



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OXFORD, OHIO

Call to Local Convention

The 2017 Convention of the League of Women Voters of Oxford will begin our 64th year of service and action. This packet contains annual reports of LWVOx activities as well as the Education Fund annual budget.

The proposed General Fund budget, local program material, and other items are included for distribution 30 days prior to the convention in compliance with our bylaws.

**Please review this information and bring it with you
to the 64th Local Convention**

Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

**At Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
25 E. Walnut St., Oxford, Ohio**

Meeting will be held in the undercroft, enter via Poplar St. door
or Walnut St. front ramp entrance for elevator accessibility.

League of Woman Voters of Oxford, Ohio, Proposed Convention Rules

Following the adoption of the order of Business, the Convention decides the special rules not covered by the Bylaws or Roberts Rules of Order by which it will be governed. Adopting these rules requires a two-third vote; amending them, a simple majority is required. Any changes made in the rules later in the convention require a two-thirds vote.

DELEGATE: Individuals with currently paid memberships in the LWVOx shall be voting delegates.

TO GAIN THE FLOOR: When addressing the Chair to gain the floor, a delegate shall stand and clearly state his/her name.

VOTING: Voting shall be by voice, standing vote, or show of hands.

ADOPTING THE LOCAL PROGRAM FOR THE COMING YEAR

I. Presenting items for adoption:

A. Written position statements for all existing local items will be found in the convention packet. Please familiarize yourself with them as they will not be read aloud, in the interest of streamlining our procedures. Time will be given to review them as they are presented. Clarifying questions will be welcomed.

B. Proposed new local items recommended by the Board will also be found herein. These will be read, along with the Board's rationale for recommending them. Questions for clarification will then be in order.

C. As no other items were presented to the Board by the deadline specified in the Bylaws, there are no new non-recommended items before this Convention.

II. Debating items for adoption:

A. When all proposals are before the members, the chair will allocate specified time for debate (3 minutes per speaker), and will try to give equal time to each item, and to pro and con arguments on each side.

B. Items will be debated in order presented.

C. Amendments within the scope of the item may be presented and voted on at this time. An amendment may clarify an item but may not enlarge it or change its direction or main thought.

The Chair rules whether an amendment is "germane."

III. Voting on items for adoption: A majority vote is required and items will be voted on in order of presentation. No further debate on substance is permitted during the voting process.

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER – Co-President for Organization, Sibyl Harris Miller, Presiding

ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION

Introduction of Parliamentarian
Appointment of readers for Convention minutes, as needed
Adoption of Local Convention Rules, Acceptance of Agenda

MINUTES OF 2016 CONVENTION – To be distributed

ANNUAL REPORTS

Co-President for Organization – Sibyl Harris Miller
Membership – Sally Southard, Director
Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) – Sally Southard, Director
Communication/Publicity – Toni Saldivar, Director
Observer Corps – Jane Fryman, Director
Program – Sandi Woy-Hazleton, Co-President for Program
Voter Services – Prue Dana, Co-President for Voter Services

FINANCE-RELATED REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

2017-18 FUND DRIVE – Sibyl Harris Miller, Co-President for Organization
TREASURER'S REPORT, 2016-17 – Ginny Scott, Treasurer
BUDGET REPORTS – Ginny Scott, Treasurer
Presentation of Proposed 2017-18 budget: General Fund
Discussion
Adoption
Presentation of Proposed 2017-18 budget: Education Fund
Discussion
Adoption

REVIEW OF LWVOx POSITIONS – Co-Presidents Sandi Woy-Hazleton and Prue Dana

Local Program Positions – No new proposals or changes recommended at this time
Responses to State League – Primary Election Study and support of Charter School Study
Our Priority State concern – Ohio Congressional Redistricting

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – Harv Roehling, Chair

Nominations from the floor
Elections to positions
Appointments to non-elected positions

NEW BUSINESS – Member direction to the Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT

