

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
West Lafayette Public Library
August 15, 2006

Attendance

Board members: Shorna Broussard, Betty Doversberger, Winnie Adler, Cathy Potter, Cindy Garwood, Jane Frankenberger, Dottie Rausch

Minutes

Cathy Potter moved and Betty Doversberger seconded to approve the minutes of the June 20 meeting. The motion passed.

County Fair - Reproductive Rights and Voter Registrations

The League had a booth at the Tippecanoe County Fair together with the Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (IRCRC) and Planned Parenthood. The League did voter registration for six days from noon to 9 pm and registered 43 people. The Indiana Voters Quick Reference Guide was also distributed. There were 33 different volunteers, approximately eight League members.

A concern was raised that coupling voter registration with the reproductive rights focus may confuse people's perception of LWV. Many people approached our booth with the intent to argue. At the National Convention, the emphasis was on staying focused on democracy, and there were concerns that too much identification with a specific issue might confuse that. A question about effectiveness of such a booth at the County Fair was also raised, since people attend the Fair with very different concerns in mind. The primary concern was because of the mix of voter registration with a specific issue. Cathy Potter moved and Dottie Rausch seconded that voter registration activities in the future should not be associated with a political issue.

The Board also directed the subcommittee looking at what to include in the League calendar to also look at our policy on partnering with other organizations.

Voter Services

Voter Registration:

Cindy Garwood reported that the League will conduct voter registration at the following:
Lafayette Farmers' Market, Saturdays, Sept 9, 16, 23, 30 from 9 a.m. to noon
West Lafayette Farmers' Market, Wednesdays, Sept 13, 20, 27 from 3-6:30 p.m. Cindy passed around a sign-up sheet which she will also bring to the picnic.

Candidate Forums

There are at least five contested races in 2006.

- a. U.S. House of Representatives, District 4: Steve Buyer(R) and Dave Sanders (D)
 - b. State Senator, District 22: Ron Alting (R) and Dave Vorbeck (D)
 - c. State Representative, District 26: Connie Basham (R) and Joe Micon (D)
 - d. State Representative, District 41: Tim Brown (R) and James Stytle (D)
 - e. County Commissioner, District 1: John Knochel (R) and David Woolums (D)
- Shorna Broussard has contacted all these candidates and is asking them which Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays in October they are available. She will get the information to

Cindy Garwood, who will set up the forums. (Note: Steve Buyer is very unlikely to agree to a forum. LWV policy is that we cannot hold a forum in that case.)

All Day Kindergarten Concurrence

The Meeting will be held September 14 at 7 pm in the Tippecanoe County Library, Meeting Room A. Winnie Adler, with help from Cathy Potter, will get the information to members, ideally in the newsletter. Pat Corey will present and Joan Lohman will be discussion leader.

Membership

- Ramona Lawson is redoing the brochure so that it can last many years (officers and dates of events on insert only). Printing 1000 copies will cost \$670; 500 copies would cost \$390.
- Students at the County Fair asked about a reduced membership rate. We could we offer a rate of \$5, but may need to pay the full amount to state and national. The Fern Weber fund was created for this purpose, so we should use it.
- Other people at the Fair wanted more information about what they would do as a member. Perhaps some information on this could be added to the brochure.
- Ramona Lawson may send postcards about the picnic to potential members.

Election Reform Committee

Shorna Broussard discussed a survey this statewide committee has done of poll workers and poll watchers. They are preparing a report for release to county officials, and after that to the public without specific information about counties. At election time, there will be opportunities for volunteers to participate in the study by observing polls. Shorna will include a discussion of this effort at the picnic. Many members are likely to be interested since democracy is a key issue of the League this year.

Other announcements

Calendar: Winnie Adler will check with Jean Andres to find out if calendar will be ready for the picnic.

Dottie Rausch said that she had met with the Education Committee Chair of the Indiana State Senate, who said that they plan to devote as much money as they can find to all-day kindergarten.

Upcoming Events

Summer Picnic, August 26th, Happy Hollow Park

Every Member Workshop, Oct 21st from 9-3:15 at Purdue University North Central (Hammond). Topics are fundraising and judicial elections. We need to find out how much it cost and whether the League pays for members to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Frankenberger, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette

West Lafayette Public Library

Sept 19, 2006

Attendance

Board members: Shorna Broussard, Betty Doversberger, Winnie Adler, Cathy Potter, Jean Andres, Jane Frankenberger

Minutes

Betty Doversberger moved and Winnie Adler seconded to approve the minutes of the August 15 meeting. The motion passed.

Calendar Guidelines

Calendar guidelines will be included in the Board notebook. Jean Andres will send them to Board members for reference.

LWVIN Liaison

- Jean Andres, our LWVIN liaison, reported that Joanne Evers has reinvigorated the State Board. Jean will be leading the LWVIN web site. She is looking for someone to help with technical aspects. Winnie Adler will help with text. They plan to use the League Easy Website (LEW) developed by the California chapter.
- Oct 21 is the Every Member Workshop at Purdue North Central, and will include the election study, and a presentation on the election of judges.
- Feb. 8 is a Statehouse Rally, sponsored by several organizations.
- Jane Frankenberger asked if the State League is addressing the issue of voting machines. The Election Reform Committee is actively studying many aspects of election problems, including a survey of election workers and poll watchers. Shorna Broussard is on the Committee and said voting machines are one of the issues being addressed. After the report is finished, they will go to elected officials with concerns. The next meeting is Sat. Sept 30 and all are welcome.

