

# LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup> OF GROSSE POINTE



**League of Women Voters, Grosse Pointe  
Virtual Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 7 p.m.  
Program: *The Ford House: Moving Forward Together*  
Speakers: Cynthia Sohn and Clare Pfeiffer**

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League's Voter Service activities are strictly nonpartisan, neither endorsing candidates nor supporting parties. The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, in both its values and practices, reaffirms its commitment to diversity. The League welcomes all individuals 16 years of age and older to membership.

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## Annual Meeting May 11, 2021

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
- II. Organization of Meeting
- III. Appointments/Adoptions
  - A. Appointment of Parliamentarian
  - B. Adoption of rules
  - C. Adoption of meeting agenda
  - D. Acceptance of 2020 Annual Meeting minutes
  - E. Appointment of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes Review Committee
  - F. Adoption of local positions. [See link](#)
- IV. Presentation and Adoption of 2021-2022 Budget

The budget was provided [via link](#) in the Voter Newsletter. Hard copies are available upon request.
- V. Election of Slate of Candidates

The following members are nominated for positions  
*Two-year terms expire June 30, 2023*  
*One-year terms expire June 30, 2022*

  - A. President: Sue Acton (2-year term; President-Elect 20-21)
  - B. Vice President Program: Joan Richardson (2-year term)
  - C. Secretary: Judy Masserang (2-year term)
  - D. Director: Marge Freundl (2-year term)
  - E. Director: Deborah Trotter (2-year term)
  - F. Nominating Committee Chair: Lauri Kingsbury (1-year term)
  - G. Nominating Committee Member: Joan Morris (1-year term) *Note: The third member of the Nominating Committee is appointed by the Board.*
- VI. Ways and Means/Strategic Plan Report
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Directions to the Board: If a member has not submitted comments via the registration form, the member may submit comments via the Zoom Chat function.
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjournment

## Proposed Rules for Virtual Annual Meeting

- Only members of the League may speak.
- Members wishing to speak should raise their hands and wait for the Chair to recognize members who may then unmute their audio.
- The Chair may limit debate, as necessary, to make sure all members have been given the opportunity to speak.
- Because this is a virtual meeting, members will raise their hands to vote on any agenda items.

**League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe**  
**Minutes of Annual Meeting May 27, 2020**

Submitted by Diana Domin, Meeting Secretary

1. After the annual meeting on May 27, 2020, the minutes were reviewed by Laurie Coplin and Connie Frey.
2. The electronic meeting was called to order by President Judy Florian at 7:44 p.m.
3. Judy Florian recognized the elected officials present who are LWVGP members; Vicki Granger and Valerie Kindle.
4. Judy Florian reiterated the rules of the electronic meeting, as presented in the meeting notice.
5. Secretary Diana Domin reported that we have a quorum for the meeting.
6. George McMullen was appointed Parliamentarian.
7. Motion to adopt the Rules as stated in the 2020 annual meeting report was made by Diana Domin and seconded by Mary Jo Johnson. Approved.
8. Motion to adopt the Order of Business as stated in the meeting report was made by Diana Domin and seconded by Margit Jackson. Approved.
9. Laurie Coplin and Connie Frey were appointed to review the minutes of this meeting.
10. There will be no election committee since the votes for election will be counted based on raised hands at this virtual Zoom meeting.
11. Minutes of the June 1, 2019 annual meeting were accepted.
12. Carol Lufburrow reviewed the 2020-2021 proposed budget, which was also sent to all members with the meeting notice. A fundraiser was conducted this year by a fall letter campaign, and memorial donations for Barbara Thompson also contributed to this year's income. Carol would like us to conduct a fundraiser in 2020-2021 to offset the proposed shortfall. The shortfall will not be as great as expected because of the reduced costs due to the virtual annual meeting and national convention. Carol thanked Tom Wells and Connie Frey for their assistance. The budget was adopted on a motion by Marge Freundl seconded by Mary Zahler.
13. Sarah Coats noted that our current membership is 111. Current members renewal dues payment deadline is July 1, 2020; the form is available in the meeting booklet and on our website.
14. Wilhelmina Giblin gave a brief history of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiative, begun at the 2018 National Convention, and of our LWVGP Diversity Policy and Action Plan. A written report was also submitted.
15. Mary Jo Johnson presented the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for the 2020-2021 positions, which are printed in the 2020 annual meeting report. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate was elected by a show of hands vote as presented. The Nominating Committee for 2020 consists of: Mary Jo Johnson and Mary Morshead, with additional member(s) to be appointed.
16. Judy Florian thanked the off-board position holders for their dedication and hard work. She also thanked Tom Wells for his 4 years of service as the president, Ann Nicholson who is stepping down after 6 years of co-editing The Voter and Vicki Granger who did an excellent job of planning and technical execution of the electronic meeting, and gathering the meeting materials.
17. Vote to Adopt Current Positions - There being no proposed changes, the June 1, 2019 vote on local positions still stands.
18. New Business – No new business was presented.
19. Directions to The Board: from the floor the following were proposed:
  - a. Lambro Niforos requests that we monitor the redistricting efforts in Michigan.

