

**League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
Minutes of Board Meeting, Feb 21, 2006
Tippecanoe Arts Federation**

Attendance

Board members: Betty Doversberger, Jo Ann Mullen, Terry Wood, Patsy Hoyer, Shorna Broussard, Joanne Evers, Jane Frankenberger

Approval of minutes

Joanne Evers moved to approve the minutes as amended, Betty Doversberger seconded, and the motion passed

Presidents Day Meeting

Shorna Broussard and Joanne Evers attended this meeting for all Presidents of Local Leagues, hosted by the State Council of Feb. 11. It was Joanne Evers' first meeting as State President. Several Past State Presidents were also there, and it was a good meeting.

National Program Planning

Terry Wood reviewed plans for the Program Planning meeting, which will be held March 7 in the Tippecanoe Arts Federation building. Participants will review and approve current national position statements, and then discuss new potential issues to study. (Unfortunately the date conflicts with the YWCA Salute to Women event, but cannot be changed now). Betty Doversberger suggested that future meetings could be held at a large seminar room at Ivy Tech which holds 22 people around a table.

Illegal Drug/Methamphetamine Study

Terry Wood met with Joan Loman who is leading the study. The meeting will be held April 19, 7-9:15 in the Tippecanoe Arts Federation building. They are planning to show parts of the PBS program on methamphetamine, and are also looking for a resource person to present information. There was some discussion on whether all illegal drugs should be included in the study or whether meth is a broad enough focus.

In addition the Kindergarten study needs to be done in the Fall. We need 2-3 people who could gather information starting this spring (April-May). Terry Wood will telephone Pat Corey to ask her to be involved.

Legislative Breakfast

Shorna presented the final report on the breakfast, which 62 people attended. The event was successful, with good interaction with three legislators, and coverage by Channel 18. Suggestions were made for streamlining the breakfast sales and re-arranging the room for next year.

2006 Indiana State Council Planning

The Council meeting will be March 31-April 1 at the Holiday Inn Select. We hope for a big turnout, particularly the reception Friday night at the Tippecanoe Arts Federation. All Leagues are invited to develop posters showcasing their activities. Posters will be displayed on easels. Shorna Broussard will ask Liz Solberg if she would do the poster for

our League Suggested materials to include are newspaper articles on juvenile justice, and the recent article about Cathy Potter speaking to schoolchildren. Patsy Hoyer has an easel that can be used.

Reproductive Rights Legislation

Joanne Evers reported that the two bills seriously restricting access to abortion would soon be voted on by the respective committees, and action is needed to express their opposition to HB 1080 (Abortion clinic regulations) and HB 1172 (Information on pain and anesthetic for a fetus). Legislators should be urged to instead follow Health Department recommendation.

She also stated that League members are encouraged to contact their legislators to support HB 1009 (Redistricting), which calls for a bipartisan commission to oversee redistricting in Indiana.

Annual Meeting (May 16)

The meeting will be held at Ivy Tech, with tours of the art at the beginning. After some discussion, the following schedule was developed:

6:30 Tours (groups of around 10, as people arrive)

7:10 Dessert and socializing (Members will be asked to facilitate socializing with visitors and newer people. Have nametags)

7:40 Program, beginning with Joanne Evers speaking, then business meeting. A large screen and video projector are available, so all people giving reports will be encouraged to use powerpoint (a common template).

The facility coordinator is Erin Schultz, 269-5266. Dessert will be catered, and people will purchase.

We need to emphasize that members should bring a friend with them. This is a good opportunity to see the Ivy Tech campus, and particularly this building which opened in 2001. Excellent local art is well worth the visit.

Membership

Patsy Hoyer reported that after considerable work, membership is only 5 more than last year. We need to continue to encourage people to bring new members to meetings.

Election Reform Committee (LWVIN)

Shornal Broussard has joined this state committee, and Joanne Evers attended as an ad hoc member. Shorna Broussard is planning to write a letter to the editor of the Purdue Exponent about the requirement for a picture ID issued by the State of Indiana or the US government (not other states) making students with drivers licenses from other states ineligible to vote unless they get a state ID from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. More information will be available at future meetings.

Other items

Patsy Hoyer suggested that the League set up Voter Registration booths at the Farmers Market in May and September. It was also suggested that Ivy Tech would be a good place to register voters.

Patsy Hoyer also suggested doing a Forum for the Primary Election in May. The main race of interest is for Prosecutor. Patsy Hoyer will check what races will have Primaries, and organize the Forum on April 26. (County Building or libraries).

Adjournment

Jo Ann Mullen moved to adjourn, and Joanne Evers seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Frankenberger, Secretary

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Approval of minutes

Joanne Evers moved to approve the minutes, Betty Doversberger seconded, and the motion passed

Program Planning

Terry Wood brought a draft of the document called "Proposed Local Program for 2006-2007". It was discussed and revised at the March 7 meeting, which had a fairly small attendance. Most of the issues are the same as 2005-6, but an addition was made to monitor access to reproductive health services in the Greater Lafayette area.

More time was spent discussing the purpose of this document, and whether it could be clarified by changing it to a document called "Positions of interest to the LWV of Greater Lafayette" and creating a separate "Local Program" document that would be more action oriented, including studies that will be undertaken, candidate forums, etc. The calendar, listing the actual dates and programs, would be a third document. Shorna will work with Terry to come up with a revision along these lines.

