

League of Women Voters of Wichita Falls

VOTER for Annual Meeting 2009

~~~~~  
***THIS IS A SPECIAL VOTER (being sent to the League Members), and  
PREPARED FOR USE AT THE MAY 6th ANNUAL MEETING.***  
~~~~~

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING - - - MAY 6, 2009.

The Bylaws require members at the Annual Meeting to vote on, for the coming year, [1] The election of officers, directors, and 3 members of the nominating committee, [2] Adoption of a local program of action and study, [3] Adoption of an adequate budget, and [4] Any other items as directed by the Board - - - with a 30-day advanced meeting notice. The next League year is from July 1, 2009, thru June 30, 2010.

Annual Meeting Agenda

- 12:00 Call to order.
- Prior minutes.
- Treasurer's report.
- Items for Approval (for 2009-10)
 - Election of Officers
 - Program of Action & Study
 - Annual Budget
- Miscellaneous Items & Discussion
- 1:00 Adjourn.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Bylaws provide that officers & four directors are elected at the Annual Meeting for one-year terms. The new president and board may later select up to four additional directors. The three nominating committee members elected at the Annual Meeting must be non-board members. The president may appoint two additional members (from the board) to complete the five-member nominating committee. Nominations may be made from the floor, with prior approval of the nominee. The nominees for next year are as follows:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Penny Miller | President |
| Irene Lambert
& Liz Meux | co-1st Vice-presidents [program] |
| Rosemary Capps | 2nd Vice-president [organization] |
| Mike Preda | 3rd Vice-president [community relations] |
| Kaye Holland | Secretary |
| Lou Lechman | Treasurer |
| Tom Merritt | Board |
| Pan McKay | Board |
| Larry Lambert | Board |
| Cleve Pratt | Board |

And the New Nominating Committee: Marilyn Vaughn, Dolores Pratt, & Nell Lister

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Bylaws require action at the Annual Meeting on our Program of Action & Study for next year. Here are our current positions (in brief), with the Board recommendations on each of them. Also included is the recommendation by the Board for a new study.

REVIEW OF CURRENT PROGRAM POSITIONS

1. Financing City Government.

[1979] The League supports a budget process which takes into account long-range planning, budget evaluation, and encourages public input. **(2009)** The Board recommends retaining this position, with restudy, if needed, on a continuing basis.

2. Mental Health//Mental Retardation Center.

[1979 & 2002] The League supports the work of the Helen Farabee Regional Mental Health//Mental Retardation Center, with the following goals: *(a) More & better education* for the public, in order to understand & be more supportive of the mentally ill. *(b) Increased funding* from the City, County and State, as well as developing grant opportunities from Federal & public sources. *(c) Expanded services*, such as supportive housing, day care facilities & opportunity workshops for job training & employment. **(2009)** The Board recommends retaining this position.

3. Wichita Falls Public Library.

[1990 & 1996] The League supports significant improvement and upgrading of the library, including branch outlets, and a wide array of modern services. **(2009)** The Board recommends retaining this position.

4. Recycling in Wichita Falls.

[1998] The League strongly supports feasible and practical methods of recycling that the city, county, and other entities have or may begin, including curbside recycling. We support educating the public on the Three R's - - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. **(2009)** The Board recommends retaining this position, and notes that the League's Recycling Brochure is being updated on an annual basis.

5. Boards & Commissions of the City of Wichita Falls.

[2004] The League supports: *(a) Greater Awareness:* The League encourages the Times Record News to publish a series of articles on the Boards & Commissions, their history, membership, scope and need for participation, and encourages other community publications to cover this subject, also. *(b) Member Recruitment:* The League asks the City to prepare brochures for citywide distribution about the Boards & Commissions; conduct periodic publicity campaigns; and focus on those areas where membership on Boards & Commissions is low, especially in minority areas. *(c) League Participation:* The League is ready to assist in the preparation or distribution of such brochures on how to get involved in the work of these bodies, listing what they are, what they do, and how to become a member. The League also encourages its members to become participants in the Boards & Commissions process. *(d) The Environment:* The League supports expanding the purpose of Clean Community Commission to include issues of environmental awareness, in our community. **(2009)** The Board recommends retention of this position.

6. Water Resources for the City of Wichita Falls & Region B.

(2006) The League supports: *(a) Water Access:* Access to water for basic needs as a right of every citizen. *(b) Water Planning:* The League encourages Region B to consider water conservation as the primary water planning strategy for Region B; to include consideration of environmental flows in Region B water planning; to use agricultural and industrial water conservation best management practices in the Region B

water plan. **(c) Government Responsibilities:** The League asks governing entities to consider water use//availability when planning for business//municipal development; and to support public awareness//education on the issue of water conservation and the use of various incentives to encourage wise water resource use. **(d) League Participation:** The League will attend Region B Water Planning Group meetings and public hearings, and will actively lobby in support of this position; the League will actively support water conservation awareness among its members and the public at large; and the League will support consolidation of water management agencies to improve focus on this critical issue. **(2009)** The Board recommends retention of this position.

7. Ethics in the City of Wichita Falls Local Government.

(2008) The League of Women Voters of Wichita Falls supports the development and implementation of a City of Wichita Falls ethics ordinance (or Ethics Code), which contains the following elements:

(a) A description of ethics rules enforceable by the City of Wichita Falls; **(b)** The creation of an independent Ethics Review Board; **(c)** A complaint mechanism; and **(d)** An enforcement process which is appropriate.

(2009) The Board recommends retention of this position.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW PROPOSED STUDY

At our Membership Quarterly Meeting on March 27th, the following proposed New Study was approved. It will need to be considered and acted on at the Annual Meeting. A majority of the Board was present and recommends adoption of the New Study.

TITLE:

Parks & Recreation Facilities in the Wichita Falls Area.

FOCUS:

To study the different types of indoor & outdoor recreation in the Wichita Falls Area, and to determine

if such facilities are adequate for our diverse population.

SCOPE:

- 1) To see what is available in the City of Wichita Falls.
- 2) To see what is available with area lakes, parks, etc.
- 3) To determine the availability, access, & cost of using these facilities for the public.
- 4) To see if we need other venues.
- 5) To determine if there is adequate long-range planning in the Parks & Recreation area.
- 6) To determine how the League can influence the addition of new or different facilities, and further
the promotion of existing and new facilities.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Bylaws provide that an Annual Budget shall be adopted at the Annual Meeting to support the work of the League as a whole. The proposed Budget is as follows:

REVENUE.

\$2,475 Dues (45 members x \$55.00 each)
\$1,000 Contributions from members & others (estimated)
\$1,000 Needed additional Fund Raising

\$4,475 TOTAL REVENUE

~~~~~  
EXPENSE

\$1,314 Per-Member-Payment to LWV-US (45 members x \$29.20 each)  
\$ 990 Per-Member-Payment to LWV-TX (45 members x \$22.00 each)  
\$1,500 Voters Guide printing expense  
\$ 400 State Convention/Conference Expense  
\$ 271 Speaker meals & Miscellaneous

\$4,475 TOTAL EXPENSE  
~~~~~

NOTE: The per-member-payment to State & National is calculated on our February 1st membership,
and is paid quarterly through the year.

s/Larry Lambert, forwarding member.

781-3490 cell.

723-4900 office

767-7015 home