Report of Co-President Sibyl Harris Miller

As I conclude my first year as Co-President for Organization of our LWVOx, I see that we have much to celebrate about our energetic and meaningful work during this pivotal Presidential Election year. Under the excellent leadership of my Co-President for Voter Services, Prue Dana, we were a highly visible force in voter registration and education, empowering community residents and students to vote, often for the first time! Partnering with the NAACP of Oxford, and other groups, we spent many hours in promoting voting and voting rights throughout SW Ohio. Our members, dressed in Suffragette garb, marched in solidarity with other women at various community events. Our League continues to be the "go-to" organization for voter education and non-partisan "good government" activism in Oxford and surrounding areas.

Our Co-President for Programs, Sandi Woy-Hazleton, provided highly relevant and well attended programs for our members and the wider community on topics that captured our interests in local issues, holding up the League as the lead organization for local civic engagement. We had seven events, not including the Convention, and eight open Board meetings, that many of our members and community members attended. Our observer corps, coordinated by Jane Fryman, kept us in constant awareness of local governmental bodies, enhancing our influence and visibility in subtle, but valuable, ways.

Our Membership Director, Sally Southard, and her team worked hard to find new ways to engage our members and attract and retain new members. Sally has given me much expert support and invaluable assistance in growing into my new position as Co-President. I am so grateful to her for all she has done for our League over so many years! Toni Saldivar, our Communications Director, has brought a targeted effort to expand and clarify our message throughout the area. Working with her, Jacque Rioja Velarde has amped up our Facebook presence, and Stacey Peterson has streamlined and maintained our website in a way that furthers our mission of "Making Democracy Work!" With the highly professional efforts of Alice Laatsch, we continue to receive The Voter, our very informative newsletter. With all these members working together, our external and internal communications continue to expand our profile and our cohesiveness.

Our Secretary, Sandy Drewes, composes excellent and timely minutes of Board Meetings and provides valuable guidance and good cheer at all those meetings, and our Treasurer, Ginny Scott, maintains our financial activities in a thorough and highly effective manner. Our Nominating Committee Chair, Harv Roehling, identifies members for leadership positions, enhancing the strength of our team; thus, our League is stable and well positioned to ratchet up its energy toward moving our Mission forward.

What should the LWVOx be doing in 2017-18 to promote our mission of making democracy work? This is an especially propitious moment for us, and we need to build on that advantage: The view of the League around the country as a major player in civic life is being revitalized as a result of our high-profile activities and positions during the 2016 election. Younger women in particular are seeing the League as a powerful voice for women's political action and education; a non-partisan, ethical organization, with high prestige, thoughtful approaches, and fearless positions, on issues of importance to women and families. We need to capture that growing recognition here in Oxford, finding ways to reach new groups as potential members and

supporters. And we are, in fact, doing that in demonstrable ways. We are, after all, now a mainstream American institution with a long history, but one with a mission that was once, and even still is, quite radical – votes for women, women in all spheres of public life, empowered women! Let us each reach out to others to show them that their involvement in the LWVOx will be rewarding, worthwhile, engaging, and probably even "radical," given the current vigilance needed to "Make Democracy Work!" And that, LWVOx, IS our mission.

Membership Report

Despite increasing annual dues* at the April 2016 Local Convention in order to cover the cost of state and national payments per member, our total membership remains strong: FY2014-15 was 80; FY2015-16 was 84; our current membership FY2016-17 is 83.

Three new members joined our League and three requested reinstatement. With sorrow, we lost four active members including two students. We celebrate that six women are Honorary (50 years) Life Members including former President Pat Gump who joined the League in 1966.

Dues each fiscal year which is July 1-June 30 can be paid early at the Annual Spring Local Convention; all memberships expire June 30. Our bylaws read that a member whose dues are not paid by November 1 is removed from the Active Roster and transferred to the Inactive Roster of the LWVUS, LWVO, and LWVOx.