- b. Mary Ellen Burke praised the recorded GPW candidate forum that resulted in her joining LWVGP and recommends continuing to record and make the forums available to voters.
- c. Vicki Granger requests that the Voter Services VP and assistant discuss virtual candidate forums. Mary Zahler noted that due to current Covid restrictions we are unable to host candidate forums in person. We are working with Rhonda Craig with the Detroit League to put on a virtual forum on June 17, 2020 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> district of Michigan with 2 candidates. This will be recorded and put on our website and Facebook, and Detroit's website and Facebook. We have also asked the public to submit written questions in advance. Marge Freundl noted that Facebook has the capacity to boost (or promote) a notice, and that this would be a good tool to get a larger audience for these forums.
- d. Wilhelmina Giblin requests that fundraising and finance be added as standing agenda items on the monthly board meeting agenda, and that a fundraising committee be appointed to look at fundraising opportunities throughout the year.
- e. Jan Wells asked why the School Board forum was not listed on the Voter Services report. Judy Florian acknowledged that this was an oversight in the report preparation and it should have been included.
- f. Carol Lufburrow would like to see a recruitment effort by the League for election officials to help the City Clerks.
- g. Jan Wells asked if there is a process for volunteering to assist clerks count absentee ballots. Voter Services will check with the clerks about procedures.

20. Announcements – George McMullen praised Judy for a well-run electronic meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

## Annual Report LWVGP 2020-2021

### Board of Directors 2020-2021

#### Executive Board

President: Judy Florian-term expires June 30, 2021  
President-Elect: Sue Acton-term expires June 30, 2021  
Vice President: Program Valerie Kindle-term expires June 30, 2021  
Vice President: Voter Services Mary Zahler-term expires June 30, 2022  
Secretary Diana Domin- term expires June 30, 2021  
Treasurer Carol Lufburrow-term expires June 30, 2022

#### On-Board Elected Directors

Director Voter Services Mary Garlough-term expires June 30, 2023 (appointed April 2021)  
Director Membership Sarah Coats-term expires June 30, 2021  
Director Membership Laurie Coplin-term expires June 30, 2021  
Director Program Carol Todd-term expires June 30, 2022

#### On-Board Appointed Directors – one year terms, appointed by the President

Sandy Barrett – Assistant Treasurer  
Wilhelmina Giblin – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Chair  
Vicki Granger – Communications Committee Chair, Voter Co-Editor

#### Off-Board Directors

Margaret M. Freundl – Publicity, Voter Co-Editor  
Connie Frey – Education/Budget  
Kathy Gardner – Webmaster  
Ann Nicholson – Historian  
Mary Jo Johnson – Nominating Committee  
Ed Trowbridge – LWVGP Telephone

### Board Reports for 2020-2021

#### President

#### Submitted by Judy Florian, President

Our League continued to be challenged this year with the Covid19 pandemic. Despite the adversity, I feel we were successful with our virtual events by serving our members and continuing to maintain visibility within our community. Listed below are some of our accomplishments.

