



The Voter

President's Column - May 2019

Being the President of the LWVOR is a learning experience. Recently, I joined State Director and LWVOR member, Claudia Lever, at the TN State Convention in Murfreesboro. The two-day event included a variety of activities beginning with a Saturday morning meeting of the State Board followed by an afternoon meeting of the membership. At the membership meeting, State President Marian Ott led those attending through an agenda that involved the introduction and discussion of several items including the budget, treasurer's report, program for 2019-2021 and the nominating committee report, that would be voted on at the Sunday meeting.

Following the business meeting, Dr. Mary A. Evins of the MTSU Department of History spoke on the involvement of MTSU students in voting. Data can be collected that make possible an understanding of the voting patterns of students, and there is ongoing research in this area. Mark Goins, TN Coordinator of Elections, reported on TN elections. He raised concerns about voter registrations practices in some counties and spoke in support of a bill to criminalize erroneous voter registrations forms. The LWVTN is lobbying in opposition to this bill. Lastly, there was a Round Table for local presidents to share the events of the past year and any plans for 2020 and the 100th Anniversary of the League and the 19th Amendment.

Saturday evening, we enjoyed *72 Steps*, a ballet performed by the Nashville Ballet 2. This original work celebrated the vote in Nashville that made possible the 19th Amendment. The performance was followed by a discussion with the young dancers about how they helped develop the ballet.

On Sunday morning the business meeting began with votes taken on items introduced on Saturday and followed by speakers. Jessica Vocaturo, LWV Organizer, introduced herself as the contact person for the state leagues and then described the effort to promote the District of Columbia as the 51st state. Stewart Clifton has represented LWVTN to the State Legislature for some 15 years, and he sees changes in State office holders as a time to renew efforts to have league members present as the legislators conduct the business of the State. Many in state government value the input from the League. The State Convention was adjourned at 11:30 on Sunday and Claudia and I enjoyed Spring in TN as we drove back to Oak Ridge.

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Lunch with the League



May 7: Bruce Borchers, Superintendent of Oak Ridge Schools, will present a talk on the "State of Oak Ridge Schools."

May 21: Jerry Creasey, Anderson County Commission member, presenting a personal story about the Polio Epidemic.

Lunches from the [Soup Kitchen](#) are available for \$8 on a first-come basis beginning at 11:30 a.m. The presentation begins at noon. Lunch with the League is open to the public and reservations are not required. We provide coffee, water and tea. Lunch with the League is at the [Unitarian Universalist Church](#), 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike.

Breakfast with the Legislators

This legislative session the LWV hosts Breakfast with the Legislators at 7:30 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month the Legislature is in session. As things presently stand, the Legislature will be adjourning shortly, so there will not be a BWL until it reconvenes in January 2020.

We thank the legislators for their participation, and the League Members and guests who attended.

~Dan Robbins and Charlie Hensley

LWVOR Annual Meeting & Dinner

The League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge
Annual Meeting and Dinner

Tuesday, May 28, 2019
DoubleTree Hotel Ballroom

5:00 p.m. Social Time - Cash Bar, Iced Tea
5:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet followed by
Annual Meeting

Menu

- Garden Salad
- Chicken Piccata (Gluten Free)
- Homemade Lasagna
- Wild and White Rice
- Broccoli, Mandarin Glazed Carrots
- Fruit Cobbler, Chocolate Cake, Cheesecake
- Iced Tea, Coffee, Water

Reservations required by Thursday, May 23 to
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\$30 per person, pay at the door, cash or check only

The Annual meeting of the LWVOR will be held on Tuesday, May 28th at the DoubleTree Hotel Ballroom. Social time with a cash bar begins at 5:00 p.m., with a buffet dinner at 5:30. Make your reservations by May 23 by contacting Harriett McCurdy at 865-332-6440. You may email her at: mccurdy46@hotmail.com. She will be out of town until May 13, so please contact her between then and the 23rd of the month to make reservations.

The Annual Meeting will follow the dinner. Agenda items include voting on officers and board members. Other items will include planning for the coming year, the local program and position statements. We hope to see you there, so please come and add your voice and vote to the business to be conducted.

Copies of the proposed budget and slate of officers and board members follow.

Proposed Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee has been previously obtained.

President	Harriett McCurdy
1st Vice President	vacant
2nd Vice President	Joye Montgomery
Secretary	Sue Frederick
Treasurer	Janis Williams

Director	Bill Moore (2-year term)
Director	Mary Ann Reeves (2-year term)
Director	Dan Robbins (2-year term)
Director	Christine Iversen (2 nd year of a 2-yr term)
Director	Ruby Miller (2 nd year of a 2-yr term)
Director	Abbie Moore (2 nd year of 2-yr term)

2019-2020 Nominating Committee (recruits officers for the 2019 - 2020 term.)

