

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
West Lafayette Public Library
January 16, 2007

Attendance

Board Members: Shorna Broussard, Winnie Adler, Pat Corey, Jean Andres, Cathy Potter, Betty Doversberger, Dottie Rausch, Cindy Garwood, Jane Frankenberger
Other League Members: John Corey, Jennifer Andres, Terry Wood

Minutes

The minutes of the Nov 21 meeting were approved, with the addition of Betty Doversberger to the attendance list. (For those who may have misplaced previous Minutes, Jane Frankenberger noted that they are available on a password protected web site, <http://pasture.ecn.purdue.edu/~frankenb/pwd/LeagueofWomenVoters/2006-7/>. Both username and password are just the letter "a" (no quotes).)

LWVIN Every Member Workshop (Oct 21, Westville, IN)

Winnie Adler reported that five members from LWVGS attended: Joanne Evers, Donna Giroux, Jean Andres, Rae Schnapp, and Winnie Adler. Attendees heard about fundraising and development, the Election Reform Committee, and the Indian Judicial system. It was an excellent program, although overall attendance was fairly low.

Legislative Coffee

Betty Doversberger noted that this was an excellent event, made much easier by holding it at Patsy Hoyer's home. She thanked all for providing refreshments and particularly expressed our thanks to Patsy for the wonderful hosting. Three Legislators attended (Joe Micon, Sheila Klinker, Ron Alting) along with about 20 LWV members. The interchange was an excellent opportunity for LWV members, and Legislators seem to enjoy it. If future coffees are held ,private homes, directions should be very clear, preferably with a map included.

Public Meeting on Full-Day Kindergarten

Pat Corey reported that this event is scheduled for Feb 13 at 7 pm at the Ivy Tech Auditorium. She is working with Wayne Pratt of WBAA who will broadcast the event. Calls from listeners will be invited but their questions will be written and used by the Moderator like the questions from people attending. Callers will need to understand the format as those who are present do.

- Shorna Broussard will moderate
- Pat Corey will provide an introduction
- Dottie Rausch will provide a legislative perspective, including funding.
- Each School Corporation will be asked to provide a teacher or administrator. Someone who has taught both half and full-day kindergarten would be excellent.
- Pat Corey will invite someone with a research/academic perspective from Purdue, probably CDFS Department
- She will also find someone working with families and children in the community, who can present the "at risk" perspective.

People that need to be invited include Legislators, local elected officials, school boards, teachers association, PTA or parent councils. She will draft a letter/press release and check with others, then work with Dottie Rausch to get it sent out to the Press.

Other public meetings

a. **Wabash River.** This would probably not be a public meeting, but would inform the membership about the League's history and the various organizations. Maybe a summer event. It was suggested that it be combined with a boat tour.

b. **Property Tax Assessment.** Jena Andres suggested that this topic would be of interest to many people, and therefore would help with fundraising. Larry DeBoer could speak on assessments and trending. Possibly invite an Assessor from a neighboring county, who could provide nuts and bolts of assessment without being attacked. Cathy Potter will contact other members and draft a plan for this meeting in March or April if possible.

c. **Vote Centers.** There was discussion whether this would be most effective before Vote Centers are used, as public information, or after they have been used once and people find out the problems. Jean Andres will find out whether Vote Centers will be used in the Primary Election. We would need to move very quickly to hold an event before the Primary.

Legislative Breakfast

Stephanie Hainje is Chair. Legislators can only be present on Feb 10, not Feb 3 as originally scheduled, so we decided to move it to Feb 10. Winnie Adler will check if the room is available. Extra publicity will be needed because it is in Calendar for Feb 3. Event starts at 9:15 with program at 10 am. Winnie Adler will help get volunteers. Calendars will be sold at half price.

Budget

Jennifer Andres presented the Treasurers Report. In the past, dues have mainly been used for National and State dues, with local expenses covered by Calendar sales. Calendar sales are down considerably, especially with the closing of Osco. National dues are approximately \$26.50 and State \$14, so the current dues of \$40 do not cover these. We tentatively decided on proposing \$50 at the Annual Meeting. We will need to present clearly to the membership what is paid to National and State so they understand why dues will rise. We still need to decide whether student memberships will change. Jennifer will send rates to Jane Frankenberger. We will need to send the dues change proposal to the membership before the Annual Meeting.