Sally Southard, Membership Chair of Organization, and Judy Rymer, Membership Chair of Hospitality and Logistics, and their committee of Pat Gifford, Rosie Pelphrey, Linda Simmons, and Linda Williams have been assisting meeting setups, providing refreshments, and encouraging interested persons to become involved in the League. Over coffee or tea, we meet individually with new and reinstated League members welcoming her/him, talking with a notebook prepared to introduce them to the League of today, and asking their interests.

We work with the Membership and Leadership Development Team to incorporate best practices. Initiating a survey of the membership at the Local Convention and beyond, we worked with the Board to suggest programs and meetings at different times to better match membership interests and needs. With Board encouragement, we initiated all Oxford League members to receive email newsletters and Alerts from the LWVO (no extra cost – another benefit of LWVO dues). (Please inform me either if you are not receiving these monthly LWVO contacts or wishing help to “unsubscribe.”)

Speak with one of us if you, too, would like to be a committee member.

– Sally Southard, Membership Director

*Annual individual dues increased from \$45 to \$60; household dues from \$75 to \$100; student dues per semester from \$10 to \$15.

Membership and Leadership Development Program Report

One of the great benefits of our dues paid to the State and National League is the Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) Program. Two of our four team members have participated in an initial two-day Columbus training funded by the LWVO. Our Oxford League team – Sibyl Miller, Marcia Waller, Linda Williams, and Sally Southard – participate in a monthly conference call with our MLD trained coach, Deb Peluso, of the Columbus, Ohio, League, whose profession is strategic planning. Highlights of each call are reported at the monthly Board meetings.

Retiring this year are Marcia Waller and Sally Southard; Sibyl Miller will become MLD Team Coordinator. The Board will be appointing replacements to the four-person team.

Designed by the LWVUS to attract women and men who seek to grow their leadership skills and opportunities, the MLD Program seeks to be “intentional” for the League to be a growing, engaged, diverse organization to “Make Democracy Work!” in 21st century America.

Speak to me or Sibyl if you would like to become a team member in the future.

– Sally Southard, MLD Team Coordinator

Communications/Publicity Report

Toni Saldivar, Director of Publicity
Jacqueline Rioja Velarde, Facebook Administrator
Stacey Peterson, Website Administrator

Workshop for LWVOx members:

We started the 2016-2017 year in July 13 with a workshop led by the Communications Committee to encourage League members to access and utilize our League’s Facebook and Website as sources of information. The workshop was designed for members who were not familiar with these forms of social media which help us communicate League activities. We made a good start, but the Publicity Committee recommends more sessions and more time for those who would like this help.

Facebook: Jacqueline Rioja Velarde

We have enhanced our Facebook page to provide timely, important information to a wider community. We have added photos, video, and colorful images that spark interest in events sponsored and supported by the League.

Website: Stacey Peterson

Site traffic continues to increase with an average of well over 4,000 page views per month in the last year. As expected, November 2016 saw a traffic surge with nearly 5,300 page views. Traffic was surprisingly high in early 2016 as well, with well over 5,500 page views in both February and March 2016. However, no month has come close to the nearly 9,200 page views the site saw in October 2015, a number that was probably driven by local election issues.

The website would benefit greatly from an upgrade that would put news and upcoming events on the opening page rather than forcing visitors to click through to find this information. It also would benefit from more up-to-date security features. The League Easy Web platform is supposed to be upgraded in 2017 with enhanced features. However, those new features are expected to cost the individual chapters more. No information is available yet on the exact features and pricing.

Publicity using other media: Toni Saldivar

Announcements of the LWVOx Sept. 21, 2016, program, a Town Hall Meeting titled "How do we find out what is happening in our community," appeared on our Facebook page and website calendar, with a longer article sent to *the Oxford Press*. Announcements also were sent to the following digital media: Oxford Village Network (OVN) listserv, Oxford Visitor's Bureau Community Calendar, Talawanda School District via public affairs administrator Holli Morrish, and the City of Oxford website. We distributed flyers to the Oxford Lane Library, Oxford Seniors, Visitor's Bureau Kiosk, Oxford Community Arts Center, Moon Co-Op, The Knolls of Oxford, Kona Bistro, and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church undercroft where the meeting was held.