Fay Martin, Chair
Pete Peterson
Lucky Vogt

Submitted by the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee,

Doris Sklad, Chair
Pete Peterson
Blanche Dresner
Joye Montgomery

Nominations may also be made from the floor, providing that the person making the nomination has obtained the prior consent of the nominee.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OAK RIDGE

Proposed Budget, Fiscal Year July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Income	2019/2020-	2018/2019
A. Dues	7,670	7,740
B. Contributions		
B1 Member	2,000	1,700
B2 Non-Member		
B3 Corp.		1,500
Total A & B	\$9,670	\$10,940
C. Publication Sales		
C1 Anderson County Book		
D. Interest	150	30
E. Meals		
E1 Lunch with the League	2,550	2,000
E2 Holiday Party* (J7)	1,750	1,500
E3 Annual Meeting* (K5)	1,200	1,200
Total Meals	\$5,500	\$4,700
F. State or Other Reimbursement	800	
G. From Reserves	445	1,050
H. Misc. Income		
H1 Kroger	50	80
H2 Amazon Smiles		
Total Income	\$16,615	\$16,800

Expenses	2019-2020	2018-2019
I. Operating Expenses		
I1 Equipment		
I2 Postage		
I4 Internet website	250	200
Total Operating Exp.	\$250	\$200
J. Administrative Expenses		
J1 President	100	150
J2 Board Fees & Supplies	250	300
J3 Finance Drive		75
J4 Membership	100	100
J5 Leadership Development		
J6 Directory	350	350
J7 Holiday Party* (E2)	1,400	1,400
J9 Public Relations	250	200
J10 Sitter		
Total Administrative	\$2,450	\$2,575

Expenses (cont.)	2019-2020	2018-2019
K. Meetings/Travel		
K1 State/County Convention	400	400
K2 Legislative Days		
K3 Fall Conference	50	50
K4 National Meetings**	1,400	1,400
K5 Annual Meeting (E3)	1,100	1,100
K6 Workshops	50	50
K7 Affiliations		300
K8 Program Planning		
Total Meetings/Travel	\$3,000	\$3,300
L. LWV Support		
L1 State PMP	2,331	2,322
L2 National PMP**	2,914*	2,903
Total LWV Support	\$5,245	\$5,225
M. VOTER		
M1 VOTER Postage	400	550
M2 VOTER Printing	800	800
Total Voter	\$1,200	\$1,350
N. Education		
N1 Publication	50	-
N3 Resource Committees	50	50
N4 Lunch w/League	3,570	3,300
N5 Voters Service	400	400
N6 Breakfast w/Legislators	400	400
N7 Workshops		
N8 Great Decisions*		
Total Education	\$4,470	\$4,150
O. Position Support		
O1 Action		
O2 Tax Reform		
Total Position Support		
P. Misc. Expenses		
Naturalization Ceremonies		
Total Expenses	\$16,615	\$16,800

*Denotes items offset by an income of a nearly equivalent amount.

**25% of National PMP (Per Member Payment) is paid with Ed Fund money that does not flow through our bank account. Actual total amount due is \$3,885.



Observer Corps

LWVOR members attend meetings and report their observations of the meeting they attend. These notes are not official minutes. Contact the specific committee for official information. Longer versions of some of these reports may be posted on our website.

Anderson County Commission

Regular Meeting, April 15, 2019

Chair Tracy Wandell called the meeting to order. All sixteen commissioners were present.

Manager Brent Galloway of Windrock Park in Oliver Springs described how much the subsidiary of Coal Creek Mining contributes the economy of Anderson County. He reported that in 2018, there were 143,000 visitor days, 49% from out-of-state, generating \$2.65 million in tax revenue.

The Commission approved an EMS request to move money from elsewhere in their budget into the linen fund. Commissioners Scott, Yager, and Waddell voted against. Commissioners Wandell and Fritts had a sharp exchange over EMS funding. Commissioner Fritts noted that some commissioners questioned every EMS expenditure while voting for similar expenditures from other departments without hesitation. Commissioner Wandell countered that it is the duty of commissioners to question and that as long as they did it in a courteous manner one should not object.

Dr. Parrott, Director of Schools, reported that he is working with realtors and the Chamber to inform potential homebuyers of the strength of the local schools. Dr. Parrott is chair of the 16 member Ethics Committee. He asked the Commission to approve the revised County ethics policy. Commissioner Creasey objected to the changes. He had worked hard on the current version and felt that the new policy was weaker. The Commission sent the issue to the Operations Committee.

The building at 205 Main, purchased for the Senior Center for \$600,000, was offered for sale for more than a month. Only one \$300,000 bid was received. Auctioneer Bear Stephenson would like a chance to sell the building for more. He would hold a public auction, with no minimum bid, and the Commission would have right to refuse the highest bid. The Commission voted to let him try, with Commission Jamison the only vote against.