Fundraising

Terry Wood, Financial Coordinator, was present and the group discussed potential fundraising ideas, including the following. More discussion is needed.

- Sell Officials Directory (Montgomery County does this)
- Encourage members to contribute to the Education Fund, which is tax-deductible. Send a letter with dues request to make it easy for people. Education Funds can be used for national dues.
- Get someone to underwrite Calendar, allowing them to have a small advertisement. (Need to discuss whether this is allowed.)
- Get sponsor for Forums. They can be publicly thanked at the beginning. (Would need to be careful what type of organization.)

Newsletter

Kaye McSpadden is ready to put one out, and articles should be to her by Jan 22.

Officials Directory

The new format is approximately 1/3 the cost of the previous format. The Directory should be ready by the legislative breakfast.

Legislative Liaison

Dottie Rausch volunteered to be Legislative Liaison. Shorna Broussard will pass her name on to Joanne Evers. The Board thanked Dottie for agreeing to do this important task.

Annual Meeting

This will be held Tuesday, May 15. Following last year's tradition of going to a new place for many that allows us to learn about our community, we will try for the Black Cultural Center at Purdue for an Annual Meeting location. Shorna Broussard will contact the Director, and ask if we can bring our own food. Dessert worked very well for socializing.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Frankenberger, Secretary

Upcoming Events:

Legislative Breakfast (Feb. 10)

February 8, 2007 – Prevention Now Rally at the Statehouse. Note: Monthly League lunch will be moved to Feb 15. (Needs to go in Newsletter).

February 10, 2007 – LWV President's Day

February 16, 2007 – Concurrence response on Methamphetamine Study due
2007 State Convention , April 27 - 29, 2007, Abe Martin Lodge, Nashville, IN

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
West Lafayette Public Library
February 27, 2007

Attendance

Board members: Shorna Broussard, Betty Doversberger, Winnie Adler, Cathy Potter, Cindy Garwood.

Non board member: Mary Lee Parker

Minutes:

Minutes to the January board meeting could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

Legislative Breakfast:

League board members were alerted to Stephanie Hainje's affiliation with the Republican party after they learned that she moderated the Legislative Breakfast. There was concern that she moderated the legislative breakfast while having such a strong former affiliation with the Republican party. Most were unaware that she had such an affiliation and it was agreed that to avoid having this happen in the future the following will steps will be taken.

1. The non-partisan policy should be communicated clearly to the holders of all off-board positions.
2. The non-partisan moderator policy should be written into the guidelines for the Legislative Breakfast to avoid this happening again in the future.
3. The non-partisan policy of the LWV will be discussed in the next newsletter.

LWVGL board members are made aware of the non-partisan policy and it is discussed and handed out in written form when they join the board. The same should be done for off-board positions as well.

Full Day Kindergarten Meeting

The meeting went well and it was agreed that future partnerships with WBAA to broadcast public meetings and allow listeners to call in should be explored.

Calendar Sales

Mary Lee Parker reported on calendar sales at the board meeting. So far, we have sold 523 calendars (229 sold by members [44%] and 294 sold in stores/businesses [56%]) for a total income of \$3,749. The total cost for printing the calendar is \$1625. The total profit is down \$650 from last year. To boost calendar sales, next year we need to look for new venues such as Gretels, Kitchen Art, and City Newsstand. We agreed that we should continue to work through CVS. Mary Lee Parker was diligent in scheduling a meeting with CVS regional manager Mike Murphy and this proved fruitful. Her meetings with him were instrumental in having the calendar sold at CVS stores. CVS accounted for 207 of the 523 calendars sold thus far (40% of store sales). Next

year, our chapter should invest in counter stands to facilitate the sale of our calendars at CVS. The counter stands are \$10 each and would need to be placed at 10 CVS stores. Lastly, having the calendar at the annual picnic was a great way to distribute the calendars to LWV members. We should plan to do schedule the picnic so that this can be done again this year.