The well-organized and well attended town hall generated energy and ideas for improving communication in the Oxford area. Ten panelists from various media and local government made clear there is an abundance of communication in the Oxford area but little coordination among the various sources.

Exploration of ways to coordinate and enhance information delivery

This topic was the focus of a Dec. 9, 2016, meeting of LWVOx representatives Sandi Woy-Hazleton (Co-President for Program) and Toni Saldivar (Director of Publicity), Catherine Hollins, Chair of OVN's Communication Committee, and Jessica Greene, Director of the Oxford Visitors Bureau. The Visitors Bureau with its new name Enjoy Oxford now targets not only visitors but residents with a monthly email to highlight events. The new format of the Community Calendar on the Enjoy Oxford website (enjoyoxford.org) allows for more information and easier access to information. We see great potential here for a centralized source of coordinated information for the Oxford area community.

The previously named information outlets and means with the addition of the Miami-Oxford digital newspaper PATCH, a timely (and daily) source of local news produced by Miami University journalism students, were used to publicize subsequent League programs. Those programs included Candidates Forum (October 5), Brown Bag Lunch "Analysis of an Elections" (November 14), and reception of newly elected local officials (December 7); a Public Forum on Special Education in Public Schools (January 18) and another Public Forum on the Oxford Area Trail Systems (March 15).

Feature articles in the *Oxford Press*

Two “League Looks At” articles were published in the *Oxford Press*, both written by Toni Saldivar.

1) “League of Women Voters of Oxford continues its role in the Community,” Sept. 11, 2016: A3.

2) “The League Looks at the Myammia: Miami’s Daryl Baldwin Receives Macarthur Genius Grant.” Nov. 6, 2016: A4. This article highlighted not only Baldwin, but also League member and artist Marcia Waller whose exhibit of paintings at the OCAC was inspired by her visit to the Miami Tribe headquarters in Miami, Oklahoma.

The Communication/Publicity Committee commends Alice Laatsch, for her excellent work as editor and publisher of the League's periodic newsletter, *The Voter*, which most members receive digitally via an email attachment. *The Voter* is a key element in our internal information sharing, but this publication also has a wider impact because it can be accessed by anyone on the LWVOx public website.

– Toni Saldivar, Director of Publicity

Observer Corps Report

This year we have had three observers. Prue Dana has been observing Oxford City Council, Jane Fryman has observed Oxford Township Trustees, and Anna Kelly has observed the Talawanda School District Board meetings. Reports are listed on the members-only LWVOx site. Minutes of the meetings also can be found at the websites of each of the governmental organizations. If you are curious about observing for the League, call us, as we would like to have a fellow member attend.

– Jane Fryman, Observer Corps Director

2016-2017 Program Report

Our first meeting of the year was held on Sept. 21, 2016, when we sponsored a **Town Hall Meeting**: “Communication in Our Town: How do we find out ‘What is Happening?’” Having recognized the difficulties in advertising organizational, church, recreational, and community events in the last few years as the *Oxford Press* has diminished in its relevance, usefulness, and subscription base, we brought together 10 panelists to provide a wide-ranging discussion of this important issue. They were: Bob Ratterman, Correspondent for Hamilton’s *Journal-News*; Kelsey Kimber, Eaton’s *The Register-Herald*; James Steinbauer, Editor, *The Miami Student*; Annie-Laurie Blair, Professor of Journalism, Miami University; Jessica Greene, Executive Director, Oxford Visitors Bureau; John Skillings, Vice President, Oxford Community Foundation; Kelli Riggs, President, Oxford Chamber of Commerce; Joan Potter-Sommer, Executive Director, Oxford Seniors; Holli Morrish, Director of Communications and Public Engagement,

Talawanda School District; and Doug Elliott, City Manager, City of Oxford. This meeting was very well attended with 51 members and guests. We will continue to follow developments on this issue.