- The League purchased an annual subscription to Zoom, which allowed us to hold meetings with unlimited time constraints and up to 100 people.
- Voter Services conducted candidate forums virtually and provided the recordings on our website for viewing. Although challenging, we were pleased with the results.
- The Program Committee developed several programs and also collaborated with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and Voter Services on other programs this year. All were recorded and are currently on our website. We also partnered with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society on a program recognizing the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and Grosse Pointe Public Library for the program, *Rigged: The Voter Suppression Playbook*.

- We held a suffrage photo session at the GP War Memorial to recreate history in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. We were joined by our local colleagues from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) GP and Soroptimists.
- We upgraded our website to a new, more user-friendly version.
- We added PayPal as a payment option for dues and donations on our website.
- We raised \$298 with our Vote411 Lawn Sign and sash/button fundraisers. Since the signs are generic, we have a supply of signs to sell for future elections.
- A total of 5,568,097 Michigan ballots were cast in the November, 2020 election, shattering the state's previous record of 5,039,080 set in November 2008. This total was also 14% higher than the 4,874,619 ballots cast in November 2016. In all, 71% of Michigan adults ages 18 and older participated in the 2020 presidential election, the largest percentage since 1960, when 73% participated in the election that pitted John F. Kennedy against Richard Nixon.
- The Communications Committee enhanced our visibility in the community with news articles and Facebook postings.
- Several League members volunteered for the LWVMI Post-Election Observer Corps for the Wayne County Board of Canvassers. The Board "canvasses" elections by carefully reviewing and authenticating various forms and certificates completed to document the vote cast at the polls. The experience was enlightening to learn the processes that happen after election day.
- The LWVMI provided grant opportunities to local leagues. We applied for and received funding for two-\$400 grants. One emphasized Vote411 and Clerk Engagement. The other focused on the Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) and league-sponsored Town Hall meetings. Three of our league members are also serving on the Communities of Interest (COI) Team for our league—Lauri Kingsbury, Carol Lufburrow and Cathy McAdam.
- We conducted a virtual Town Hall on the MICRC to educate the community on the Commission, gerrymandering and the concept of Communities of Interest. We partnered with the Grosse Pointe Library on this event. The Grosse Pointe News published an editorial on the Town Hall on April 29, 2021. [Read that editorial here.](#)
- We are pleased the following people will represent the LWVGP at the LWVMI Convention.
  - **Voting Delegate Attendees**
    - Denise Allen, Sue Acton, Judy Florian, Marge Freundl, Vicki Granger (voting delegate for LWVMI), Cathy McAdam, Mary Zahler
  - **Non-Voting Attendees**
    - Connie Frey, Mary Jo Johnson, Lauri Kingsbury, Laura Larson, Carol Lufburrow, and Judy Masserang

Please review the following reports from the Committee Chairs for more on our activities and accomplishments this year. Many thanks to all members who have given their time and expertise to make our year so successful. You rose to the occasion and I am impressed and awed by your many talents! A special thank you to all who supported me during my leadership year. It is greatly appreciated!