Voter Services

Voter registration is going well at the Farmers Markets in West Lafayette (Wednesday) and Lafayette (Saturday).

The **Candidate Forum** for State Representative and State Senate candidates will be held Oct 24 at 7 pm in the Tippecanoe County Library. These candidates have been invited:

- State Senator, District 22: Ron Alting (R) and Dave Vorbeck (D)
- State Representative, District 26: Connie Basham (R) and Joe Micon (D)
- State Representative, District 41: Tim Brown (R) and James Style (D)
- State Representative, District 27: Sheila Klinker (D) and Jack Rhoda (R)

Another forum for county races (District 1 County Commissioner and District 2 County Council) may also be organized.

Publicity on the candidate forums will be in the newsletter and by email. Dottie Rausch is in charge of publicity. It was suggested that we encourage the Journal and Courier to announce it early. (Cathy Potter is on the J&C Advisory Council and will bring this up.)

Press Releases

Dottie Rausch has arranged for Shorna Broussard to be on WLFI news at noon Oct 19. She will discuss the Candidate Forums and the calendars. (About 2 minutes is available.) Another appearance to talk about the Election Reform Committee would be good in the future.

All Day Kindergarten Concurrence

The Meeting was held September 14 with good attendance. Cathy Potter brought the statement with changes agreed on at the meeting. She moved, and Winnie Adler seconded, that the Board accept the Concurrence Statement as changed. The motion passed. There is interest in doing a public meeting on all-day kindergarten, building on the current high level of interest. A large email network came out of the Child Abuse Forums, and that would be a good way to publicize the meeting. We could partner with another organization like the Community Foundation.

Legislative Coffee

This is set for December 7th at 7:30 at Patsy Hoyer's home. Betty Doversberger said that she has communicated with several legislators about this. However they cannot be formerly invited until after the election. Publicity will be through email, the newsletter, and a postcard shortly before the event. Board members will bring refreshments, and wine will be served.

Membership

The new brochures are printed and available. Renewals are coming in – about 66 so far. There is at least one new student member.

Program Planning Meeting

After some discussion, the Board decided to hold this in conjunction with the November Board Meeting, Nov. 21 at the West Lafayette Public Library. Supper will be available at 6 pm and the Program Meeting will start at 6:30.

Newsletter Articles that will be written

Legislative coffee: Betty Doversberger

Picnic (with photos): Shorna Broussard

River Odyssey: Cathy Potter

Election Reform Committee: Shorna Broussard

Every Member Workshop

Meeting on full-day kindergarten and plans for January: Cathy Potter

Calendars (members should buy and sell)

Program Planning Meeting: Cathy Potter

Other items

Winnie Adler is contacting members that do not have email in the database to see if they can be entered.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Frankenberger, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
 West Lafayette Public Library
 October 17, 2006

Attendance

Board members: Shorna Broussard, Winnie Adler, Cindy Garwood, Jane Frankenberger, Dottie Rausch, Pat Corey, Jean Andres

Minutes

Winnie Adler moved to approve the minutes of the Sept 19 meeting as amended (see attached). The motion passed.

Membership The brochure insert has been updated, and brochures will be available at the Candidate Forums. The membership committee has organized a membership recruiting meeting at Patsy Hoyer’s house, and have invited 25 people.

Voter Service

Candidate Forums are set for Oct 24 and 26. All candidates have confirmed their attendance. The following people have volunteered to help play leadership roles:

	Chair	Moderator (1)	Question Sorters (2)	Question Retrievers (2)	Time Keepers (2)
State Senate and Rep Oct. 24 (Tue) Tippecanoe Co. Public Library 7:00-9:00pm	Cindy Garwood	Shorna Broussard	Cathy Potter Jane Frankenberger	Martha Lempke Mary Lempke	Ruth Dowden
County Council and Commissioner Oct. 26 (Thu) YWCA 7:00-9:00pm	Cindy Garwood	Cindy Garwood	Jean Andres Winnie Adler	Dottie Rausch	Ruth Dowden Betty Doversberger

- Winnie Adler will bring materials (cards, markers, etc.)
- Cindy Garwood will bring bottled water
- Pat Corey will make name cards and Jean will bring them to the forums
- Shorna Broussard will bring LWV banner and poster

Because the Oct 24 Forum has eight candidates, they will be asked to provide 2-minute opening and closing statements.

Election Reform

Shorna Broussard announced that the Election Reform Committee is recruiting poll watchers, as announced in the recent newsletter. Poll watchers must have credentials from the media. Dottie Rasch will contact the Journal and Courier to organize. All poll watchers will be League members, except for Ag Ambassadors who will be trained by Shorna Broussard.

