

The 73rd Annual Report of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green 2024-2025

Striving to Make Democracy Work

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of Bowling Green shall be
to promote political
responsibility through informed
and active participation
of citizens in government, to
increase understanding of major
public policy issues and to
influence public policy
through education and
advocacy.*

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League of Women Voters of Bowling Green 73rd Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 7, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. - noon
Wood County Senior Center, 140 S Grove St, BG

Welcome	Lee McLaird, president
Introductions	
Speakers	Report on LWVO Convention by Shar Katzner & Lee McLaird
Business Meeting	
Call to Order--Appoint Parliamentarian	Lee McLaird
Quorum Count	Parliamentarian
Appointment: Minutes Review Committee	Lee McLaird
Secretary's Report	Katelyn Elliott, Secretary
Treasurer's Report	Gale Swanka, Treasurer
Budget Presentation	Gale Swanka
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Nominating Committee Report

Usually we include the slate of candidates for offices and board members prepared by the Nominating Committee in this Annual Report.

However, this year the membership is being asked to vote on significant changes to the roles of the officers and composition of the board as contained in the ByLaws. These proposed changes arose from the Strategic Planning process during this past year.

It is premature to present a list of candidates until those changes are approved at the annual meeting.

Assuming those changes are approved, then the Nominating Committee report will be provided separately.

2025 Nominating Committee: Maria Simon (chair), Deborah Schocket, Kate Sommerfeld

The President's Letter 2024-2025 by Lee McLaird

Politics and government have been very much on Americans' minds over the past year, at every level of government. While most people trust the League of Women Voters to present accurate information to help them make a choice on issues, some are skeptical. One of our biggest challenges during this time has been to develop new methods of presenting informational public programs. It's a work in progress.

For instance, because we support fair districts (that is, those that are drawn so that neither party gets an unfair advantage for its candidates), we worked through "Citizens Not Politicians" to get an anti-gerrymandering bill on the ballot. While our efforts were successful in our part of the state, overall, the ballot issue was defeated state-wide. However, it was very inspiring to many people, and we gathered many new members. Our activities this year have been reaching out to these new members to introduce them to all of League's activities and committees.

State-wide, League has been using the new communications technology to reach out to local Leagues and their members in monthly Zoom conference calls. There are all-member general calls and those that focus on topics such as Advocacy, Education, Voter Services, and so forth. Leagues throughout the state can communicate their questions and ideas with others, whether they are just starting to follow up on some new ideas, or sharing ideas for others to try out.

At the local level, we have just started a monthly coffee hour meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at Grounds for Thought. This lets everyone get together to discuss ideas and talk with new and experienced members, without having to work with an agenda on a single topic.

Changes are taking place from local leagues, to state leagues, to LWVUS. This means that local Leagues are reviewing our bylaws and organizational methods. LWV Bowling Green has had both a members-only program to discover what needs to be done as well as one on how we are going forward with these ideas.

As a result of all this work, the format of our candidate forum is evolving. Originally we had candidates face-off against each other in classic debate-style, but that has the drawback that if one candidate did not attend, that candidate's opponent also could not participate. An open-table discussion room now allows candidates to go from table to table, meeting members of the public who have the opportunity to put their own questions to the candidates and hear their replies.

Meanwhile, we continue with our other work. Our members have been registering new citizens to vote, our Observer Corps committee members attend and report on the public meetings of various city departments. Other committees focus on researching information about Mental Health Services, local Education, Agriculture and Land Use, Voter Services, and Technology. Our Scholarship Committee has determined that with our expanded area of membership, we will increase the schools eligible for students to apply for scholarships. The number of awards each year will be two, and the size of the award will be \$2,000.

Our other activities this year include the Chamber of Commerce Awards dinner and the BG Holiday Parade. Coverage of League activities by the local newspapers has increased, as has the number of Letters to the Editor submitted by our members.

It's been a great year to belong to the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BOWLING GREEN OHIO
Minutes of 72nd Annual Meeting
June 8, 2024
Wood County Senior Center, 140 S Grove St, Bowling Green

Attendees: Betty Jean Anderson, Roger Anderson, Jenny Baker, Bob Callecod, Joan Callecod, Catherine Cassara, Sheilah Crowley, Ellen Dalton, Katelyn Elliott, Erin Hachtel, Lee Hakel, Milt Hakel, Sharon Hanna, Elayne Jacoby, Sharlyn Katzner, Joyce Kepke, Flo Klopfenstein, Vassiliki Leontis, Lee McLaird, Diane Michel, David Neuendorff, Leslie Neuendorff, Janet Parks, Katy Pracht Phares, Winne Rex, Jane Robb, Marcia Rybczynski, Char Scherer, Deborah Shocket, Ellen Scholl, Laura Schutze, Nancy Soper, Marty Stiffler, Paul Stiffler, Gale Swanka, Karen Wood, Denise Zephier

President Lee McLaird welcomed members to the 72nd Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green. She thanked Vice President of Programs Vassiliki Leontis and her committee, Karen Wood, Lee McLaird. She also thanked Denise Neise and Jason Miller from the Senior Center. President McLaird thanked Ellen Scholl and her committee for providing cookies. Director of Development Karen Wood thanked donors for their generosity in giving to the finance drive. President McLaird thanked Ellen Dalton for putting together the Annual Report and Marilyn Levinson for the photographs.

Roger Anderson was appointed Parliamentarian. Roger declared a quorum with more than enough members present. President McLaird appointed the minutes review committee: Vassiliki Leontis, Catherine Cassara, and Winne Rex.

Announcements

The next meeting of the board will take place July 24. The League of Women Voters of the United States national convention will take place June 27-30 in Washington D.C. and online. President McLaird directed members to page 16 In Memoriam section of the Annual Report. A moment of silence was held for the members we have lost over the last year: Frances Brent, Sandy Rowland, Kay Sergent.