## **President-Elect**

### **Submitted by Sue Acton, President-Elect**

Covid-19 could not stop the forward motion of the League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe. As President-Elect, I was fortunate enough to:

- Work with Voter Services to moderate virtual Candidate Forums for State Representative, Harper Woods 32A District Court Judge, Grosse Pointe School Board, and three virtual interviews for a GP Park City Council vacancy.
- Work with Voter Services in promoting assistance to city clerks in mailing absentee ballots, working the polls, and observing the Wayne County Canvassers
- Develop flyers as electronic communication tools for these and other League events.
- Present the LWV-MI slideshow at our Program Planning meeting to inform the LWVGP about the issues related to Lame Duck Sessions in the Michigan Congress.
- Work with the Treasurer and other talented women on the Budget Committee to determine a new budget for 2021-22.
- Develop and lead a Ways and Means committee to analyze where we have been as a League, and, more importantly, what will challenge us and drive us in 2021-22.
- I am very grateful for Judy Florian's leadership and mentorship and the great advice from Communications Chair Vicki Granger and former president Tom Wells. I trust good things are ahead.

## **Program**

### **Submitted by Valerie Kindle, LWVGP VP Program**

#### **Committee members include Denise Allen and Carol Todd**

Note: All programs this year were virtual via the Zoom platform. When appropriate, presentations were recorded and uploaded to the LWVGP [YouTube Channel](#)

**September 16, 2020:** The Grosse Pointe Historical Society, with co-sponsors LWVGP and the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House presented Speaker Susan Nenadic's talk on *Votes for Women: Suffrage in Michigan*, in recognition of the 100-year Celebration of the Women's Right to Vote.

**October 6, 2020:** LWVGP Voter Services presented *Making Your Mail-in Ballot Count*, with Hestor Wheeler, Assistant Secretary of State, Jill Soubel Walsh from the ACLU, and Derrick Kozicki, City Clerk, Grosse Pointe Farms.

**November 15, 2020:** LWVGP Program Committee invited three participants to discuss *Life's Challenges in the Coronavirus Community*. Panelists included Jennifer Boettcher, GP Chamber of Commerce, Zach Roberts, AAA Michigan,, Sarah Colandro, nurse at Beaumont Hospital and Maxwell C. Murray, a college student at DePaul University.

**December 15, 2020:** LWVGP Program Committee presented a program on holiday traditions, foods, and special highlights of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa celebrations.

**January 26, 2021:** LWVGP President-Elect Sue Acton presented information on the LWVMI Lame Duck position. Consensus was reached on several items and feedback was sent to LWVMI for consideration. *NOTE: A new Lame Duck position will be voted on at the May 2021 LWVMI Convention.*

**February 24, 2021:** LWVGP DEI Committee welcomed Daniel Baxter, who presented information on *How to Use Wayne County Data to Help the League Become a More Welcoming Organization*.

**March 23, 2021:** LWVGP Program Committee welcomed Dana Paglia King, who presented information on *The Effects of Coronavirus on the Homeless Community*.

**April 22, 2021:** LWVGP President Judy Florian led a town hall on the redistricting process, including the explanation of Communities of Interest. Rebecca Szetela, Vice Chair of the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission (MICRC) joined the virtual meeting. This town hall was open to the public, with a turnout of over 50 people, many non-League members.

**May 11, 2021:** The LWVGP held its annual meeting virtually. Representatives from the Ford House spoke, and members voted on the budget and slate of candidates for LWVGP leadership.



## **Voter Services**

**Submitted by Mary Zahler, LWVGP VP Voter Services & Mary Ellen Brayton, Director Voter Services**

The 2020-21 year was a busy one for Voter Services. Here is a summary of our activities.

- We conducted four virtual candidate forums via Zoom in June and September: one for Michigan State Representative, District 2, one for 32A District Judge Harper Woods and two for the Grosse Pointe School Board, ( a total of 21 candidates). The forum for State Representative was held jointly with the League of Women Voters Detroit. All forums were recorded and posted on the YouTube channel on the League's website and Facebook page.
- The Vote411 site was updated to reflect the local elections for Michigan State Representative, District 2, 32A District Judge Harper Woods, and Grosse Pointe School Board. We asked three questions of each candidate; their responses were made available to people accessing Vote411. We had 100% participation by the candidates!
- The annual update of Your Government Officials (YGO) brochure included changes to reflect the local elections in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods and National election results. In addition, the sections on Communicating with Public Officials, Voting Information, and Running for Local Office were added or updated.
- Voter Services engaged with all six city clerks, learned of their needs for more poll workers, and publicized those needs. LWVGP members and community volunteers assisted the City of Grosse Pointe Farms City Clerk by stuffing voter applications and 4,500 mail-in ballots. When Clerks asked for help finding workers for both the August 4<sup>th</sup> Primary and November Election, we put the word out.