Press Releases

Press releases have been developed for the Candidate Forums. Shorna Broussard will be on Ch 18 Thursday talking about calendars and the Candidate Forums

Legislative Coffee

Betty Doversberger has contacted all the legislators, and will be mailing invitations after the elections. The coffee will be December 7th at 7:30 at Patsy Hoyer's home.

E-mail Database Update

Winnie Adler is working on updating email addresses. A note in the newsletter asked people to provide email, and she will contact those who do not respond. It was decided to send out the updated emails when the League member list is sent out next spring.

Officials Directory

Montgomery County has a format (11 x 17 paper) that is significantly cheaper to produce than the Tippecanoe County's stapled booklet format. The Board supported moving to that format. Winnie Adler will talk with the Lafayette-West Lafayette Development Corporation, who pays half the printing cost. It is also important to make sure the information is easily accessible on the League Web site.

Board Meeting Dates and Times for 2007

A change in meeting time was discussed because one Board member cannot attend evenings. 4 pm downtown is one possibility, and Shorna Broussard will discuss with Ramona Lawson whether this is possible.

Dues

The National and State Leagues have increased their dues, so that currently the \$40 League membership leaves no funds for the local League. The Board needs to recommend raising the dues at the next Annual Meeting. The Treasurer could be asked to propose an amount. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

Every Member Workshop (Oct. 21)
Membership Recruiting Dinner (Oct. 23)
State Candidate Forum (Oct. 24)
County Candidate Forum (Oct. 26)
Program Planning (Nov. 21)
Legislative Coffee (Dec. 7)
Poll Watchers (Nov. 7)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Frankenberger, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
West Lafayette Public Library
November 21, 2006

Attendance

Shorna Broussard, Winnie Adler, Pat Corey, Jean Andres, Cathy Potter, Jane Frankenberger

Minutes

The minutes of the October 17 meeting were approved.

Membership The membership committee organized a membership recruiting dinner at Patsy Hoyer's house, and several new members joined.

Voter Service

Candidate Forums held October 24 and 26 went very well. Attendance was about 40 to 50, although it was noted that many people at the county officials' forum seemed to be already affiliated with one of the candidates. The Journal & Courier covered the October 24 forum with a major story. The Board discussed partnering with another organization for future forums. We were asked to partner with TV 18, but it would have involved substantial financial support. The Chamber of Commerce would potentially be a good partner as they had an excellent turnout but could use the League's expertise in running the forum. WALLA also had an excellent turnout.

Another way the League could provide information in the future is by sending questions to the candidates (especially related to League positions) and posting their answers on the web site. This is a great service but does involve some time. Purdue students might be able to work on this. It was noted that such a method is especially useful in getting candidates to respond to questions that are not well known by the general public.

Election Reform

Shorna Broussard announced that the League had 20 poll watchers, with media credentials from the Journal and Courier. She held two training sessions at her home, which were very helpful and appreciated by participants. Watchers included League members and Purdue students from the Ag Ambassadors and Gamma Phi Beta. The President of Gamma Phi Beta and League member Mary Lemke were interviewed on TV 18, and did wonderfully. The Board noted the important contribution of Dottie Rausch in getting the publicity. (It would be good to have hard copies of these important news stories to scan and put on the web site.) Shorna Broussard is entering the data and will submit it to the Co-Directors of the Board of Elections, and the Journal and Courier since they partnered with us.

Public Meeting on Full-Day Kindergarten

Pat Corey, together with Cathy Potter, will organize this in January. First choice of dates is Tuesday January 23rd, possibly at the County Office Building or Ivy Tech. The panel

should include a Superintendent, parent, academic researcher, and a kindergarten teacher. They will try to have it broadcast on WBAA and/or Insight cable.

Legislative Coffee

Betty Doversberger reported that Legislators Joe Micon, Sheila Klinker, and Ron Alting have accepted. Tim Brown and Brent Hershman have not yet. The coffee will be December 7th at 7:30 at Patsy Hoyer's home. Board members will bring wine (Doversberger), cheese and crackers (Broussard), fruit plate (Potter), cookies (Adler), vegetables (Frankenberger). It was noted that this is an excellent event for bringing guests.

E-mail Database Update

No updates have been received in response to the newsletter note. Winnie Adler continues to follow up.

Officials Directory

The new format was accepted by our partner in this project, the Chamber of Commerce, and they will pay 2/3 of the cost for printing 3500 or 4000. The total cost is approximately 1/3 the cost of the previous format. It should be ready by the legislative breakfast (1st Saturday in February).

Board Meeting Dates and Times for 2007

The current 5 pm time will continue in 2007, as no better alternative was found.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer provided a report noting the need for an increase in dues or other means of funding, as calendar sales are down this year.

Other business

Jean Andres suggested that the League hold a public forum on how assessments are done in the County. The Board agreed that this would be very useful. Panel members could include Larry DeBoer from Purdue and others. Late spring would be a good time to do this.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. for dinner graciously provided by Cathy Potter and Winnie Adler, and then the Program Planning session.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Frankenberger, Secretary

Upcoming Events: Legislative Coffee (Dec. 7)