Secretary's Report

Ellen Dalton moved to approve the minutes of the 71st Annual Meeting as printed in the Annual Report. Joyce Kepke seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

Lee McLaird had to leave suddenly and Roger Anderson took over as presiding officer.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gale Swanka presented the proposed 2024-2025 operating budget. She thanked the scholarship donors and recognized many donations had been made in memory of members we had lost. Gale also thanked finance drive donors. Joan Callecod asked if further clarification has been provided on the timing of dues payments. Guidance has not yet been provided. Gale moved to approve the operating budget. Joan Callecod seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote. Gale moved to approve the Education Fund budget. Vassiliki Leontis seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

Roger Anderson moved to readopt the local programming statements for Education, Land Use, Mental Health, and Senior Concerns found on page 6 of the Annual Report. Bob Callecod seconded the motion, and the 2024-2025 program was adopted by voice vote.

Katelyn Elliott moved to readopt the League's non-partisan statement and diversity policies, also found on page 6. Char Scherer seconded the motion, and it was adopted by voice vote.

Nominations

The nominating committee presented the slate for nomination and consideration. All terms are for 2 years.

Vice President Programs: Ellen Dalton

Treasurer: Gale Swanka

Director: Sharlyn Katzner

Director: Elayne Jacoby

Director: Char Scherer

Director: Karen Wood

No nominations were received from the floor. Erin Hachtel moved to accept the slate for two-year terms. Lee Hakel seconded, and the slate was accepted by voice vote. Joan Callecod moved to approve the nominating committee of Maria Simon, Deborah Schocket, and Kate Sommerfeld. Milt Hakel seconded, and it was approved by voice vote. Roger Anderson thanked the 2024 nominating committee of Maria Simon, Sandy Rowland, and Deborah Schocket for their work.

Other Business

Janet Parks asked if the League would be at Rainbow Rally and Juneteenth. Katelyn Elliott shared we would have a table at Rainbow Rally but not Juneteenth. Volunteers to staff the table and register voters are encouraged to contact her. Sharlyn shared information on the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. Postcards are on the table to write messages to voters who signed the fair districts petition but did not have matching addresses. Vassiliki Leontis recognized members Deb Dalke and Ellen Scholl for their hard work and dedication. She also thanked the musicians and all who made Rockin' for Democracy possible, including the owner of Arlyn's Good Beer and Peace Lutheran Church.

Vassiliki Leontis moved to approve the League of Women Voters of the United States' October 11, 2023 statement on violence in Israel and Gaza. This statement reads as follows:

"The League of Women Voters stands in solidarity with the Israeli and Palestinian people impacted by the ongoing violence in Israel and Gaza. The human rights violations committed against women and children are inhumane and must not continue.

"Today, October 11, is the International Day of the Girl Child. Like many of you, the League strives for a democracy where women and little girls everywhere in this world can live freely without the threat of violence.

"We stand with all those working to restore peace, equality, and respect for every person's human rights."

David Neuendorff seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

Adjournment

Erin Hachtel moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 AM. Milt Hakel seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Ann Fabiszak Payne, president of the Toledo Lucas County League of Women Voters, and Lynne Marshall gave a presentation on the work they do observing the Lucas County Board of Elections. They answered questions and encouraged the Bowling Green League to observe the Wood County Board of Elections. The program ended at 12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katelyn Elliott, Secretary

REPORT ON STRATEGIC PLANNING by Erin Hachtel

In October 2024, the board approved a proposal to conduct strategic planning to evaluate the current and future capacity to fulfill our mission to empower voters and defend democracy. Erin Hachtel led the effort, assisted in planning by Gale Swanka, Shar Katzner, and Ellen Dalton. In November a survey was sent to all members to get input on various parameters. Using that information, around 30 members participated in a strategic planning session on January 26, 2025 at First Presbyterian Church.

Members identified some clear, compelling goals for the LWVBG to work on as well as the resources we need to get them done: improve communication, both internal and external; review board structure to determine effectiveness to manage the LWVBG program and meet our mission; increase member engagement and participation with more focused activities and actions.

Since then, we initiated monthly First Thursday coffee gatherings at Grounds for Thought; organized a well-attended Light for Our Democracy event on March 4, 2025 at Wooster Green; increased use of communication through the LWVBG Gmail and social media accounts; and convened an ad hoc group to review and recommend board role and structure revisions. Stay tuned for more opportunities to advance our shared vision and goals!

LOCAL PROGRAM 2024-2025

Education (updated 2013; re-adopted 2024)

The League supports high standards of education at all levels, including adequate and appropriate programs for the gifted and for students with special needs.

The League supports adequate and appropriate use of technology within all content areas at all levels.

The League supports the provision of vocational and technical education.

The League supports and promotes a balanced program of extracurricular activities at all levels.

The League supports sufficient funding for and accountability of programs and facilities at all levels.

Land Use (updated 2005-2006; re-adopted 2024)

In order to maintain the quality of life in our small city, our League continues to support careful long-range planning. Because change is occurring rapidly, we believe that the Bowling Green Comprehensive Plan needs to be kept current.

In addition, the League supports:

- A. Top priority for the acquisition and maintenance of open space for public use.
- B. Cooperation between governmental agents of the city of Bowling Green and the trustees of adjacent townships.
- C. Public accessibility of the most recent version of the Comprehensive Plan, with any revisions dated and made evident.

D. Support of a precautionary moratorium on all new Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) that produce untreated animal waste. Support of improved and similar waste water transportation and treatment systems on each CAFO site within Wood County as required by the State of Ohio of municipalities producing the same volume of waste, with safe nutrient management practices and disposal of sludge, in order to maintain adequate water quality standards in our aquifers, ground and surface waters.

Mental Health (updated 2016; re-adopted 2024)

In order to maintain and enhance the quality of life in Bowling Green and Wood County, our League supports the continuing availability of mental health and substance abuse/addiction services for all.