Annual Meeting

Winnie and Cathy volunteered to recruit members to bring food. An announcement will go in the next newsletter.

Dues

State

- \$14.00 per member
- \$ 7.00 for students and 2nd household member

National

- \$26.80 for 2007-2008
- \$13.40 for student & 2nd household member

\$40.80 per year in dues needed for regular memberships

\$20.40 per year in dues needed for 2nd member of household and student memberships

- *Dues are currently \$40.00 per year*
- *Suggested dues increase to \$50.00 per year with \$25 for 2nd household member and student memberships*
- *This would bring an estimated \$9.20 into our local league per regular member per year (100 members=\$920/yr.)*

2007 State Convention

- April 27 - 29, 2007, Abe Martin Lodge, Nashville, IN
 - Registration deadline is April 13th (\$65 registration fee, \$82 per night hotel for 2 nights)
- \$500 in budget for delegates
- We can send the President (or alternative) +1 delegate to convention. More delegates can be sent depending upon membership size.

Official's Directory

We received a request to make the official's directory available on our website. Winnie will ask Custom Forms (company that does the printing) if they can create a PDF file for us to post on our website.

Respectfully submitted,
Shorna Broussard
3/20/07

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
West Lafayette Public Library --March 22, 2007

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

Minutes

Winnie Adler moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting. The motion passed. Cathy Potter moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion passed.

Vote Center Public Forum

Jean Andres called Linda Philips, who agreed to have it close to the election. Currently scheduled for October 25, 2007, but should not overlap with candidate forums. LWV have been asked to recruit volunteers for a test of the Vote Centers on May 8.

Legislative Coffee and Breakfast:

The Legislative Coffee will be the 1st Thursday in December. The Breakfast was usually the 1st Saturday in February, but this should be timed to coincide with Third House. Pat Corey agreed to organize both these events.

Annual Meeting

- Food must be catered at Black Cultural Center. We will suggest people meet for dinner at Ford Hall at 5:15 if interested.
- Routine business will be presented in a consent agenda, which allows voting on many items at once. Items that need to be voted on separately can be taken out of the consent agenda. This should include the dues increase and the budget.
- Program document will be organized so that all positions are in front of people. I needs to be clear if we are taking action under national programs. This was especially brought up for environmental issues. Also we should talk about the local program events that we will be acting on. Jane Frankenberger and Cathy Potter will strategize on effective ways to present this.
- Desired outcome of Annual Meeting: Members agree on what we will do to make an impact in Greater Lafayette next year.

Dues increase

Cathy Potter moved, Pat Corey seconded that we recommend to the membership an increase to \$50/year, of which \$9.20 is for the local League. Motion passed.

State Convention

Betty Doversberger will attend the State Convention. Cyndy Garwood will be asked.

Letter to the Editor

Cathy Potter suggested that we write a letter about the League's position on All-Day Kindergarten. Pat Corey will draft the letter and Shorna Broussard will sign.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted,
Jane Frankenberger, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
West Lafayette Public Library
April 17, 2007

Attendance

Board members: Shorna Broussard, Betty Doversberger, Cathy Potter, Winnie Adler

Non-board member: Jean Andres

Announcement

Shorna has accepted a position at Cornell University and will be moving to Ithaca, NY this summer. Betty Doversberger has agreed to be the candidate for president. She will be mentored by Joanne Mullen and Cathy Potter.

Nominating Committee Report

Betty presented the slate of nominees. The committee is hoping to fill the positions for Vice President/Program, Financial Coordinator, and Nominating committee Chair. Most of the off-board positions have been filled, but coordinators for the two new studies on immigration reform and illegal drugs are needed. The board suggested names of members to be asked for each of these positions. Cathy suggested that board candidates and off-board candidates be found before the annual meeting. Jean Andres agreed to be nominated as a director. Dee Tritschler and other committee members have worked diligently to fill the slate.