On Oct. 5, 2016, the League sponsored the **Candidates Forum** at The Knolls. Following last year's success, we once again used the format of informal, round-table, small group discussions. There were fewer candidates in attendance, but those who participated thought it was quite worthwhile.

On Nov. 14, 2016, the LWV hosted a **noon meeting** at Patterson Place on Miami University's Western Campus. The topic was "Reflections on the Election" with guest panelists, Dr. Juddi Trent and Dr. Christopher Kelley. Dr. Trent provided her reflections on the recent campaign from her long-term research interest in the characteristics that voters look for in candidates and the rhetoric used in the campaign. Dr. Kelley, who teaches American government in Miami University's Political Science Department, discussed the vagaries of polling, the role of the media in highlighting some stories over others, and the impact of gerrymandered districts on electoral college results vs. the popular vote. Members in attendance numbered 15.

Our **reception** for the newly elected local officials took place on Dec. 7, 2016, at the Oxford Community Arts Center. We had seven local officials in attendance and more than 30 members and guests.

On Jan. 18, 2017, at Talawanda High School's Performing Arts Center, the League sponsored a **Public Forum on "The Evolution of Special Education Services in Our Public Schools."** The presentation was made by two people with expert knowledge of the services and challenges faced by students, parents, and teachers in the Talawanda School District: Lori Brown, Student Services Coordinator for the Talawanda School District, and Ashley Johnson, Clinical Faculty member of the Department of Educational Psychology at Miami and sponsor of the "Best Buddies." We had a very good turnout of 35; 17 of them were guests. After the event, we received requests to follow up with more attention to this topic in the future.

On March 15, 2017, we held our final public program of the year. To discuss "Land Use Planning: Parks, Trails, and Recreation," we had four panelists: Mark Boardman, Board Chair, Three Valley Conservation Trust (TVCT); Donna McCollum, TVCT Board Member, Ruder Preserve Committee Chair; Jessica Greene, Executive Director, Oxford Visitors Bureau; and Jason Shamblin, Deputy Director, MetroParks of Butler County. There were 29 members and guests in attendance.

Program Planning

On Feb. 11, 2017, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church from 10:30 am-12:00 p.m., our membership engaged in planning our program for the coming year. As President Sibyl Miller noted, "Our deliberation process is true grassroots democracy – messy, energized, and effective!" We had three groups, each dealing with a different focus: Government, Social Policy, and Natural Resources. In each group, approximately 10 participants reviewed local and state positions to identify those that needed to be dropped or modified, and issues that needed to be addressed with new studies.

No positions were suggested to be dropped at the local or state level. Issues of local concern that need to be followed include: ensuring inclusive community-building, especially for young families; filling the void in community-wide communications; and ensuring ground water safety. Attention locally should be paid to the presence of atrazine in our water and the desire to have the levels reported in the city's information sent to citizens. We should also become more informed about the condition of the pipes that transport water to our homes, and the presence of lead should be monitored in homes and schools.

State issues that demand attention include fair redistricting, especially of Congressional districts in Ohio; fair funding for public schools (and reviewing the accountability and effectiveness of Charter Schools) in Ohio. In terms of natural resources, we should monitor fracking and its consequences throughout the state and support the maintenance of the renewable energy portfolio for the state.

Our League joined with the Leagues in Hudson, Ohio, and Cincinnati to ask the State League to support a study of Charter Schools in Ohio.