We also support sufficient funding of mental health services, acknowledging the increasing influence of substance abuse/addictions on an individual's mental health.

To achieve the above our League supports:

- providing a wide range of effective services across the life span that employs practices informed by research, with flexibility to address changing needs;
- continuing the involvement of persons with mental illness and their family members in shaping services and policies;
- continuing collaboration among agencies including programming and funding;
- increasing public understanding of the impact of mental illness and substance abuse/addictions on the individual and the community.

Senior Concerns (updated 2005-2006; re-adopted 2024)

League supports efforts to maintain or improve the quality of life of the elderly population in Wood County.

The needs of the elderly population in Wood County steadily increase due to longevity and the problems of health, finance and other difficulties that accompany longevity. On the other hand, financial support for services to the elderly by federal and state governments is not keeping up with inflation.

POLICIES

Non-Partisan Policy Statement (Adopted February 2000; re-adopted 2024)

The Board of Directors of League of Women Voters Bowling Green may take action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest. However, it shall not support or oppose any party or candidate.

Board members shall not run for or hold partisan elective office. If a Board member declares for a partisan elective office, the member shall resign from the Board. Public notices released by the League announcing the resignation of a Board member to run for political office shall be carefully worded to avoid the appearance of endorsing the resigning Board member's candidacy.

Board members' activities must be limited to preserve the League's non-partisan position. The President and the Voter Service Chair shall not participate in any partisan way at any level.

A Board member may serve on any public board, commission, committee, or coalition. However that Board member does not represent the League unless officially designated as a League representative by the LWVBG Board.

A Board member may not speak or work against a League position in any way.

The political activities of a spouse or relative of a Board member are to be considered as separate and distinct from the activities of the Board member.

Diversity Policy (Adopted May 1998; re-adopted 2024)

The League of Women Voters of Bowling Green affirms its belief in, and commitment to, reflecting the diversity of the community in its membership, leadership, and programs.

BYLAWS

League of Women Voters of Bowling Green

As last amended June 24, 2023

ARTICLE I Name

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green, hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as LWVBG or as the League. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as LWVUS, and of the League of Women Voters of Ohio, hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as LWVO.

ARTICLE II Purposes and Policies

Section 1. Purposes. The purposes of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. Policies. The policies of the LWVUS are:

1. **Political Policy.** The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.
2. **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy.** The League is fully committed to ensure compliance - in principle and in practice - with LWVUS' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the League shall be eligible for membership.

A. *Voting members.* Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, State Leagues and of the LWVUS. (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state at-large members; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues. (4) those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part time with an accredited institution.

B. *Associate members.* All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, eight elected directors and not more than four appointed directors. Four of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding four, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Development Director and a Technology Director. These positions may be filled by an elected director or an appointed director. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire June 30 following the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Qualifications. Only voting members shall serve as officers or directors of this organization.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors until the next Annual Meeting. Three consecutive absences from a board meeting of any member without a valid reason, as determined by the President, shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5. Meetings.

a. *Number and Types of Meetings.* There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. In the event of extenuating circumstances (e.g., a pandemic, extremely inclement weather), the number of Board meetings

may be altered by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The President shall give notice by e-mail of all regular meetings at least one month before the meeting. The President may call special meetings (e.g., when a decision is needed before the next regularly scheduled meeting) and shall give notice six days prior to such meeting. Both regular and special meetings may be conducted either in person or by electronic means (e.g., telephone conference call or video conferencing).

b. *Voting.* Votes on urgent matters can be taken by e-mail at the President's discretion. Any votes taken during special meetings or via e-mail will have the same force and effect as those taken during a regular meeting, whether the vote is taken in person or electronically.

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Article V Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green shall be a President, a Membership Vice President, a Program Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office July 1. The President, the Membership Vice President, and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Program Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Section 2. The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors; may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes; shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; shall appoint a member of LWVBG to serve as Archivist with the responsibility of submitting appropriate documents and ephemera to the BGSU Center for Archival Collections (CAC); and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3. The Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents shall be responsible for membership and program, respectively, and other duties as assigned by the President or Board. In the event of the absence, disability, resignation or death of the president, the Program Vice-President or the Membership Vice-President, in that order, shall assume the office. If neither Vice President is able to serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall fill the vacancy from among its elected Members.

Section 4. The Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall notify all officers, directors, and nominating committee chair and two nominating committee members of their election; shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

Section 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies; shall be the custodian of these monies deposited in the bank designated by the Board of Directors; shall identify type of income deposited per the approved budget and pay and record approved budget expenses upon receipt of signed receipts or invoices; shall obtain approval from the Board of Directors prior to paying expenses not included in the adopted budget; shall sign/endorse checks, drafts, and notes; shall manage all financial accounts and instruments (e.g., checking, debit card, certificates of deposit, etc.); shall adhere to relevant sections of the Bylaws of the LWVO and the LWVUS; shall complete a monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts and present monthly financial statements to the Board of Directors and an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI Financial Administration

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green shall commence on the first day of July each year.

Section 2. Dues. Annual dues voted on at the Annual Meeting shall be payable by January 31 of the fiscal year. Any dues paid after January 31 shall be counted for the following fiscal year.

Section 3. Budget. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Section 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall be a member, but not eligible to chair the committee.

Section 5. Financial Review Committee. At the close of the current fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall ap-

point a Financial Review Committee consisting of 4-5 members, including a past member of the Committee for continuity and the current treasurer (as an ad hoc member). The review should be completed by September 30.

Section 6. Disbandment. In case of disbandment of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green, all monies and securities shall be transferred to the Wood County District Public Library Foundation to be used for the purpose of promoting democracy. Should the WCDPL Foundation not accept the funds, they shall be transferred to the League of Women Voters of Perrysburg Area. All other property or whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed, which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green shall be disposed of by any officer of the organization, or corporation for such public, charitable, or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the Board of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green.

