



Annual Meeting Minutes

Grasslands Country Club, Lakeland

Friday, May 9, 2025

**MINUTES**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Diane Lacey Allen, Linda Donaldson, Karen Freedman, Ben Graffam, Eileen Swiler, and Jo Shim.

**Non-Board Members in Attendance:** Larry Rankin, Trudy Rankin, Shelley Swenson, Nancy Futch, Breezi Hicks, Vicki Lowe, Cindy Sternlicht, Katy Byrd, Jim Byrd, Jennifer Gardner, Suzanne Sherman, Sue Thrower, Claudia Slate, Robin Adams, Julie Hart, Jen Cordova, Eileen Swiler, Stuart Swiler, Nancy Simmons, Terry Wells, Sarah Fortney, Beatty Raymond, Jerry Weeks, Paula Mims, Gena Taylor, Daryl Dowding, Mike Murray, Tim Sizemore, Jean Baker, Sue Schultz, Marilyn Randolph, Diane Hurles, Charlotte Zeak, Vicki Wuertz, Elaine Clemons, and Sharon Palmer.

**Proceedings:**

- Meeting Called to order at 11:38 AM by Linda Donaldson.
- Welcome and Introduction of Guests
- Parliamentarian—Sandy Sheets served in this position for the proceeding
- Tellers—Diane Allen and Katy Byrd confirmed the attendance count: 61 individuals of which 41 were members. A Quorum was attained.

**Minutes Committee Report:** Eileen Swiler affirmed that last year's annual minutes were correct as written, and she moved to have them accepted as written. The motion was seconded. It passed with a unanimously voice vote of membership.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diane Allen delivered this report, then moved to have the report accepted. The motion was seconded. It passed with a unanimously voice vote.

**Budget Committee Report:** Paula Mims presented the budget for 2025 - 2026, suggesting that \$6,000.00 in donations would be needed this year. She moved to approve the budget, and being that she was a member of that committee, no second was needed. It passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Bylaws Amendment Report:** Katy Byrd presented the proposed changes for the bylaws. Art. III, S 2; Art. VI, S 2; Art. VIII, S 1 required wording to bring them up to date and in conjunction with the new Annual-Dues payment methods established by the LWVUS. Katy then moved that the

proposed changes be accepted and written into the bylaws. The motion was seconded. It passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Mike Murray reported the nominations for the 2025-2026 year.

**League of Women Voters of Polk County  
Nominating Committee Report 2024  
Proposed Slate**

Officers

President: Jo Shim	2025-2026
Vice President: Open	2025-2026
Secretary: Ben Graffam	2025-2026
Treasurer: Katy Byrd	2025-2027
Directors (Elected)	
Charlene Bennett – 1 year remaining	2025-2026
Karen Freedman – 1 year remaining	2025-2026
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Jen Cordova – 2 year term	2025-2027

*Nominating Committee* for 2025 - 26 will be Celena Clark and Claudia Slate, with one additional member to be board appointed before November.

Immediate Past President

Linda Donaldson 2025-2026 (had served 2023 - 2025)

Mike then moved to vote on nominations as a slate. Motion was seconded. It passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 PM.

New President, Jo Shim followed the adjournment with a few remarks about the upcoming year.

Linda Donaldson, President

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Jo Shim, Vice President

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Diane Allen, Treasurer

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Ben Graffam, Secretary

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