Report on Consensus, submitted Jan. 18, 2017

At the Jan. 11, 2017, Board Meeting of the LWVOx, we conducted a Consensus Process on the **LWV Ohio Primary Election Systems Study**. Using the information provided by the Study Committee in a PowerPoint presentation and discussion of participants, we answered the four questions posed. We agreed that the MORE important purpose of primary elections was to allow political parties to choose their nominees, rather than allow all voters to narrow the field of candidates. This consensus was reached with the understanding that the primary system was created FOR political parties. We realize that our system has evolved to the point, perhaps, that the parties are very weak, citizens do not participate in these elections, and they are often seen by the election boards as very expensive efforts. It was felt, however, that the role of parties could/should be strengthened, citizens could and should be educated, and Boards of Elections should coordinate the timing of elections to be the most cost efficient.

This response was, however, dependent upon the level of government involved. The consensus of our group was that while partisan considerations were more important and appropriate at the state and federal levels, non-partisan elections would be appropriate at the county-wide and local levels,

Another question asked was what were the "principles" that a good primary election system should encourage. Again, a philosophical difficulty arises when trying to differentiate between a primary and a general election. Primaries supposedly exist to determine a political party's nominees, so while increasing participation and voter education may be possible, enfranchising those with no voice, and strengthening third parties, or lessening partisan polarization do not seem possible objectives.

With regard to Ohio's current system, it was felt by the participants that the "semi-closed" system is an example of how the theoretical purpose of the event has been actually undermined in practice. A primary is either "open" or "closed" – the random, non-uniform implementation of these regulations state-wide is pretty appalling. Our participants decided that Ohio should straight-forwardly choose a closed, partisan primary, in which only registered members of the political party could vote on that ballot (with registration being

possible to change with the same time frame as registration in general) for state-wide general elections. They also felt that at the local and county levels a “non-partisan” general election would be appropriate, with the possibility of a runoff election if no candidate received the majority of the votes.

– *Sandi Woy-Hazleton, Co-President for Program*

2016-2017 Voter Services Report

Whew!!! I cannot remember an election season like this. We can be proud of the fact that we worked seamlessly with publicity and program to register and inform well over 200 voters. The Oxford League partnered with NAACP, Miami University, College Dems and College Republicans, and importantly with the Board of Elections and with Cox media to register Voters. We created VOTE411 for our district and produced an up-to-date Voter Information Guide. It began with the Independence Day Parade, and it did not cease until Election Day, Nov. 8, 2016.

Thanks goes to Becky Quay the go-to person for registration forms and information. Thanks to members who volunteered for all the coverage at events. A special thanks to Rhonda Jackson who took care of the Voter Guide on campus.

As we approached the 30-day Oct. 11, 2016, cutoff for voting in the November 8 election, all we “had to do” was encourage all those new registrations and old registrations to VOTE. And vote they did. We found Miami University students prepared and knowledgeable about voting.

I think a discussion of the Voter Guide is in order. You will notice that issue is much more “meaty” than in years past. This is due to the State League giving us additional questions and our funding of a bigger Voters Guide. When this duplicates what is online with the Vote411, it may not be worth the effort. However, we had very good cooperation with the *Journal-News* Cox Media and the design of the Voter Information Guide.

The Candidate Forum also needs to be reviewed. We had only five candidates come this year. Many of the 13 to 15 in our area were running unopposed. Yet I think we made those candidates really work with our “Speed Candidacy,” and people who attended learned a lot. This style of Forum is much less labor intensive and very easy to organize. Forty-five people attended the Forum. Your feedback is welcome.

The Government Services Directory was updated, folded, and distributed in record time; 1,500 copies are about half out now. Thank you to Sandi Drewes, Carol Hennesy, City Offices, School Board Offices, and all who did the physical update. We printed the 2017 version on larger paper and added more white space. Heather, from Letterman did all the corrections.

Thank you to the entire League.

Kids Voting

Kids Voting is the emphasis now. We have seven schools involved and look forward to the active participation of the Talawanda School System, McGuffey Montessori School, and Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School for 2017. The Voter Information Guide is critical to our program, as we know it.