ARTICLE VII Meetings

Section 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least three meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors. In the event of extenuating circumstances (e.g., a pandemic, extremely inclement weather) the number of membership meetings may be altered by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held before the end of the fiscal year, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall

- a. adopt a local program for the ensuing year;
- b. elect officers, directors, and three members of the nominating committee;
- c. adopt an adequate budget;
- d. transact such other business as may properly come before it;

Section 3. Quorum. Twenty percent of the members of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings when a vote is taken.

ARTICLE VIII Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members: the chair and two members elected at the Annual Meeting, and two board members appointed by a newly elected Board of Directors at the first Board of Directors meeting following the annual meeting. If any appointed member of the Nominating Committee is unable to serve, the Board of Directors will fill the vacancy prior to the next meeting of the Committee. If any elected member of the Nominating Committee is unable to serve, the vacancy will be filled by election at the next membership meeting.

Section 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the report of the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee has been secured.

Section 3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX Program

Section 1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of the program.

Section 2. Program. The program of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green shall consist of

- a. action to implement the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Ohio and
- b. those local issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Section 3. Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities. These categories of program are defined as follows:

- a. The current agenda shall consist of those local governmental issues that the membership shall choose for sustained attention and concerted action.
- b. The continuing responsibilities shall consist of positions on local governmental issues to which the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to act.

Section 4. Action by the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall act upon the program using the following

procedures:

- a. The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.
- b. The proposed program shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.
- c. A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.
- d. Recommendations for program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that:
 1. The Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and
 2. The Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a majority vote.
- e. Changes in the program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made, provided that information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed and final action taken.

Section 5. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the appropriate Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X National Convention, State Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green under the provisions of the ByLaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green under the provisions of the ByLaws of the League of Women Voters of Ohio.

Section 3. State Council. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that council in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green under the provisions of the ByLaws of the League of Women Voters of Ohio.

ARTICLE XI Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these ByLaws.

ARTICLE XII Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These ByLaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

FINANCE DRIVE 2024-2025

Karen Wood, Director of Development

The Finance Drive for 2024-2025 was among our most successful drives yet, with contributions from 83 households totaling \$10,700.00. We are grateful for the many League and community members who contributed so generously to the Operating Fund, Education Fund, and Scholarship Fund. An extra appeal was made this year so that we might award two scholarships of \$2,000 each to area high school students; we thank our friends for these additional funds. In addition, donations were made this year in memory of beloved League member Kay Sergent.

Our membership dues primarily support the state and national levels of LWV. It is the donations to our finance drive which support the work of our local League chapter. Every donation is deeply appreciated and every effort is made to use our funds for the greatest good in protecting democracy and fair elections. (Note that this list is complete up until May 16.)

Finance Drive Contributors 2024-2025

Cindy Adcock	Emma Hann	Leslie & David Neuendorff
Amy Craft Ahrens & Todd Ahrens	Linda Hanna	Megan Newlove & Lloyd Triggs
Betty Jean & Roger Anderson	Sharon Hanna	Janet Parks
Peg Baker	Rose Hess	Rachel & Ryan Phipps
Marcia Benner	Cindy Hofner	Vipaporn Phuntumart
Dolores Black	Darlene Householder	Katherine Pracht Phares
Ann Bowers	Elayne Jacoby	Gaynelle Predmore
Julie Broadwell	Leslie Jan	Winifred Rex
Linda Brown & David Dupont	Jennifer Karches	Mary Lou Riday
Anne & George Bullerjahn	Emily Keegan	Barbara Rothrock
Robin Cagle	Joyce Kepke	Mary Jane Saunders
Catherine Cassara	Inge Klopping	Char Scherer
Edna & George Clemans	Patricia Koehler	Deborah Schocket
James Corbitt	Pam & Robert Krebs	Ellen & Chris Scholl
Sheilah Crowley	Jeanne & Steve Langendorfer	Laura Schutze
Ellen & Chris Dalton	Betty Laukhuf	Dawn Shinew & Rick Busselle
Charlon Dewberry	Kim & Andy Layden	Maria Simon
Rose Drain	Sandy Lepper	Colleen Smith
Sandra Earle	Marilyn Levinson	Lee Ann & Jeff Snook
Katelyn & Sean Elliott	M Dawn McCaghy	Norma & John Stickler
Penny Evans-Meyer	Lee McLaird	Gale Swanka
Hildegard Farrow	Bob & Becky McOmber	Jan Veitch
Deb & Bob Feehan	Dianne & Larry Mershman	Diane Vogtsberger
Jean & Chris Geist	Jane & Tom Milbrodt	Dinah Wakeford
Beatrice Guenther	Judy Miller	Joan & David Woessner
Peggy Giordano	Jan & Wayne Morse	Karen Wood & David Donley
Meera Gupta	Paula Munson	
Lee Hakel	Joanne Navin	

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BOWLING GREEN ACTIVITIES for 2024-2025

PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENT Ellen Dalton

Program Committee: Karen Wood, Vassiliki Leontis, Ellen Scholl, Jean Geist

The Fall Membership Meeting was held on September 21, 2024 at the Wood County Senior Center in Bowling Green. Terry Burton, one of the directors of the Wood County Board of Elections, spoke about election security and rules for how we can help people vote, as rules keep changing. Member Shar Katzner gave a PowerPoint presentation about how to find trustworthy sources of information. Kaylee Smith of the WCADAMHS board spoke about their renewal operating levy on the November 2024 ballot. Shar Katzner spoke about Issue 1, the state issue intended to change the rules about re-districting to prevent gerrymandering, which was on the November ballot. Finally, Jeff Dennis from BG Families for Schools spoke about the BG Schools operating levy on the November 2024 ballot.