- Forty volunteers assisted the ACLU by writing 2600 postcards to people of color, young voters, and unmarried women throughout the state encouraging them to vote.
- On October 6 Voter Services held a virtual program entitled *Making Your Mail-in Ballot Count*. Panelists included Hestor Wheeler, Assistant Secretary of State, Jill Soubel Walsh from the ACLU, and Derrick Kozicki, City Clerk, Grosse Pointe Farms. They answered questions regarding mail-in ballots. The program was well received and was posted on Facebook and YouTube.
- Mary Zahler provided a two-minute segment on Vote411.org that explained the website and demonstrated how to use it. It became a two-minute stand-alone presentation on Facebook and YouTube.
- We distributed 1000 copies of the LWVMI printed Voter Guide and 500 copies of the ACLU's *Know Your Voting Rights* brochure.
- We worked with the Communications Committee to disseminate voter information through the Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe Times, Grosse Pointe Patch, Facebook and other social media.
- At the request of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, we conducted three interview sessions to fill a vacancy for the Grosse Pointe Park City Council.
- We have a new student LWVGP member, Becca Koch, who will help spread the word to students about voter registration and the importance of voting in local elections. In lieu of our usual Spring in-person high school student voter registration drive (due to Covid restrictions), we will provide information via social media only.
- Our League was one of fourteen Local Leagues who received a grant from the LWVMI Education Fund to assist with Voter Services activities. The final report summarized the many ways that Michigan Leagues engaged with local clerks, encouraged Vote411 use and promoted voter registration and the election process.
- The accomplishment of the above activities during the 2020-21 year could not have been possible without the help from so many of our League volunteers. A special thanks to the following members who stepped up to assist with these activities: Sue Acton, Mary Ellen Brayton, Sandy Barrett, Laurie Coplin, Judy Florian, Stu Dow, Marge Freundl, Vicki Granger, Mary Jo Johnson, Valerie Kindle, Mary Morshead, Ann Nicholson, Deb Sloss, Steve Trowbridge, Jan Wells, Tom Wells, and Mary Zahler.

## **Treasurer**

**Submitted by Carol Lufburrow, LWVGP Treasurer**

At the September 2020 meeting, the Board approved the consolidation of 5 Certificates of Deposit (CDs) into one mutual fund for ease in managing these resources and avoiding exorbitant bank fees. The Vanguard Total Bond Market Index (TBMI) Fund was selected for a better interest rate with low risk.

Assistant Treasurer Sandy Barrett has provided oversight and support in various responsibilities. Her thoroughness and accuracy in managing the Action Log, a vital record reflecting our league's membership and income, plus her diligence in keeping up with our mail during these turbulent times in a pandemic, reflect her commitment to our league and its goals. Her insight is invaluable.

A Treasurer's report is submitted at every board meeting. In the past year, we have been using only the checking account for expenses. This means our Retained Earnings, which consists of 1 Flagstar Bank CD plus the Vanguard TBMI Fund totaling approximately \$26,000, can be used for unexpected and extraordinary expenses, seed money for fundraising events for a method to finance other LWVGP endeavors.

At the March meeting, following approval of the 2021-2022 budget, which has a potential deficit of \$3,000, the Board supported the establishment of a Ways & Means Committee to address a path forward on a number of

concerns. Topics include, but are not limited to, how to increase our League visibility in our communities, how to increase our membership, plus fundraising efforts and events.

Connie Frey completed a financial review of the Treasurer's reports and supporting documentation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and found no irregularities.