– Prue Dana, Co-President for Voter Services

Treasurer's Report

LWVOx Education Fund 2016-2017

Education Fund	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget
Income		
Miscellaneous Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Members	\$500.00	\$1,400.00
Non-Members	\$0.00	\$800.00
State	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$500.00	\$2,200.00
Other Income		
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00
Check Acct/ Transfer from reserves	\$0.00	\$320.00
From Cash on Hand	\$2,510.00	\$0.00.00
Subtotal	\$2,510.00	\$320.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,010.00	\$2,520.00
Expenses		
Operating Costs		
Admin/Audit	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voter Services		
Purchases (411)	\$300.00	\$300.00
Food OCAC Event	\$90.00	\$0.00
Printing	\$240.00	\$20.00
Subtotal	\$630.00	\$320.00

Voter Information		
Govt Services Dir.	\$500.00	\$200.00
Kids Voting	\$250.00	\$500.00
VIG	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Cand Forum	\$30.00	\$0.00
Special Programs	\$100.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$2,380.00	\$700.00
PMP25%OH	\$0.00	\$350.00
PMP50%US	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,010.00	\$2,520.00

LWVOx General Fund 2017-2018

General Fund	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget
Income		
Dues	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Contributions		
Non-Members	\$50.00	\$600.00
Members	\$450.00	\$600.00
In-kind	\$250.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$750.00	\$1,200.00
From Cash on Hand	\$1,676.00	\$1,005.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,926.00	\$5,705.00
Expenses		
Operating Costs		
General Supplies	\$0.00	\$75.00
Audit	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
PO Box	\$66.00	\$70.00
Subtotal	\$66.00	\$145.00

Board Admin Costs		
President	\$50.00	
Secretary	\$0.00	
Treasurer	\$0.00	
Copies/printing	\$500.00	\$50.00
Subtotal	\$550.00	\$50.00
Admin Committees		
Membership/Social	\$100.00	\$150.00
Program/Social	\$100.00	\$200.00
Program Planning Social Event	\$100.00	\$150.00
Public Relations/Publicity	\$300.00	\$300.00
Subtotal	\$600.00	\$800.00
Meetings/Affiliations		
Conventions		
National	\$0.00	\$500.00
State	\$250.00	
Local	\$50.00	
Councils		
National	\$0.00	
State	\$0.00	
Workshops	\$0.00	
Subtotal	\$300.00	\$500.00
Financial Support of League		
PMP - National	\$2,200.00	\$2,300.00
PMP - State	\$1,600.00	\$1,400.00
Subtotal	\$3,800.00	\$3,700.00
Communications		
Voter	\$60.00	\$60.00
Website	\$200.00	\$450.00
Subtotal	\$260.00	\$510.00
Position Activities	\$300.00	
Studies/Programs	\$50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,926.00	\$5,705.00

– Ginny Scott, Treasurer

League of Women Voters of Oxford

Local Program Positions

Approved April 2015

GOVERNMENT

Support of the HOME RULE CHARTER for the City of Oxford (1963).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE: Support of sound fiscal policies and practices for the City of Oxford that: provide for the basic needs of the citizens; are based on a mix of progressive and regressive revenues and rational expenditures; allow revenue sources to be earmarked; promote user fees which are more consistent with actual cost; encourage the State of Ohio to reimburse the city for the actual cost of services provided to Miami University; allow for the use of incentives to entice business; and include the school district in the tax abatement process (1990).

Support the use of PREFERENCE VOTING for Oxford City Council and Talawanda City School District elections (1997).

SOCIAL POLICY

Support of AN EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL REMODELING AND BUILDING PROGRAM where educational goals can be maintained with teachers, parents and taxpayers involved in the planning (1985).