The Spring Membership Meeting on March 22, 2025 was also held at the Wood County Senior Center. The featured guest speaker was Dominic Wells from the Political Sciences department at BGSU. Dominic gave an excellent talk about division and polarization in the US, comparing and contrasting current times with other polarizing times. He also spoke about ways to be active about defending democracy. Attendees also heard an update about the strategic planning process (reported on page 5) from Erin Hachtel, and Jeff Dennis spoke about the BG Schools operating levy, which had been defeated in November 2024 and was on the May 2025 primary ballot.

A Round Table discussion was held on April 26, 2025 at Peace Lutheran Church to discuss funding cuts to social services programs. On the panel were Ben Robison, Wood County Health Commissioner, Erin Hachtel, Continuum of Care Coordinator for Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, Lindsay Ruivivar, CEO of the Wood County Community Health Center, and Karen Wood representing local food banks. All spoke about the impact of threatened federal and state funding cuts. Other officials were invited to speak but declined. Attendees could submit questions on cards for later answers.

MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT Anne Bullerjahn

The list of members for 2024-2025 can be found as an insert inside the back cover. We are delighted to see many new members and hope they will become active.

This year LWVUS revamped the membership process, making a number of key changes. First, members sign up for membership or renew membership through the LWVUS web site rather than through the local League. Second, there is no longer a defined membership year, such as July 2024-June 2025, but rather memberships are due for renewal one year after their previous interaction with the web site. Third, local Leagues can no longer set their own dues. Fourth, all memberships are now the same--no household or student memberships. The new system is designed to streamline certain things, but like any new web site there are continuing bugs which have greatly challenged our treasurer and

VOTER SERVICES COMMITTEE Ellen Dalton, chair Anne Bullerjahn, Sheilah Crowley, Lee Hakel, Elayne Jacoby, Sharlyn Katzner, Joyce Kepke, Vassiliki Leontis, Lee McLaird, Joanne Navin, Winnie Rex, Jane Robb, Char Scherer, Ellen Scholl

Following the successful Face2Face candidate event in October 2023, we decided to continue using this format for 2024. In this even-numbered year the candidates were the same for Bowling Green and Perrysburg so we combined forces on the candidate event with LWV Perrysburg Area. Debra Greenley Gorman and Michelle Sweetser from Perrysburg participated in the planning and also assisted in the event as table moderators.

The Face2Face candidate event was held Sunday October 13 in the Veterans Building at City Park. We had 8 round tables with 8 seats each--one seat at each table was reserved for candidates and one for the table moderator (LWV member). The remaining seats were audience members. Lee McLaird served as moderator, Anne Bullerjahn planned the table rotations. We skipped the traditional 2 minutes at the beginning for candidates to introduce themselves in favor of keeping the event shorter. Candidates rotated from table to table, spending 10 minutes at each table.

The VOTE411 crew of Char Scherer, Joyce Kepke, Winnie Rex, and Sharlyn Katzner worked diligently. Because this was a local election year, candidates responded well to questions sent to them. The responses were compiled into a Voters Guide. Again this year we used a printing company in Northwood, HOT Graphics, since they did such a good job last year. 1000 copies were distributed around the community. Judy Gardner coordinated the placing of VOTE EARLY NOW, VOTE and VOTE TUESDAY signs to remind citizens to vote before or on Election Day.

In January Karen Wood and Jane Robb updated the information for the 2025 Guide to Public Officials. 1000 Guides were printed and distributed throughout the community by Elayne Jacoby and Ellen Scholl. The Guide is funded by the LWVBG Education Fund, the Wood County Republican party, and the Bowling Green Democratic Club. With all of our events and coffee hours, we ordered 200 more Guides and Karen Wood agreed to take over distribution.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Peg Baker, Rick Busselle, Brenda Fite, Jean Geist, Lee Hakel

Members of the committee observed every meeting of the Bowling Green City Schools Board of Education and reported back to the board.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE GROUP

Orphan Oil and Gas Wells Within Bowling Green Perimeters

Active members: David Neuendorff, Vickie Askins, and Karen Wood

The Save Our Neighborhoods Group/Climate Action Team (SONG/ACT) and LWVBG's Environmental and Land Use Group have jointly undertaken a study of abandoned oil and gas wells in Bowling Green. Northwest Ohio was the scene of an oil and gas boom in the late 1880's. These wells were largely abandoned in the mid-20th century, yet uncharted wells exist within B.G.'s city limits and may create an environmental or safety hazard.

This year, the group met with BGSU's C. Raymond Marvin Center for Student Leadership and Civic Engagement to investigate possible interest in a joint research project with students. The group has obtained early field maps of the oil wells and these are being overlain on current city maps. Preliminary research is being conducted and there is much more to be done; this project will not likely find a quick resolution. All LWVBG, SONG/ACT, and interested community members are invited to be a part of this interesting study group.

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE Lindsay Jo Durham, chair

Paul Haas, Jennifer Lamping, Barbara Murphy, Katie Pract Phares, Jane Robb, Char Scherer, Laura Schutze

In the past, the Mental Health Committee has researched and presented on Unison's Crisis Stabilization Unit. After it had been operating for a year, the committee revisited the topic to see its progress.

The Mental Health Committee did not meet during July, so during the August meeting, they brainstormed questions for Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn. The committee was interested in hearing about the CSU from the perspective of someone potentially taking people there.

During the September meeting, both Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn and the Jail Administrator, Rebecca McMonigal joined the committee. Rebecca said the CSU has had an overwhelmingly positive impact on the jail. Inmates can get set up with telehealth via Zoom and speak with a psychiatrist at Unison. Once the inmate is a patient with Unison, they can receive medication to help stabilize their conditions. There is also a consistent flow of communication between Unison and the jail. Rebecca and Sheriff Wasylyshyn believed the CSU has prevented people from coming into the jail. "Prior to the CSU, when someone was in crisis, the Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement entities would have to find something to charge the individual with to bring them into custody to get them the help they need. With Unison showing up on the scene more often now, this happens less," said the Sheriff. However, he still has concerns about the national shortage of inpatient beds for inmates.

