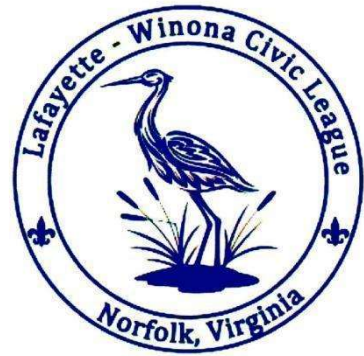


Lafayette-Winona Civic League
Minutes of the LWCL Meeting
April 20, 2026



7:00 pm - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome to the 2025/2026 Civic League Season

Board Members:

Bryan Cornell, President
Matt Hinson, Vice President
Nancy Eyler, Treasurer
Christopher May PhD, Secretary
Douglas Arnold, Member at Large

Attendance: 41

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Introductory Announcements by our President

- Guest from Lafayette Shores Miss Trisha
 - Invitation to Mahjong Games
 - 4 tables set up – open to all
 - Last Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Lafayette Shore club house
 - Tai Chi every Thursday of the month (\$10)
 - Swimming at the neighborhood pool
 - Miss Trisha's contact information will be posted to the LWCL.net website
- Minutes of the previous meeting were read

Officer Tomko

- No crime to report this month!!
- Police were dispatched to Dupont and Moultrie report of someone offering kids candy
 - Occurred last week – Tuesday, 4/14
 - Be mindful of this and spread the word
- Getting warmer outside and schools are letting out – lock your car doors!
 - Look for people out of place! Call Officer Tomko or non-emergency to report suspicious people in the neighborhood

Committee Updates

- Events – Amanda Pine
 - Thank for participating on the yard sale

- April 25th is date for the plant sale 9AM – 2PM
 - Sign is posted on Lafayette Blvd
 - Picked out \$1000 worth of plants
 - Saturday morning (4/25) NEED VOLUNTEERS to load and unload trucks to deliver to the sale site – need volunteer trucks as well – please see Nancy for sign up sheet – also need help taking the canopy down once sale is done
 - Cash and card options are available
- **Social – Rebecca Shultz**
 - New signs are out!!
 - Please join the sign squad to help with posting signs in the neighborhood – let Brian know
- **Dog Park – Susan Jones**
 - Doug took down the jumping hoop and replaced with a ramped platform
 - Still do not have mulch – waiting on the City to provide
 - Need help with moving some walking stones PLEASE

Nomination Committee Report and Slate of Potential Board Members – Cheryl Cushing-Oman

All candidates meet the qualifications for running for office

President:

Kelsey Bocke

- Works in non-profit management
- Sits on many boards
- Currently works at WHRO
- Knows how to work with the city and is familiar with civic processes and operations
- Knows Roberts Rules!
- Wants to grow the civic league and increase involvement across the neighborhood

Brian Cornell

- Lived in LW all his life
- Focused on growing civic league
- Integral in initiating a revamp of the LWCL.net Website
- Initiated the rejuvenation of the LWCL Committees
- Wants to get LWCL back involved with the City

Vice President

Amanda Pine – running unopposed

- Works with foster care
- Currently faith alliance board
- Member: National Body of Presbyterian Church
- Stickler for Roberts Rules
- Serves critical role on the nominations committee
- Chairs the event committee
- Very passionate about civic league and has been a major player in its growth and organization

Secretary

Rebecca Schultz – running unopposed

- Built the LWCL.net website
- Started the LWCL newsletter
- Serves as social committee chair
- Works with non-profits
- Currently works as a marketing director
- Serves on many boards
- Has been very involved in the LWCL

Treasurer

Margaret Gemski – running unopposed

- Community is very important
- Trustee for a homeowner association
- Eager to contribute
- Very vocal 😊
- Interested in how to make our community better
- Experience: Currently managing million dollar budgets
 - Wants to bring technology to the position

Member at Large

Doug Arnold – running unopposed

- Runs a local contracting company
- Loves the community
- Wants to contribute

Special Guest Speaker – Norfolk CASA

WELCOME Chris Patterson of Norfolk CASA!!

- Chris has been with CASA since 2015
- www.norfolkcasa.com
- CASA: Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Volunteer organization
- Works with the courts – court-appointed services
 - Responds to reports to social services in cases of abuse or neglect
 - CASA is brought in to provide the eyes and ears to the judge (judge appointed)
 - CASA is non-biased – plays an investigatory role only to report findings to the judge
 - Remain with child until permanency is established
- Encourage those that are interested to reach out to CASA
- Training IS provided!
- CASA is about half short on volunteers – they are in desperate need for volunteers!
- How do I volunteer??
 - Go to www.norfolkcasa.com
 - Apply on the website
 - Complete interview and background check
 - Complete training
 - Commit to 18 months to a case making at least one visit with your assigned child (children) each month
- Spread the word!
- Events:
 - Give 757 Local – May 5th event – make a donation!
 - Norfolk CASA's Mother's Day Luncheon and Silent Auction- May 8th
 - Online donations accepted at www.norfolkcasa.com

Good for the Order

- None this week!

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Eyler

- \$40 brought in from membership
- Total: \$5,481

Last Meeting's Minutes

- March's meeting minutes are available on the LWCL.net website

Next meeting date: May 19th, 2026

Adjournment at 8:12PM

****AS A REMINDER: VOTING IS NEXT MONTH! You must be a paid member to vote! Dues must be paid 30 days in advance of voting per the bylaws. You must pay dues by April if you want to vote in May**

Check out the website: www.lwcl.net



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