Support of a HIGH DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL EDUCATION BASED ON FLEXIBLE BLEND OF STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING, supplemented with federal funding. This means that: Additional local, state and federal support for education means that citizens must support additional taxation; Federal money for specific programs which meet local needs should be encouraged (1978); and Revise the school funding formula according to the decisions of the Ohio Supreme Court (2005).

Support LIBRARY FACILITIES AND SERVICE in the City of Oxford and the Talawanda School District (1970; amended 2005).

Support of an effective RECREATION AND PARKS PROGRAM including: Specific delineation of the duties and responsibilities of the Recreation Board; Long-range recreation planning; a capital improvements fund for recreation; and Cooperation with groups involved with recreation in the Talawanda School District (1975).

Support for the SENIOR CITIZENS AND COMMUNITY CENTER for the provision of services and activities to older citizens in the Oxford area financed by public and private funding (1979, amended 1982).

Support of LOCAL, CONSISTENT TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ELDERLY AND/OR DISABLED in the Oxford area financed by public and private funding (1979; amended 2010, 2013, 2015)

Support of HUMAN SERVICES, especially children's services, for Butler County and the Oxford community through both public and private agencies; support of services for children and their families, including: (a) professional diagnosis of social, learning, medical and psychological/psychiatric disabilities, and (b) innovation and coordination of quality programs for protection, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, including temporary care (1986).

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION: Support of environmentally responsible approaches in and around Oxford for self-supporting management of cars, creation of bicycle paths, improved sidewalk or pedestrian access, and public transportation. Such approaches would consider: the creation of a parking authority to operate and finance parking; a master bike plan –safe, designated and integrated with other systems, proper bicycle education about safe riding behavior and the use of safety helmets, and cost of existing public transportation and alternative services for test populations (1997; amended 2005, 2010, 2013).

Support CITY PLANS TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY OF HOUSING for low & moderate households. Increase housing options for: seniors, the disabled, first-time home buyers, residents who live in substandard housing, and households that earn their living in Oxford. Promote a variety of housing styles and types for rent and for purchase that are integrated within the community. Support strategies including: public and private partnerships and grants, development agreements, rehabilitation, fee waivers, density bonuses, and an affordable housing trust fund (2005, 2013, 2015).

NATURAL RESOURCES

Support of policies and practices that are environmentally current, economically feasible and in regulatory compliance. Support inter-jurisdictional solutions, arrived at with public input and sustained by an informed public for natural resource management in the following areas:

WATER: Maintain high quality water supply through conservation and facility maintenance.

SOLID WASTE: Promote reducing, reusing and recycling of solid waste.

LAND USE: Encourage green space and conservation development. Require an impact study for all annexation requests and land use plans. Annex land that the city now provides with city services (2014, 2015).

ENERGY: Support of locally initiated community-based collaborative projects for energy conservation (2013).

LWVOx Officers and Board Members, 2016-2017

Co-President for Organization – Sibyl Harris Miller

Co-President for Voter Services – Prue Dana

Co-President for Program – Sandi Woy-Hazleton

Secretary – Sandy Drewes

Treasurer – Ginny Scott

Director of Membership – Sally Southard

Director of Communications – Toni Saldivar

Director of Observer Corps – Jane Fryman

Directors of Portfolios:

Government – Steve Dana

Natural Resources – Cathryn Loucas

Social Policy – Pat Willeke

International – Warren Mason

Other Elected Positions (Off-Board)

Nominating Committee – Harv Roehling, Chair

With Steve Gordon, Kathy McMahon-Klosterman, and two members appointed from the Board

Appointed Positions (Off-Board)

Facebook Administrator – Jacqueline Rioja Velarde

Website Administrator – Stacey Peterson

VOTER editor/publisher – Alice Laatsch

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Co-President for Voter Services – Prue Dana, 2017-2018

Directors of portfolios, 2017-2019

International – Warren Mason

Natural Resources – To be determined

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Membership Director – to be determined

Observer Corps Director – Jane Fryman

Budget Committee Chair – To be determined

– Harv Roehling, Chair