

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
West Lafayette Public Library
September 18, 2007

Attendance

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

Minutes

Minutes of the August 19, 2007 meeting were approved with the correction in spelling of Jo Ann Mullen's name, Mida Grover's name, and the date of the August 25 picnic. The statement "Application was made to the Education Fund for funds to print the Officials Directory" was added.

Financial Report

There was no report on finances.

Membership Recruitment

Prospective members – Kaye McSpadden forwarded 8 names and addresses of individuals who signed up at the county fair booth to receive information about the League. Ramona Lawson will be asked to draft a letter for Betty Doversberger's signature to send along with our recruitment brochure and a calendar of events. We will offer to send the next two newsletters and invitation to the next events.

Membership Recruitment Initiative – We are one of five local leagues in Indiana chosen for the program. Gail Pebworth and Kathy Solecki will receive training and become the trainers for the leagues in Indiana. We would like to send at least 3 local members to this November 3 session with Gail, Kathy and the LWVUS leader of this initiative. Betty, Jean, Winnie and Ramona are considering going.

League Picnic

About 16 people attended a rainy picnic August 25 in the rain. Some members volunteered for our upcoming activities. Mida presented a local perspective on immigration.

Immigration reform

Mida reports that the committee has been meeting in preparation for the September 25 meeting at TCPL.

Our request to use Education Fund money to purchase immigration reform study materials was denied because our audience is our own members, not the general public.

Candidate Forums

Betty reported that the WALLA candidate forum was successful. LWV received credit for assisting and the LWV format was used. It was a positive experience. We will seek coordination again in the future.

Betty and Jo Ann are making arrangements for our candidate forums. Lafayette Council candidates will gather on October 9 at TCOB, and West Lafayette Council candidates on

October 17 at TCPL. Volunteers are still being recruited. A particular need is a moderator for the Oct. 17 forum. Both forums will have a large number of candidates.

Voter Registration

Betty and Jo Ann registered a few voters at the St. Lawrence Neighborhood Watch. Constitution Day September 17 at Purdue was well planned, but poorly attended. Four voters were registered.

It was decided by the board to not participate next spring in the Purdue Home and Family Conference. We would not have a local impact, the cost for a booth is high and our human resources can be better used elsewhere.

Vote Centers

Jean is organizing the forum on October 25. She also discussed the exit polling project, described the work to be done and the need for volunteers. Jean will prepare an e-mail to members to recruit them to volunteer. This is part of the work being done by the LWVIN state election reform committee.

Wabash River Development

Betty will check with Liz Solberg regarding whether all League members are invited to the October 24 Wabash River Corridor Update. An e-mail was sent September 9 regarding this program as well as a seminar on September 24.

Legislative Coffee

Date and location have not been determined. We discussed meeting in homes versus public places. It was decided to ask Patsy Hoyer to host again this year. Pat Corey is in charge of this event.

Health Care program

Karen Stone from Bloomington is organizing the health care meeting in April. She will be presenting in Crawfordsville in January.

Indiana Summit on Civic Engagement

Joanne Evers and Betty report good attendance at this seminar. It was about civics education in kindergarten – 12th grade. This does not fit our current plan for use of resources.

The Fall Every Member Workshop of LWVIN will be October 20 in South Bend.

Web Site

Jane Frankenberger has our new web site running. We want the site to include all meetings. A notation of “members only” will be placed where appropriate (e.g. Legislative Coffee). We want the newsletter posted, but with individual contact information removed. Kaye McSpadden suggested this and is willing to provide such a version. Jane is going to see if the URL name “leaguelafayette” is available. It is important to have a name that is easy to say and remember. She will prepare an e-mail

notice to be sent to the members once we know our name. It was decided to place the Officials Directory on the web. Betty will prepare a letter from the president. We would like to include local league history in addition to the national league history provided. Jane is going to ask Cathy Potter if she has something prepared.

Board Positions

There was a discussion of the 3 board members who have missed 3 or more meetings. Betty has not received a response to phone calls or e-mails. According to our by laws, this is considered resignation by the absent board members. Betty will draft a letter to Cindy Garwood, Dottie Rausch and Quinise Billips notifying them of our decision to accept their apparent resignations, wishing them well, and expressing hope that their interests will mesh with the league again in the future. Nominating Committee chair Patsy Hoyer will be contacted to look for replacements.

Review of State Positions

The list is out of who is working on which position review committee. Lafayette volunteered to lead the review of Juvenile Justice.

Next Newsletter

Deadline is October 5 with mailing planned for October 12. Articles will be written by:

- Jean Andres – Vote Center forum, polling place surveys, LWVIN Fall Workshop
- Betty Doversberger – candidate forums
- Cathy Potter / Mida Grover – Immigration Reform
- Jane Frankenberger – tour of the new website
- Joanne Evers – membership initiative
- Pat Corey – Legislative Coffee

Next meeting – October 16 – Walnut Room of WLPL

November 20 meeting will be in the Board Room of the West Lafayette Public Library

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Giroux, Secretary