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The Voter

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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LWV MEPH April Member Meeting Get Ready, Get Set, Take Action!

**Saturday, April 13, 2019 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Minnetonka Community Center, Shady Oak Room
14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345**

Get Ready, Get Set, Take Action!

Last December you told us about some of the issues near and dear to your hearts, issues like gun safety, protecting our democracy, and women’s and children’s rights. Now we’d like you to share your thoughts with your legislators.

We will have speakers give mini-briefings on what is happening at the capital around these issues, then we’ll have a joint post card writing session so you can share what you think with your representatives. We will welcome ERA Minnesota to talk about how we can help make gender equality a constitutional right and Common Cause to share their thoughts on redistricting reform. Then we’ll provide the postcards and postage, and you’ll provide the personal touch of a handwritten note.

As a bonus, we’ll be providing training on how to advocate effectively either by phone or in writing, including an update on the action alert process for our chapter.

LWV MEPH Annual Member Meeting, Saturday May 11, 2019
Program: LWV MEPH Discussion and Vote regarding Ranked Choice Voting
Followed By: LWVMEPH Annual Business Meeting, Board Election, Dues Payment

Program: 9:30 AM - 11 AM
Meeting & Lunch: 11AM- 12:30 PM
Room 174, Ridgedale Library, 12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55305

Buffet Lunch: \$10 - Cashew Chicken Salad and Roasted Turkey sandwiches, and Thai Chicken and Garden Vegetable wraps from Field Day by Good Earth

This year our annual meeting will feature a MEPH member discussion on whether or not to advocate for Ranked Choice Voting in our cities. Earlier this year FairVote MN presented a public program to explain the system. At this meeting we will discuss the merits and concerns of Ranked Choice Voting with representatives from FairVote MN and MN Voter's Alliance. We will also learn about how LWV St. Louis Park partnered with FairVote MN to successfully bring this system to their city. We will all have a chance to discuss RCV and how LWV MEPH might get involved. At the conclusion of the RCV discussion, members will cast their votes to determine our chapter's direction on the following two questions:

1. Shall LWV MEPH take a position of Support for Ranked Choice Voting?
2. Shall LWV MEPH in partnership with FairVote MN actively advocate for Ranked Choice Voting, hosting public educational events, circulating petitions, holding meetings with elected officials, etc? (Note - an RCV Chair Board Member will be required.)

You need not be present to vote. If you cannot make the meeting and wish to vote, please contact LWV MEPH President Peggy Kvam at 612-414-6154 or ppkvam@gmail.com to express your thoughts. The position receiving the majority of votes will be the winner.

Following our Ranked Choice Voting discussion, LWV MEPH members will enjoy lunch and our annual business meeting with 2019-2020 budget approval and our board election. We are recruiting new members! Being an LWV local league board member is a great way to get more involved in our community. The term is 1 year. A potluck supper meeting with the new board is being planned for late June at Peggy Kvam's new house in Eden Prairie.

President	Peggy Kvam
Treasurer	Barb Link
Secretary	Sharon Borine
Voter Service	Nancy Gooch (Registrations) & Barb Westmoreland (Forums)
Membership	Sandy Brandt and OPEN
Programs	Arlene Nystuen and OPEN
W. Metro Rep	Sheila Goldstein
Action	OPEN (If RCV advocacy is approved, this person will lead the effort)
Newsletter	OPEN
CMAL Rep	OPEN (Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues)
UMRR ILO Rep	OPEN (Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-League Organization)

All LWV MEPH members are invited to renew their \$65 membership dues at the meeting. We have added a new membership level, Household, for \$100, so encourage your spouse to join!

RSVP is required for lunch by Monday, May 6, to Arlene Nystuen, 952-934-2133 or janystuen@usfamily.net. The cost will be \$10, payable at the door on May 11th.

TREASURER'S REPORT, FOR LWV MEPH ANNUAL MEETING MAY 11, 2019
LWV MEPH 2019-2020 Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020
to be voted on by members at the May 11, 2019 Annual Meeting

INCOME	ACTUAL	2018-19 BUDGET	2019-20 BUDGET
Dues (45 for 2018, 40 for 2019)	\$2335	\$2925	\$2600
Contributions	\$300	\$1000	\$200
Non-Member Contributions	0	0	0
Voter Service Grant	\$260	\$150	\$225
Annual Meeting Income	\$96	\$100	\$200
TOTAL	\$2991	\$4175	\$3225
In-Kind Contributions	\$231	\$100	\$100
EXPENSES			
Meeting Expense	\$90	\$100	\$200
Voter Service	\$225	\$150	\$225
Printing and Postage	0	\$15	0
Operating Expense (website, PayPal)	\$20	\$90	\$20
Membership Expenses	0	0	0
CMAL Dues	0	0	0
UMRR ILO Dues	\$25	\$25	\$25
LWV US PMP (40 memb @ \$32)	\$1280	\$1280	\$1280
LWV MN PMP (40 memb @ \$27)	\$1937.52	(2 bills) \$2215	\$1080
Natl/State Council/Convention		\$300	\$150
MEPH Centennial Events		N/A	\$145
Rebuild bank account			\$100
TOTAL	\$3577.52	\$4175.00	\$3225

LWV MEPH Balance Sheet

Checking Account Balance at fiscal year beginning, April 1, 2018: **\$3,121.08**

Checking Account Balance at fiscal year end, March 31, 2019: **\$2,469.00**

No assets, no savings accounts, no CDs, no debt.

Voter Service Event on May 16, 8:00 AM-1:30 PM at Eden Prairie High School

Nancy Gooch is arranging voter registration at an Eden Prairie High School event called *Test Drive . . . Next Stop Reality* on May 16 from 8:00 AM-1:30 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with this. If interested, they can contact Nancy at nancy.gooch@gmail.com.



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