

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

The meeting was called to order at 17:00.

Attendance

Betty Doversberger, Mida Grover, Jo Ann Mullen, Jean Andres, Donna Giroux, Winnie Adler, Jane Frankenberger

Minutes

Minutes of the September 18, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Report

Jean presented the quarterly budget report (through Sept. 30) for Jennifer Andres. The calendar printing bill came in after the report was prepared. Dues are behind target, but some members paid 2007-2008 dues last fiscal year. Membership renewal efforts are on going by Donna. Board members who charge expenses on behalf of the LWV should e-mail Jennifer via Jean as to which account they belong in. Use the provided form to claim reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred.

Candidate Forums

The recent candidate forums were reviewed with a discussion of poor attendance by the public and members. It appeared those in attendance were already committed to a party or candidate. We are considering a written candidate guide that would be posted on our web site.

Membership

Donna reported that 27 members have not yet renewed. An e-mail was recently sent to the 21 for whom we know e-mail addresses. The others will receive a phone call from Donna.

Betty shared the contract she signed with the LWVIN for the membership recruitment initiative. We are committed to a year of outreach and programs. The training session is Nov. 3 in Indianapolis. Donna will contact Ramona Lawson and have her call Betty regarding her participation.

Jean will deliver the member interest forms to Ramona

Immigration reform

Mida reported that the committee is meeting again tonight in preparation for the Nov. 14 meeting and the Jan. 8 consensus meeting. It was suggested that the committee prepare an e-mail reminder and resources list to be sent to our member network in advance of the Nov. meeting. Mida will ask Cathy Potter to do this. There was a suggestion to have the consensus meeting in a member's home so we would not have the time constraints of the library locations.

Election Day

Jean reported that the rules for election day exit polling have changed. She will prepare a new e-mail to explain this and ask members to help for brief shifts. We will cover 3 or 4 of the vote centers not covered by the Ball State researchers.

Program Planning

Local program planning will be done February 19 immediately following the board meeting. The board members will share a light supper. Donna volunteered to bring soup.

Vote Centers

Jean reported on preparations for the Oct. 25 forum on vote centers, which will be broadcast live on WBAA.

Wabash River Development

Betty reported for Liz Solberg and John Corey that they are working hard to have a good turn out at the Oct. 24 noon update meeting.

Legislative Coffee

Patsy Hoyer will again host the Legislative Coffee; this year on Dec. 6. There was a discussion of sending a map or driving instructions to members on a post card. Finding 3008 Wilshire Ave. can be tricky. Pat Corey will be directed to send a postcard with driving directions.

Legislative Breakfast

Winnie agreed to reserve the MCL Cafeteria for the Jan. 26 Legislative Breakfast.

Health Care

Karen Stone would like to present the health care program in March. It was decided to offer March 4 or 6 as our first choices to avoid some of the school spring breaks. Jo Ann agreed to find a location, first checking with IV Tech. The public will be invited. Legislators will receive targeted invitations.

Web Site

Our new web site name – leaguelafayette.org can be “Googled”.

Winnie offered to send an electronic copy of local league positions to Donna so she can draft a summary to be posted on the web site. Our mission statement will be included if we have one.

Board Positions

Betty sent letters to Cindy Garwood, Dottie Rausch and Quinise Billups asking them to let her know if their absences from board meeting means they intend to resign from the board. No one responded by the requested date. Jean reported that she and Ruth Dowden are making calls to recruit replacements for public relations, voter service and finance coordinator

Speaker's bureau

Winnie reported the Tippecanoe County Library has requested a speaker for its September 2008 teen board meeting.

Betty will speak to Leadership Lafayette October 23 as requested by Christy Smith.

Every Member Workshop

The LWVIN Fall Workshop will be Oct. 20 in South Bend. Jo Ann, Betty, Joanne Evers, Jean and Winnie will attend.

Newsletter

Donna requested guidance regarding who, besides members, should receive our newsletter. Suggested additions were WLFI, Exponent, Journal and Courier, Lafayette West Lafayette Development Corporation, elected officials, Purdue and Ivy Tech presidents. It was decided to place this as a discussion item on the annual meeting agenda.

Next meeting

November 20 – moved to the Board Room of the West Lafayette Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 18:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Giroux, Secretary