The Commission passed a resolution asking TVA to postpone the decision to close Bull Run for 90 days.

~Willa Reister, Observer

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Regular Meeting, April 11, 2019

Members Present: Brad Spears, Ray Garrett, David Kitzmiller, Melissa McMahan, Dan Robbins.

Absent: Naomi Asher, Mark Cantrell, Ken Rueter, Jerry Williams. Staff Member Present: Jon Hetrick

Topics of Discussion

1. Letter of support for a trail system in the greenbelt east of California Ave: Surveys were sent to neighborhood households soliciting comments on the proposed trail. All feedback was positive with the exception of two surveys. A draft letter to the Oak Ridge City Council was reviewed showing Recreation & Parks Board support for the greenbelt. Additional items discussed will be added to the letter and be presented for approval at the May meeting.
2. Rails to Trails: TDOT review of the proposed trail is nearly complete. After TDOT review the design stage of the project will commence. A public meeting will be held in the fall of 2019 for public comment on the project.
3. Oak Ridge City Blueprint: The board will review the approved City Blueprint for integration to future capitol projects.
4. Secret City Festival: Headline concerts will be Loverboy and .38 Special. Volunteers are needed for the June 7-8 event.
5. Integrated Natural Asset Development: A public event will be held on Wednesday April 17th at Melton Lake Marina to announce the Natural Asset Program.
6. East Fork Riparian (formerly Poplar Creek) Trail: Saturday April 13th is scheduled for work on the trail. Ray Garrett announced that the trail should be usable with the exception of needed bridges after this day's work is completed.
7. Oak Ridge Senior Center: Work is on schedule for a Fall 2019 opening date.
8. Recreation and Parks staff additions: Oak Ridge hired two new staff members for the position of Crew Chief.
9. Blankenship Field improvements: New turf has been laid, although the stadium continues to be a work site as other items are still in progress. The field will be ready for the graduation ceremony.

~John Jaruzel Observer

Stewart Clifton Updates

To receive email updates from the state League lobbyist Stewart Clifton, send an email with your request to him at QA@LWVTN.org.

League Resources

Oak Ridge: <http://lwvoakridge.org/index.html>

Knoxville: <https://my.lwv.org/tennessee/knoxvilleknox-county>

Chattanooga: <https://lwvchattanooga.wordpress.com/>

State: <https://www.lwv.org/local-leagues/lwv-Tennessee>

National: <https://www.lwv.org>



Membership Notes

New Member

We are pleased to welcome our newest member, Marjorie Lloyd. She is an active member of the Highland View Neighborhood Watch, as well as other civic activities. Welcome to the LWVOR, Marjorie. We look forward to having you as an active and valued member of the League.

Please contact Janis Williams, 483-1219 or J.Wymer.Williams@gmail.com, with membership corrections and updates.

Advocates for Democracy is a new program that recognizes donors of \$50 or more to LWVOR. The listing will be published in the Voter and on our website.

Advocates For Democracy

The League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge would like to recognize and thank the following people for their contributions to the Oak Ridge League and is delighted to include them in our Advocates for Democracy.

- Marti Adler-Jasny
- Charles & Marion Burger
- Mary Lou Daugherty
- Al Denny
- Margaret Dory
- Sue Ekkebus
- Norbert Grant
- Edith Halbert
- Emily & Charlie Jernigan
- Mary Ellen & Eph Klots
- Barbara Landau
- Denise Lay
- Thelma & Joe McGrory
- Joye Montgomery
- Barbara Moon
- Lester & Pat Petrie
- Mimi Rosenthal
- Bob & Carol Smallridge
- Betsy Smith
- Ellen Smith
- Barbara Walker
- Pat Worsham

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If Oak Ridge Schools are closed due to weather, League meetings that day are cancelled. If they are simply delayed, we will hold meetings as scheduled. However, please be safe and use your best judgment.

Calendar

May

- 7 Lunch with the League*** 11:45, lunch; 12–1. Speaker: Bruce Borchers, Superintendent of Oak Ridge Schools. Topic: “State of Oak Ridge Schools.”
- 14 Board Meeting*** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 21 Lunch with the League*** 11:45, lunch; 12–1. Speaker: Jerry Creasy, Anderson County Commissioner. Topic: “A Personal Story About the Polio Epidemic.”
- 23 RSVP for Annual Meeting** Last day to RSVP for Annual Meeting. Contact Harriett McCurdy: 865-332-6440 or mccurdy46@hotmail.com.
- 28 Annual Meeting and Dinner** DoubleTree Hotel. 5:00 p.m. Social Time, 5:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet, followed by Annual Meeting.

* Unless otherwise specified, Lunch with the League is at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike at Laboratory Road. Board Meetings are in the Main Conference Room, UT Resource Center, Rutgers Ave. at the Turnpike.