State Board

Jean noted that the state board is proposing that sixteen of our twenty state positions be revamped because they are outdated. If the convention accepts this recommendation, each local league will be asked to participate in the revision process which may take several years. She suggested that our league offer to revamp the state position on Juvenile Justice. If our offer is accepted we will need another program coordinator to lead this project. The state board will also suggest that each local league take action on Health Care. Some of our board members need copies of our state and national positions. We can find these on the LWV and LWVIN websites.

Annual Meeting, May 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Mailing

Cathy and Winnie will mail the meeting materials on or about April 25. The mailing will include the letter from Shorna, agenda rules, nominating committee report, local program (positions), the proposal for dues increase from Jennifer Andres, budget, and a membership list. Shorna's letter will mention the dues increase proposal and Jennifer's explanation will spell it out for the members. It was noted that we don't have a budget committee so Shorna will meet with Jennifer to work out a proposed budget and then email it to board members for approval.

Agenda

Optional Dinner

The dining halls in the dorms are closed after the regular academic year so we are unable to have dinner in one of them. The board decided not to plan a dinner because of the logistics of time needed to eat and to drive to the Black Cultural Center by 6:30.

6:30 - 7:00 Tour

7:00 – 8:30 Meeting

1. Year in Review

Shorna will highlight our achievements and have a handout listing them for members. She will also give out copies of League Principles with websites members can access for national and state positions.

2. Appointment of Parliamentarian

3. Adoption of Rules

Members will have received a copy of the rules with the revision to allow a consent agenda for adopting our local positions. This revision will allow for streamlining the process of our yearly positions' adoption and thereby leave more time for airing current concerns.

4. Election - Dee Tritschler if she is available (Sharon Wood is unable to attend).

5. Recognition of outgoing board members – Shorna

6. Adoption of Local Positions – presenter needed because Cathy will be out of town.

Cathy noted that the word “program” is confusing for many, especially new members. When we adopt our program each year we are reaffirming positions that have been studied and adopted in years past. It is not our program of action for the coming year. She recommended that we use the word “positions” rather than program to eliminate the confusion. Members should also be aware of the three-tiered system of the League. National and state positions are also our positions and we can take action on them. The “program” for the coming year is established by the new board with recommendations from the membership. Many of the recommendations come from member comments at the annual meeting.

7. Dues Increase – Jennifer Andres

8. Budget – Jennifer Andres

9. Comments from the New President and Direction to the Board

Also, announcement of the Joint Board Meeting and Annual Picnic.

Other Business

The joint board meeting will be at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 19 at the West Lafayette Public Library. Current board members will bring refreshments.

The annual picnic will start at 11:30 am on Saturday, August 25 at Happy Hollow Park. We will try to reserve the same shelter we had last year.

--Minutes taken by Winnie Adler

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
Minutes of Board Meeting, June 19, 2007
West Lafayette Public Library

Attendance

Board members: Betty Doversberger, Donna Giroux, Jean Andres, Cindy Garwood, Mida Grover,
Winnie Adler

Outgoing Board members: Shorna Broussard, Cathy Potter

Off-Board members: Kay McSpadden, Liz Solberg

Welcome and Introductions New board member Mida Grover was introduced and welcomed.

Approval of minutes

Cathy Potter moved and Jean Andres seconded to approve the minutes of the April 17 meeting. The motion passed. Approval of the Annual Meeting minutes was delayed until the next board meeting.

Financial Report

The financial report stands as approved at the Annual Meeting. Board members may review their copy in the Board Notebook.

Orientation and refresher of League policies and procedures

Non-partisan policy, concurrence, consensus, newsletter and League spokespersons were reviewed. When representing the League, persons must be seen as non-partisan. Only those persons designated to do so may speak for the League. When Leagues do concurrence, they agree or disagree with a position on an issue reached by another League. They cannot make changes, but may suggest modifications. For consensus, a league studies the issue and reaches a collective opinion. The State or National League may take into consideration the percentage of leagues and league members who have participated in a consensus before recommending the adoption of a new position. Concurrence is seen as a shortcut to a new position, but consensus offers members more participation in forming a position. The newsletter is for League business only, and the membership list is only for League use and should not be distributed for other uses.