During the October meeting, the committee brainstormed questions for Detective Sergeant Scott Frank, BGPD's Metal Health Liaison. They also wanted to get his input on the CSU.

Detective Sergeant Scott Frank joined the committee during their November meeting. Overall, Sergeant Frank believed the CSU has helped the work of the department, offering an intermediary service for those not severe enough to be pink-slipped. While Sergeant Frank did not have concrete evidence to show, he believed the CSU has lessened the number of people BGPD encounters that have mental health challenges. They have some "frequent flyers" who reappear periodically, but that is not due to the CSU being ineffective: it is most likely due to the fact that Bowling Green is the hub of many social services. BGPD views jail as a last resort for people with mental health challenges, unless they've done something violent or there is an underlying criminal offense. However, there have been instances where somebody in crisis has done something illegal, "and we just kind of overlook it. We realize it's a mental health issue causing it, and we'll take them to the CSU." Sergeant Frank could only think of two instances when BGPD was called to the CSU for "unruly" patients. When asked for his general opinion of the CSU, Sergeant Frank responded, "I'm a

big fan of it. ... They've involved us from the beginning, and I think that's really helped make it a smooth transition."

The committee did not meet in December.

For the January meeting, the group read some articles researching mental health and drug courts. The League of Women Voters of Ohio support these types of courts in their Criminal Justice position. The committee found these courts interesting, but wanted to do more research before pursuing anything.

The committee did not meet in February or March. During the April meeting, the group discussed mental health and drug courts more. While generally supportive of the idea, the committee was unsure of the actionable steps they could take during the current administration. Because of this, they decided to move in a different direction, however they were unsure of what direction that would be. To get a better view of the local mental health landscape, the committee decided to interview Amanda Kern, Executive Director of the Wood County ADAMHS Board (a county agency that provides funding to most, if not all, of the Wood County mental health providers).

During the May meeting, the committee brainstormed the following questions for Amanda: (1) How much federal funding has been/will be cut? What is the impact on programming? Have programs been eliminated? Did Unison eliminate their Peer Support? How will mental health services be affected for those who are incarcerated? (2) Are there any funding sources that close the gap created by the cuts? (3) Is there a plan to relay the effects of the cuts to the community (direct local impact)? (4) Do you believe cuts to other programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, SSI, etc. will lead to more people seeking mental health care? Or does that create a barrier? (5) Are more people utilizing the CSU? (Is awareness increasing?) (6) What is your biggest overall concern? (7) What can we do as a committee to improve the mental health landscape in Bowling Green? (8) As individuals?

Amanda Kern will be joining the Mental Health Committee during their June meeting to answer their questions.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE Deborah Schocket, chair Peg Baker, Lee McLaird, Karen Wood

This year we received 15 applications from our expanded list of eligible high schools in Wood County: Bowling Green, Eastwood, Elmwood, and Otsego. In addition to the increased quantity of applications, the committee noted that the quality of the applications improved. It is good that we are able to fund two awards of \$2,000 each this year, because the committee found it challenging to narrow it down to two winners among so many worthy candidates.

We selected Shelby Janes of Bowling Green High School and Eric Sander of Eastwood High School.

Shelby impressed us as a straight-A student who is a two-time captain of the cross country team and state qualifier while also working 15 hours a week at McDonalds. In her essay, Shelby wrote about the important role education plays in protecting the environment, her chosen field of study in college, as well the need for education to expose people to multiple points of view so that they form opinions wisely and are well-informed on issues when they vote.

Eric has an outstanding academic record, while also getting involved in a wide range of community and extra-curricular activities, such as earning his Eagle Scout award and serving as student body president this year. Eric's passion for the environment has led him to pursue a career in conservation biology research in order to promote sustainability and have a positive impact on the environment.

The committee members recommended to the board that the League should hold a scholarship specific fundraiser drive with a direct email to all members and link to donate to the scholarship fund so that we continue to be able to distribute \$4,000 annually in scholarships..

NATURALIZATION COMMITTEE Elayne Jacoby, Chair

The Naturalization Committee consisting of approximately 13 members have attended 12 ceremonies. During those ceremonies 539 new citizens have been sworn in and 314 have been registered by our committee and the LWV Toledo/Lucas County. It is a joint effort.

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

Light for Our Democracy Vigil

A vigil on Wooster Green was organized by Shar Katzner for the evening of March 4, 2025 at 8:30 p.m., the time that President Trump was delivering his State of the Union address to Congress. The purpose of the event was to offer a peaceful and unified space to come together for the health of our democracy, the future of our nation, and the well-being of all its people.” The vigil was well-attended. Sharlyn Katzner spoke, as did Diana Patton, founder of Diana Consultancy and the Rise Advocates.

“Where is Bob Latta?” Town Hall meeting

On April 12, 2025 LWVBG participated in a non-partisan town hall meeting moderated by retired television news anchor Jerry Anderson. Over 300 community members packed into Peace Lutheran Church to discuss what actions they wanted to see our congressional representative Bob Latta take. Topics included Social Security, immigration, voting, education, the environment, and diversity, equity and inclusion. Everyone was given the opportunity to write their questions and suggestions on postcards that were then delivered to Rep. Latta’s office. LWVBG was available before and after the event to register voters as well as provide information about our elected officials, where to vote, and how to become a member of LWV. The main organizer of the town hall was BG Persists, a local, non-partisan grassroots group.

Redistricting Efforts in 2024

reported by Debbie Dalke, signature collection co-lead for Wood County

The Fair Districts Coalition, which includes the League of Women Voters, joined Citizens not Politicians to get a redistricting amendment on the November 2024 ballot. The Bowling Green redistricting team had participated in spring 2024 to gather signatures to get the amendment on the November 2024 ballot.