For complete transparency, all financial information is available to any member, so please don't hesitate to contact the Treasurer if you have questions.

**Cash Balances as of 1 May 2021:**

Flagstar Bank Checking Account:	\$4,534.34
PayPal:	\$1,199.61
Flagstar Bank Certificate of Deposit:	\$8,304.73
Vanguard TBMI Fund:	\$17,794.37
Grand Total:	\$31,833.05

**Membership**

**Submitted by Sarah Coats and Laurie Coplin, LWVGP Co-Directors**

Sadly, three LWVGP members passed away during the 2020-2021 year. James Kelly, Lifetime member Ann Kondak, Elizabeth (Eleanor) Marsh and George McMullen. We sincerely valued their membership and years of service and they will be missed.

Our membership has decreased a bit from last year, though not materially. We have 98 members, 17 of whom are new to the League. Even though we are not holding in-person events, several of these new members have not only expressed their desire to become active members, they have carried out that desire on a number of fronts, including joining committees and assisting with Voter Services' work.

Since we were unable to hold in-person meetings this past year, our opportunities to recruit new members have been constrained. We wish to thank all our members who have invited friends to join, spread the word about the work the League is doing and about our virtual events, and made new members feel welcome. Marge Freundl's publicity pieces in both the Grosse Pointe News and the Grosse Pointe Times have helped spread the word of our existence and work, which has been a helpful stand-in for those cancelled in-person meetings.

Your membership dues ensure the League's continued long-term commitment to voter services, education and advocacy to our community. Regular membership dues for the next fiscal year are \$60 for individuals, \$90 for household/family and \$5 for student membership. There are two ways to renew your annual dues. You can mail a check, payable to *League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe* to LWVGP, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, 48236. Please include any changes in your contact information, especially email, when you send your check. You can also use our secure and convenient payment option via PayPal on our website, [lwvgrossepointe.org](http://lwvgrossepointe.org). The cost is \$62 for individuals, \$93 for household/family and \$6 for students (these amounts include the PayPal fee). Whichever method you use, **please pay by July 1**. Remember – timely payment of your dues ensures that we have the financial wherewithal to continue the good work we do.

A very special thanks to Mary Vitolins for her continued support in delivering our League welcome packets to our new members. Even during the pandemic, she was willing to continue this packet distribution—her efforts are very much appreciated!

We look forward to gathering in person before too long, but continuing to thrive as an organization while social distancing.

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)**

**Submitted by Wilhelmina Giblin, LWVGP DEI Committee Chair**

**Committee members include Denise Allen, Laurie Arora, Margaret Freundl and Valerie Kindle**

Thanks to the committee members for their valuable input regarding what activities the league should consider this past year to move toward our goal of diversity and inclusion in the organization. Diversity includes race, socioeconomic status, culture, sexual orientation, disability and religion.

Individuals from a variety of organizations were invited to speak to the LWVGP regarding barriers to services for community residents, need for collaborations with organizations, and our current political climate and implications for what actions the league can take to address these issues.

The DEI committee invited the following guest speakers to its committee meetings and LWVGP membership meetings:

Dessa Cosma, Founder of Detroit Disability Power

Reverend Jeffrey Baker, Minister of St. Paul AME Church in Grosse Pointe Park

Dr. Alexander Riegel, Minister of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

Daniel Baxter, Special Consultant to the City Clerk of Detroit and former Director of Elections for the City of Detroit and Wayne County

Speakers discussed the changing demographic landscape of communities in Wayne County; barriers and accessibility to voting by persons with disabilities; the need for close-captioning at league meetings; the importance of building relationships with diverse community organizations, (i.e. churches, NAACP, colleges, and universities), the need to address misinformation and misperceptions we hold about persons unlike ourselves and to find commonalities amongst us; and finally a book discussion group was formed to help members understand how our historical roots influence modern day cultural dynamics and what we can do to improve race and gender relations.

