League	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
Voter Service		
Fundraisers	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,300.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 25,142.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,934.00</b>

Prepared by Budget Committee: John Lee, Chair; Becka Tait, Beth Springston  
Submitted 4/29/19

Note: The 100th Anniversary Fund is not shown on this budget, any money raised and spent will be part of the restricted fund shown on the Balance Sheet

# Minutes of Annual Meeting

## Minutes for LWVCM Annual Meeting June 7, 2018

After the registration and buffet period, Delores Hurt, president of LWVCM began the meeting at 6:45 p.m. By introducing first time attendees and distinguished guests – Regan Miller, Joyce Waddell, and Susan McDowell. Debbie Snowden then introduced the keynote speaker, Judge Nancy Norelli. Judge Norelli spoke about the changes in elections of Mecklenburg county judges. The new election criteria has judges running in smaller districts rather than county wide. Following her presentation, there was a question and answer session.

At 7:21 p.m., President Hurt convened the annual meeting. It was determined that a quorum was present. Rules for the meeting and last year's minutes were approved. Next on the printed agenda were the Director's and Action Team reports. Margaret Howe-Soper, membership chair, reported the League is averaging five to seven new members a month. She sends a handbook and meets the new members for coffee to make them feel welcome. The League currently has 187 members.

The education report was presented by Tom E. Bowers. The focus of the committee has been funding equity and initiatives with the emphasis on equity. Also, a focus has been on data collection to share with CMS, forums for promoting bonds, early childhood education with public funding, and working with the state League initiatives.

Marian Silverman, voter services chairperson, emphasized voter registration and the naturalization ceremonies. Also, eight schools in CMS participated in student led voter registration programs. The committee is hoping to add five more schools this next year. She also reminded the audience of National Voter Registration Day.

A report on Vote411.org was given by Beth Springston, the state leader of the project. She is hoping the project will grow as the election nears. Delores Hurt announced a \$4000 anonymous donation to the project. There are flyers for League members to distribute.

Civics 101 has continued and is now adding a fall session due to demand. In the spring session 38 attended and three became members of the League. The committee said they see continued growth ahead.

The Fair Elections committee report included the goals of redistricting and ending gerrymandering. There will be a birthday party for Gerry Mander who is credited with beginning the practice of partisan district drawing. The committee will continue to monitor issues impacting elections.

The Treasurer's report was printed in the Voter and presented by Beth Springston. The local League is a 501C tax deductible group. Questions were answered concerning the report.

Delores Hurt presented an overview of the League. The League has had a ten percent increase in membership and is financially sound. The League has numerous functioning committees open to all. The emphasis of the League is to be a defender of democracy and empowering voters with a nonpartisan view. The membership needs to be more diverse with also more ways to attract volunteers to take on more issues. She stated a need for more coordination with the state to tackle barriers to voting disparities due to race and income. She also sees a need for more civic education.

The budget for 2018-2019 was presented by Leta Bosc, chairperson of the committee. There are no longer any IRS fees for the League. The report was printed in the Voter for attendees to peruse. Also mentioned were League t-shirt for \$12. Margaret Howe-Soper moved and Cheryl Milam seconded approval of the budget plan.

The League Program for 2018-2019 was also printed in the Voter. Tom E. Bowers reported the program focus will be equity in education, health care access, Medicare for All, and fair elections. The program was approved by the attendees.

Lucille Howard presented the honorees for 50 years of League membership – Betty Chapin Rash and Thereasea D. Elder. Also recognized were out-going Board members Tom E. Bowers and Sandra Cross.

The nominating committee - Linda Levy, Tom E. Bowers, and Mary Klenz – presented the nominees for the 2018-2019 League Board. The slate was printed in the Voter and the nominees introduced. The slate was approved.

Everett Blackmon of Winning Images was recognized for being the photographer for the annual meeting.

Members of the audience directed the Board to increase the presence of the League on social media.

Beth Springston moved and Elizabeth Parker seconded that the annual meeting conclude at 8:41 p. m.

Submitted by Pam Liebman

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Nov. 8 (Tues)	ELECTION DAY 6:30 am-7:30 pm
May 7 (Tues)	League Board of Directors, 6:15 pm, League Education Center, 1817 Central Ave
May 8 (Wed)	Education Action Team, 11:30 am-3 pm, League Education Center, 1817 Central Ave.
May 14 (Tues)	District 9 Republican Primary, 6:30 am-7:30 pm
May 17-20 Fri-Sun	LWVNC convention, Chapel Hill School of Government
May 21 (Tues)	League Talk, Kathryn Schwille, 6:30 pm, League Education Center, 1817 Central Ave.
May 24 (Fri)	Environment Action Team, 11 am, League Education Center, 1817 Central Ave.
June 3 (Mon)	ERA Action Team, 6:30 pm, League Education Center, 1817 Central Ave.
June 4 (Tues)	League Board of Directors, 6:15 pm, League Education Center, 1817 Central Ave.
June 6 (Thurs)	ANNUAL MEETING, 6:30 PM, League Education Center, auditorium, 1817 Central Ave.

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