Due to the deceptive ballot language, we launched a campaign to educate the public about the amendment. We handed out information at the farmers market, at various festivals, and during early voting and on election day. We held an informational meeting on October 21 2024 at the Senior Center. Although polls showed that most voters wanted redistricting reform, voters were confused by the ballot language and the amendment did not pass. About 16 members of the Bowling Green League of Women Voters participated in the redistricting effort.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT by Sharlyn Katzner, Director of Technology

Over the past year the numbers of followers on our social media accounts grew. On Facebook (www.facebook.com/LWVBGOH) we added 76 new followers for a total of 121 followers. On Instagram (@leagueofwomenvotersbg) we added 128 new followers for a total of 1,480 follower. (As an aside we had to restart our Facebook page because of a Facebook policy no longer allowing pages to be setup under our “League” account.)

We also added two new social media accounts Threads (@leagueofwomenvotersbg) and Bluesky (lwvbg.bsky.social), where we have 403 followers and 52 followers respectively. We made the decision to sunset our X (Twitter) social media account. We pinned a tweet referring followers to our other social media platforms. In addition, we posted four recorded meetings to our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@lwvbg>) this past year.

The number of visits to our website (www.lwvbg.org) has gone down slightly, 788 visitors the past 365 days as of May 4, 2025 versus 876 the previous year. We updated the website recently to include the login to the new LWVUS membership portal, a link to the new dues renewal/join form and added new donation page where people can donate to our league via our new Venmo account (@lwvbg) as well as PayPal or check. The board minutes and committee reports are now available to members in the LWVUS membership portal under “League Resources.”

Finally, Vote 411 had 1231 users and 851 new users visit our site this past election.

In The Media

2024-2025 Letters to the Editor

“BG League of Women Voters urges local residents to support Wood County ADAMHS levy,” *BG Independent News*, August 29, 2024

“Because democracy depends on high quality education the BG League of Women Voters urges support of school levy,” *BG Independent News*, October 18, 2024

“Latta should hold town hall to meet with constituents,” *BG Independent News*, March 12, 2025

2024-2025 Articles

“Voters to meet with candidates face to face at League of Women Voters Forum BG Veterans Building,” *BG Independent News*, September 30, 2024

“League of Women Voters hosting issue 1 information-session,” *BG Independent News*, October 13, 2024

“Ohio House hopefuls Ghanbari, Materni face the voters at League of Women Voters event,” *BG Independent News*, October 16, 2024

“Vigil speaks out for democracy as Trump speaks to Congress,” *BG Independent News*, March 4, 2025

“Light for Our Democracy” vigil held at Wooster Green,” *Sentinel-Tribune*, March 6, 2025

“Defending democracy not partisan act speaker talks about what citizens can do,” *BG Independent News*, March 23, 2025

“Frustrated constituents ask Where’s Bob Latta at congressional town hall in BG,” *BG Independent News*, April 4, 2025

“Where’s Bob? Town hall held without Latta,” *Sentinel-Tribune*, April 13, 2025

IN MEMORIAM

LYNN ACKERSON

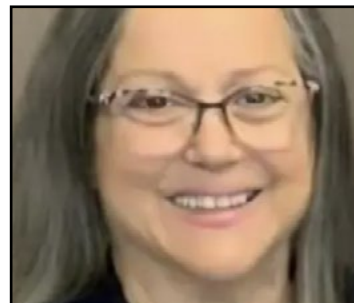
Lynn Ackerson, a stalwart supporter of League of Women Voters, passed away on May 8, 2025. She loved kayaking, national parks, hiking, our democracy and safe voting rights. She will be missed by family and friends.

DENSE NIESE

Denise Niese passed away November 29, 2024 at the age of 63. The life focus, commitment and passion of Denise was to enhance the lives of individuals in the community, primarily advocating for the enrichment of the senior community. The career path of Denise culminated with her serving as the Executive Director of the Wood County Committee on Aging. She was a faithful League member and greatly facilitated holding meetings and events in the Wood County Senior Center.



Lynn Ackerson



Denise Niese

PRESIDENTS OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BOWLING GREEN

Berniece Smith	1952-53	Sally York	1979-81	Anne Graves	1995-97
Marjorie Nordman	1953-57	Kay Sergent	1981-83	Kay Sergent	1997-99
Ann Baty	1957-61	Ruth "Connie" Varney	1983-85	Barbara Lee	1999-2001
Margaret Tucker	1961-63	Marilyn Singleton	1985-86	Cathy Marcson	2001-2005
Florence Patrick	1963-65	Ruth "Connie" Varney	1986-87	Kristin Vessey	2005-2009
Marilyn Hutton	1965-67	Darlene Householder	1987-89	Roger Anderson	2009-2011
Nancy Kinney	1967-69	Rosalind Streichler	1989-90	Joan Gordon	2011-2013
Virginia Hamre	1969-71	Becky Bhaer & Trish Crowley		Lee McLaird	2013-2017
Lucy Keil	1971-73		1990-91	Lee Hakel	2017-2021
Joyce Kepke	1973-75	Marlene Purdy	1991-94	Janet Parks	2021-2023
Kristin Vessey	1975-77	Michaelle Crowley & Jean Smith		Lee McLaird	2023 -
Suzanne Crawford	1977-79		1994-95		

PAST PRESIDENTS AWARD

This award, presented by the outgoing president, is given to a deserving League member who has exemplified League principles with their time and talents. The award was established by Kay Sergent.