Educational webinars from LWVUS regarding DEI continue to be shared with league members. Ideas have been solicited from members regarding how to recruit younger, diverse members. League members with experience using TIKTOK, Instagram and Twitter are encouraged to offer their expertise for using these media to recruit younger and diverse members.

Our DEI Action Plan continues to serve as a guide to document strategies implemented during the year to help our league become a more diverse and welcoming organization.

Members are encouraged to join the DEI committee. We need your ideas and recommendations to achieve our DEI goals.

## **Communications Committee**

**Submitted by Vicki Granger, LWVGP Director Communications**

**Committee members include Marge Freundl and Kathy Gardner**

The Communications Committee has worked closely together this year to disseminate information to the public via various platforms: the website, publicity to local papers, Facebook posts, emails and newsletters. Our thanks to Sue Acton who has prepared numerous eye-catching flyers to use as part of our efforts to increase awareness of the LWVGP, and LWV's mission.

- **Website:** In the spring of 2020, Vicki Granger worked closely with former website manager Beth Martin to create a new website, with a new domain name, [lvvgrossepointe.org](http://lvvgrossepointe.org) This website replaced a site that required html coding skills, and is more user friendly. Kathy Gardner maintains the website.
- **Facebook:** Marge Freundl has handled Facebook posts for events, as well as links to articles of interest to LWVGP members, such as the Census, voter suppression news articles, etc.
- **Publicity:** Marge Freundl has ably handled publicity, sending articles to the Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe Times and Grosse Pointe Patch. In April 2021, the Grosse Pointe News published several articles about the Town Hall on Redistricting .
- **Emails:** Vicki Granger handled both internal emails to LWVGP members, as well as preparing the Voter Newsletter via Constant Contact. Marge Freundl served as Co-Editor of the Voter. Monthly emails have increased in the percentage which were opened by recipients.
- **Promotions:** The Communications Committee proposed two events to increase visibility of LWVGP. The Vote 411 lawn signs were sold to increase awareness of this option for voter information. The Suffrage Photo gathering at the GP War Memorial in summer of 2020, with masks, was featured in the Grosse Pointe Magazine. The picture was also on the cover of the 2019-2020 LWVMI Annual Report.

## **Historian/Archives**

**Submitted by Ann Nicholson, LWVGP Historian**

Our League gifts its archives to the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan. The Bentley specializes in Michigan history and many Michigan Leagues archive materials there. They collect our annual reports, newsletters, board minutes, information on community projects, Your Government Officials, and activities pertaining to local studies we have done through the years. The Bentley has been closed this year, but files are ready to donate when they open again.

I am now in possession of two scrapbooks of mostly news items pertaining to LWVGP for years 2000-2016 and some more recent miscellaneous news items waiting to be organized. Tom Wells and I went through boxes of papers which had been passed on from president to president and pulled out those items of current or archival interest. About 60 three ring binders were donated to the Girls in Aviation program at City Airport.

If any members have files describing projects our League was involved in and would like to contribute them to the archives, please contact me.

## **Nominating Committee**

**Submitted by Mary Jo Johnson, LWVGP Nominating Committee Chair**

**Committee members include Wilhelmina Giblin and Mary Morshead**

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for creating an excellent slate of candidates within the appropriate deadline. They worked diligently to make sure the nominees had information about board member responsibilities, as well as the job descriptions.

The following members are nominated for positions (two-year terms, expire June 30, 2023)

- VP for Program: Joan Richardson (2-year term)
- Secretary: Judy Masserang (2-year term)
- Director: Marge Freundl (2-year term)
- Director: Deborah Trotter (2-year term)
- Nominating Committee Chair: Lauri Kingsbury (1-year term)
- Nominating Committee Member: Joan Morris (1-year term) Note: The third member of the Nominating Committee is appointed by the Board.

Note: The material for this Annual Meeting and Annual Report was provided by the 2020-2021 Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs.

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