Review of State Positions

As approved at State Convention, LWVIN is doing an extensive review of most of the State positions. This review has a two-year timeline with a request that 10% of each local League's members participate. Cathy Potter moved and Donna Giroux seconded the motion for our League to review the Juvenile Justice position as our part of the State review. Discussion followed. The State board recommended that our League do this review as we have studied the issue extensively and the Monroe County-Bloomington League was not interested. Patsy Hoyer has agreed to lead the review and Jean Andres will be on the committee. If the committee has 10 to 11 members, we will have our required number; or we could split the 10% with some local members working on other positions with leaguers across the state. The vote was called and the motion passed.

LWVGL Programs 2007-08 schedule

Betty Doversberger presented the tentative schedule that she and the vice-presidents had prepared and noted the addition of a Juvenile Justice forum in February. This added program was in response to a request by Loretta Rush and Rebecca Humphrey. Liz Solberg and John Corey are planning a background meeting for members on our League's history and involvement in Wabash River Development. This meeting should be done early because the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation plans to start an aggressive campaign with public participation this fall. She suggested that this river program be presented at the August picnic. Board members agreed to have an Immigration Reform discussion at the picnic to prepare members for the meetings and consensus. The League's Wabash River Development meeting would be in September, and the meeting on this topic next March would be a community-wide meeting to which the League would be invited. A League Program (Position) Planning meeting in January was added to the schedule.

Betty Doversberger shared an email she received from Common Cause Indiana asking if the League would be interested in participating in a study of voting centers in 2008. The study would require poll watchers, data collection and data analysis. The board agreed that Betty should contact Jeannette Neagu (LWV LaPorte) and state president Joanne Evers as the state League is very involved with election reform and has created survey materials.

Newsletter schedule

Newsletter deadlines were established. Kaye McSpadden would like an inventory of what should be included in each issue. (*The Program Schedule for 2007-2008 with the Newsletter deadlines is attached.*)

August picnic plans

The picnic is on Saturday, August 25 beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Shelter #2 at Happy Hollow Park. Cold bottled water, paper goods, plastic ware and tablecloths will be provided. Attendees should bring a dish to share. Mida Grover will present an informal program on Immigration Reform as it affects our community. If finished, Community Calendars and membership brochures with the new insert will be available. Members are encouraged to bring guests.

Appointment to nominating committee Jean Andres has agreed to be the board member.

Dues renewal mailing

Donna Giroux reported that in the past a mailing was sent to members asking them to renew their membership and to fill out an interest sheet. This mailing was followed up with a reminder postcard and finally a phone call to those who had not renewed. The board agreed that there should be an interest sheet included which would have a grid indicating to what level of participation a member is willing to commit. Donna will create a letter which will explain why dues were raised, list the proposed schedule of events, and include an interests survey and an organization survey. Betty Doversberger will review and approve the letter before mailing.

Sharing space at community events

Last year the League shared a booth with the Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (IRCRC) and Planned Parenthood at the Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair for doing voter registration and giving out information. At the August 15, 2006 board meeting, a motion was passed that

“voter registration activities in the future should not be associated with a political issue.” President Doversberger felt there needed to be some clarification. Is it that we do not want to share a booth ever, or just for voter registration when connected to an issue? After some discussion, Cathy Potter moved and Jean Andres seconded a motion that in support of our position on reproductive rights that we share a booth with IRCRC and Planned Parenthood without doing voter registration. More discussion followed on the need for training on how to respond to challenges and the boundaries of speaking officially for the League. The motion passed.

Posting minutes on website

The board agreed that minutes should not be posted on our public website, but that League members could have access to the minutes on Jane Frankenberger’s password protected site.

Other business

The board said goodbye to Shorna Broussard thanking her for her wonderful leadership and wishing her success in her new position. Shorna thanked the Board and our League and noted that there is a League in Ithaca, NY.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Winnie Adler, Vice-President for Organization