Ann Baty	1983	Wanda Rich	2003
Marlene Purdy	1985	Kim Layden	2005
Marilyn Singleton	1986	Joan Gordon	2007
Jean Romans	1987	Joyce Kepke	2011
Ruth "Connie" Varney	1987	Roger Anderson	2013
Kay Sergent	1989	Julieanna Armstrong & Char Scherer	2017
Rose Clements	1991	Judy Knox	2019
Anne Graves	1993	Ellen Dalton	2021
Barbara Lee	1997	Lee McLaird	2023
Kristin Vessey	1999		
Cathy Marcson	2001		

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Nominating Committee for 2025: Maria Simon (chair--elected), Kate Sommerfeld (elected),
Deborah Schocket (elected)

Financial

League of Women Voters of Bowling Green
Proposed Operating Budget 7/1/2025-6/30/2026

	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Actual a/o April 2025	Proposed 2025-26 Budget
Income				
Candidate Forum revenue	150.00		-	
CD Interest income	18.21	20.00	7.79	10.00
Finance Drive Revenue	6,005.00	6,000.00	6,049.11	8,000.00
Meeting revenue			387.50	
Total Meeting revenue	-	-	387.50	-
Member Dues				
New members			114.12	272.20
New member dues by check	30.00	200.00	390.00	
New Member via Paypal	124.08	150.00	248.16	
Total New members	154.08	350.00	752.28	272.20
Renewed members			74.70	1,224.90
Renewed members by check	2,910.00	3,200.00	2,250.00	-
Renewed members via Paypal	2,043.51	2,400.00	1,703.31	
Total Renewed members	4,953.51	5,600.00	4,028.01	1,224.90
Student members	5.45	10.00	5.45	
Total Member Dues	5,113.04	5,960.00	4,785.74	1,497.10
Miscellaneous revenue	656.25	-		-
Fundraiser			800.00	500.00
Pol Party contrib for Guide	100.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Public program revenue	-	-	-	-
Scholarship contributions	1,235.00	1,200.00	1,585.00	2,200.00
Transfer for PMP & scholarship				5,475.00
Total Income	13,277.50	13,380.00	15,745.14	17,382.10
Expenses				
Admin Expense				
Other	1,556.70	600.00	420.00	500.00
PO Box	84.00	90.00	84.00	90.00
Website	464.30	375.00	76.86	500.00
Zoom account	-	165.00	-	165.00
Total Office Expense	2,105.00	1,230.00	580.86	1,255.00
Communication				
Annual Report	424.60	550.00	-	550.00
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	200.00
New citizen letters	261.35	360.00	180.42	300.00
Total Communication	685.95	910.00	180.42	1,050.00
Delegate State/National Convention	352.64	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Dues & Subscriptions	150.00	150.00	165.00	175.00
Education				
Public programs				
Other--printing, etc.	154.25	200.00	106.68	400.00
Room rental	975.00	775.00	150.00	1,700.00
Total Public programs	1,129.25	975.00	256.68	2,100.00
Voter Service				
Candidates Forum	-	-	880.14	-
Guide to Public Officials	688.00	700.00	566.00	700.00
Parade	165.91	200.00	234.92	200.00
Publicity	354.00	500.00	295.00	500.00
VOTE 411	789.15	600.00	250.00	300.00
Voters Guide	738.00	750.00	738.00	750.00
Total Voter Service	2,735.06	2,750.00	2,964.06	2,450.00
Total Education	3,864.31	3,725.00	3,220.74	4,550.00



	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Actual a/o April 2025	Proposed 2025-26 Budget
Finance Drive Expense				
Finance Drive Expense - Other	50.00	-	-	-
Finance Drive Expense - Mailing	177.05	450.00	398.54	450.00
Finance Drive Expense - Printing	401.71	200.00	188.73	200.00
Finance Drive Expense	628.76	650.00	587.27	650.00
Member Meeting Expenses				
Annual Meeting (June)	200.00	100.00	-	100.00
Fall Meeting	-	100.00	-	100.00
Other Meeting Expenses	50.00	200.00	100.00	200.00
Total Meeting Expenses	250.00	400.00	100.00	400.00
Other Types of Expenses				
Paypal fees	117.07	120.00	137.20	75.00
Paypal Refund Processing Fees	-	-	-	-
PMP National (50%)	1,830.00	1,500.00	1,656.00	1,600.00
PMP State (75%)	1,843.62	1,800.00	1,843.60	1,875.00
Venmo exp				
Total Expenses	12,827.35	13,035.00	10,971.09	17,330.00
Net Operating Income	450.15	345.00	4,774.05	52.10
Net Income	450.15	345.00	4,774.05	52.10

**League of Women Voters of Bowling Green
Proposed Education Fund Budget 7/1/2025-6/30/2026**

	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Actual a/o March 2024	2025-26 Budget
Income				
Balance Forward	3,382.76	2,481.51	2,506.51	2,165.97
Donations	1,460.00	1,000.00	1,930.00	1,500.00
Total Income	4,842.76	3,481.51	4,436.51	3,665.97
Expenses				
PMP National (50%)	1,680.00	1,500.00	1,656.00	1,600.00
PMP State (25%)	656.25	600.00	614.54	625.00
Public Programs				
Total Expenses	2,336.25	2,100.00	2,270.54	2,225.00
Ending Balance	2,506.51	1,381.51	2,165.97	1,440.97

Financial



The League of Women Voters BG
Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2025

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
LWVUS Education Fund	2,165.97
Premier Bank	0.01
LWVBG Scholarship	3,072.25
Unrestricted	17,966.45
Total for Premier Bank	\$21,038.71
Premier Bank MM	
Premier CD	6,921.97
Total for Bank Accounts	\$30,126.65
Accounts Receivable	
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	
Total for Other Current Assets	0.00
Total for Current Assets	\$30,126.65
Fixed Assets	
Other Assets	
Total for Assets	\$30,126.65
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	
Total for Accounts Payable	0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Total for Current Liabilities	0.00
Long-term Liabilities	
Total for Liabilities	0.00
Equity	
Accumulated Income Prior FYs	5,770.82
Net Income	2,495.72
Opening Balance	21,860.11
Total for Equity	\$30,126.65
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$30,126.65