Illegal Drug/Methamphetamine Study: Terry Wood is working with Joan Loman who is leading the study, and plans are coming along well.

The Kindergarten study will be done in the Fall. Betty Doversberger said that Pat Corey had agreed to lead this.

2006 Indiana State Council

Forty-two people representing ten Leagues have signed up so far, and we expect about 50. Jane Frankenberger sent a press release to the Journal-Courier and WLFJ and the Journal-Courier said they would send a reporter. Joanne Evers will send her contact information for the Lafayette Leader.

Reproductive Rights Legislation

Joanne Evers reported that the two bills seriously restricting access to abortion did not pass, but are likely to be back next year.

Annual Meeting (May 16)

The room setup will be long tables, set diagonally to facilitate conversation and a view of the presenters. Shorna Broussard will put all reports into PowerPoint to have a common look. The choice of dessert caterer can wait until after the State Council to see how it goes. People should be asked to RSVP (like the breakfast) for planning purposes.

Membership

Patsy Hoyer has submitted an article for the newsletter encouraging members to be active in recruiting new members.

Newsletter

Deadline is Friday. Shorna Broussard reviewed the various articles that will be included, including the Illegal Drug/Meth study, candidate forum, and other important issues.

Leadership Lafayette

Shorna Broussard has given a presentation at several classes of Leadership Lafayette. It is a good opportunity to let people know about the League and its work. Joanne Evers will present in her place at the April 12 session.

Adjournment

Joanne Evers moved to adjourn, and Betty Doversberger seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Frankenberger, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette

Minutes of Board Meeting, June 20, 2006

Duncan Hall, Lafayette

Attendance

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

Outgoing Board members: Joanne Evers, Jo Ann Mullen, Patsy Hoyer

Others: Kaye McSpadden, Jean Andres, Emma Dalsimer

Minutes

No action was taken on the minutes from the April meeting because the minutes were not available.

County Fair

As last year, the League will have a booth at the Tippecanoe County Fair together with the Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (IRCRC) and Planned Parenthood. The League will have voter registration, and Joanne Evers will work with the Election Board to make sure that all procedures are followed. It was suggested that we give out a card when people register that tells them who we are, that they should receive a voter card in the mail in a few weeks, and to be sure to bring photo ID to vote. Fair dates are July 22-28. Training will be held July 12 at 7 pm at the Unitarian Church. Volunteers can sign up for 3-hour slots on the Web at <http://www.ircrc.org/activities.html>. (Potential volunteers should ignore phrases like "ticket types" and "price", which are artifacts of the software used in this event-management software.) Notice of the need for volunteers will be sent out by email to the membership. Also, anyone who has League materials that could be given out at this booth such as calendars or brochures should get them to Joanne Evers.

Reproductive Health forum

Kaye McSpadden reminded the Board that the stakes are high for reproductive rights this year. The IRCRC is proposing a public forum on the role of government in reproductive health, and asked if the League would co-sponsor. The Board discussed the purpose of the forum, which would be educate the public, including through media coverage of the event. The question of timing was also discussed, and the general feeling was that early in the legislative session might be best, particularly since the League will be very busy with candidate forums before the elections and because we are unlikely to influence the elections. Jane Frankenberger moved that the League co-sponsor this forum and designate members to participate in the planning committee. Pat Corey seconded, and the motion passed. Jean Andres volunteered to participate, and Mary Lempke will be asked.

Newsletter

Deadline for the next newsletter is July 13, in order to go to the printer July 18 and be mailed July 20. Cathy Potter will write an article on the summer meeting.

Criteria for including events on Community Calendar

A question came up about including events on the Community Calendar. The question was specifically about the IRCRC annual dinner, but could apply to other potential events as well including from some groups whose policies conflict with League positions. The current criteria for including events is that they are of wide community interest, affordable, held in public places, and primarily entertainment, not fund-raising. A small group of Shorna Broussard, Cathy Potter, and Jean Andres will come up with a recommendation to the Board.

Mental Health

Patsy Hoyer, Chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee, discussed the importance of mental health in many issues in the community. She would be happy to come to another Board meeting to talk about it. Cindy Garwood is the Board member on the Juvenile Justice committee.

Voter Registration

The consensus of the Board was to sponsor voter registration at the Lafayette and West Lafayette Farmers Markets. The Voter Services committee (Shorna Broussard, Patsy Hoyer, Cindy Garwood) is in charge of this.

Fall 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. Possibly....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 contacted the U.S. House candidates to offer to sponsor a candidate forum. The Voter Services Committee is in charge of setting up several forums.

Upcoming Events

Board members were reminded about the following upcoming events:

- Summer Picnic, August 26th, Happy Hollow Park
- Board Meetings—3rd Tuesday of each month, Walnut Room at West Lafayette Public Library, **5-6:30 p.m.**

- August 15, 2006
- September 19, 2006
- October 17, 2006
- November 21, 2006
- No December Board meeting
- January 16, 2006
- February 20, 2007
- March 20, 2007
- April 17, 2007
- No May Board meeting
- June 19, 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Frankenberger, Secretary