League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2023

Sarah Allen welcomed everyone to the 2023 Annual Meeting. Awards will be presented before dinner and the business meeting.

Charlotte Swett Walter Democracy Award: Charlotte's daughters were introduced and the award given in her name was described. Angie Abraham, a sophomore from Glenbard West did an original drawing entitled Your Voice Matters. Emily Puchalski, a junior at Glenbard South, submitted a photograph of the ceiling of the rotunda in Springfield entitled Fragile Like Glass. Both winners talked about their entries and the meaning behind them.

Recognition of New Members: Judy Gervase introduced our new members and asked them to stand.

Recognition of 50-Year Members: Rinda Allison was introduced as a new 50-year member. Midge Anderson, who recently passed away, was recognized for her long service to the league.

Annual Awards Presentation: Margaret DeLaRosa and Judy Kinn headed the awards committee. Committee member Ginger Wheeler presented this year's awards.

- The Susan B. Anthony Voter Service Award goes to a member who has worked diligently to register voters and inform voters on candidates and issues. This year the award goes to Dave Evans and Erica Nelson.
- The outstanding new league member service award goes to a new member who has become actively involved and has assumed a leadership role in our league. This year that award goes to Brit Murphy
- The Phyllis Renfro Community Action Award goes to a member who has been exceptionally active in league and an activist in the community. This year's award goes to Jacquelyn Casazza and karin Daly.

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Michelle Thorsell at 7:01pm.
Members present: Sarah Allen, Michelle Thorsell, Karin Daly, Bernie Laszewski, Ann Robinson, Joyce Miller, Judy Gervase, Erica Nelson, Dave Evans, Jacquelyn Casazza, Barbara Kwiatkowsky, Rita Doyle, Joyce Hothan, Donna Jean Simon, Karen Schulz, Joyce Beck, Nicole DeJoris, Ginger Wheeler, Kim Reed, Leroy Boeckelman, Jayne Boeckelman, Carrie Burrows, Kristin Malone, Julie Evans, Miles Evans, Sally Fairbanks, Mary Sue Brown, Sonja Faulkner, Gail Gernstein, Jo Turner, Judy Kinn, Brit Murphy, Deb Hornell, Julie Losassa, Candy Purdom, Bobbi Wheatley, Laura Lee, Wendy Boden, Emily Henkels, Natalia Serrano, Sarah Baldwin, Amy Hohulan, Juli Kennelly, Cindy Curry, Kathleen Drouin, Shawn Fasules, Polly Cooper, Maria Metz, Michelle Peterson, Lucy Dallman, Patti Denney, Karen Pulver, Chris Carey, Dan Reilein, Clara Hughes, Paul McGowen and Rinda Allison.
A quorum was present. Sixty-three members were in attendance.

Approval of minutes: The minutes were presented from the 2022 Annual Meeting. Judy Kinn moved to accept the minutes. Karin Daly seconded. They were approved.

Review of Bylaws: Presentation of bylaws by Laura Lee. No changes were made. Committee moved to approve. Approved.

Program: Bernie went over the program recommendation for next year. 1. Environment, air, water, and plastic reduction. 2. Making Democracy Work, more member engagement, and 3. Education and public schools. For the Education Position, it was recommended that we adopt the language of the Wheaton League. We will also leave the School Consolidation position, the Status of Facilities, eliminating the portable classroom sentence, and Capitalized the School Referendum Criteria. We will continue to participate in the Civic Awareness Meetings at Cantigny co-sponsored with other area leagues. Action and advocacy focus items are listed on page 12 in the meeting booklet. Position updates can be found on page 13. 1. Education-Our position lacked a quality of education position. We adopt the Wheaton League's position by concurrence Bernie moved to accept that position. The motion passed. Bernie also moved to accept the other changes found on the pages 13 & 14. It passed. 2. Socio-economic study updates can also be found on pages 15 & 16. Bernie moved to accept these changes. The motion passed. 3. Park District. Term limits are changed and the other positions are aligned with state and national positions. Bernie moved to accept the changes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Miller introduced the budget found on page 20. She took questions and reported that we have $27,000 in the bank with $6, 700 available to use for a total of $34,000. The budget is on page 21 & 22. There are no plans for fundraising at this time.

Nominating Committee: Amy Hohulan, Judy Gervase, Kristin Malone, Candy Purdom, and Ginger Wheeler were on the Committee. Amy introduced the slate for the next two years.

- Co-Presidents- Judy Kinn & Barbara Kwiatkowsky
- Vice President-Program-Candace Purdom
- Secretary-Brit Murphy
- Voter Services Officer- Deb Hornell
- Elected Director-Publications- Samantha Martin
- Elected Director-Webmaster-Nicole DeJoris
- Elected Director-Legislative Issues - Erica Nelson
- Elected Director- Social Justice - Sarah Allen
- Nominating Committee Chair- Kristin Malone
- Nominating Committee Member- Ginger Wheeler
- Nominating Committee Member- Lynn Bruno

No nominations were from the floor. The ballot as a whole slate was nominated by Karen Schulz. Sonja Faulkner seconded. The motion passed.

Co-President's Report: Update: Goals for the year are increased youth involvement, increased diversity in membership, and retention of members, increased involvement with our 7 sister leagues and community meetings. Candidate forums all over the area were successful. The State Convention will be in June. Retiring board members were thanked for their service. They are Erica Nelson, Bernie Laszewski, Rita Doyle, Ann Robinson, and Donna Jean Simon.

The new incoming co-Presidents, Barbara and Judy, thanked everyone in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Robinson, Secretary