

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER LAFAYETTE**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 13, 2008**

The Annual Meeting was held at the Klondike Branch of the Tippecanoe County Library and catered by Moe's Southwest Grill. The 88<sup>th</sup> birthday cake was baked at Mama Inez's bakery.

Betty Doversberger, President, introduced the featured speaker – Gail Pebworth from the LWV Montgomery County, Indiana LWV State Board and Co-chair of the Indiana Membership Recruitment Initiative. Gail's presentation ("League is Great in 2008") focused on the importance of continually recruiting and involving new members. She shared success stories and related this to an active Observer Corps.

**State of the League**

Doversberger discussed our activities and events for the past year in her "State of the League" address. She suggested that we consider changing the time of location of our monthly informal lunch at Jane's Catering and Deli. No changes were made.

Doversberger reviewed action on 2007 directions to the board. A written report was included in the annual meeting packet. Jane Frankenberger reported that board meeting minutes are now on the web in the member only section of leaguelfayette.org. One needs to use the URL as the site is not searchable.

The 20 members who have joined since the last annual meeting were recognized. Several were in attendance.

**Business Meeting**

Mida Grover moved and Jo Ann Mullen seconded acceptance of the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Mary Lee Parker presented a complete report on sales of our Community Calendar. She invited members to take the unsold leftovers and give them to new and potential members. 548 calendars were sold for a profit of \$2275.43. Gross sales were \$4070.40. She plans to have the 2008-2009 calendar ready for sale on September 1.

Winnie Adler presented the financial report through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the current fiscal year. There were no questions.

Mullen was appointed as parliamentarian. The Rules for the Annual Meeting were corrected so that in point 3 under General "floor" replaced "following". Joanne Evers moved and Patsy Hoyer seconded adoption of the Rules as corrected. Motion carried.

**Nominations**

Hoyer presented the report of the nominating committee. Solberg moved and Joan Goldstein seconded adoption of the slate. Motion carried unanimously. Positions with

no nominee are Financial Coordinator, Membership Director and Chair of the Nominating Committee. The report contained a lengthy list of individual who will be doing League work off board. There are many members willing to do one-time jobs helping with forums and other events. Doversberger recognized outgoing Board member Jo Ann Mullen and thanked her for her service to the League.

### **Program**

Donna Giroux presented the recommended local program. Kathy Dale moved and Grover seconded re-adoption of all the current positions expect for Land Use. A separate proposal recommends a review of the Land Use position. The motion to adopt was amended upon motion of Evers and second by Solberg to re-adopt the Land Use position so it can be acted upon while being revised. Both motions carried. The recommendation to review the Land Use position was moved by Mullen and seconded by Emma Dalsimer. Motion carried. Adoption of the recommended local action and programs was moved by Mary Lempke and seconded by Frankenberger. There was a discussion of registering voters at Farmers Markets and the Labor Day Naturalization ceremony. Doversberger moved and Dale seconded that the program item simply read to register voters without specific reference to locations or events. Motion carried. Evers moved and Solberg seconded participation at the Tippecanoe County Fair at the booth with Planned Parenthood and HAPA (health Access and Privacy Alliance). Motion carried.

### **Budget**

Mullen moved and Stephanie Schmitz seconded adoption of the 2008-2009 budget as presented. Motion carried.

### **Direction to the Board**

Diane Damico request help studying a “pay as you throw” program for solid waste. She chairs a West Lafayette group appointed by the Mayor.

Mary Lempke requested that the Board of Directors of LWVGL (and also LWVIN) consider taking action to help solve a problem with access to reproductive health care services in Tippecanoe County (and the entire state of Indiana). She states the problem is in finding qualified birth attendants for expectant mothers who chose to give birth at home. Doctors in Indiana will not attend a home birth and midwives, who are homebirth specialists, cannot legally attend a birth in the state of Indiana and are in continual danger of being arrested for practicing midwifery without a license. She requests that the Board determine if we have a position under which the league can take action to promote the passing of a midwifery licensing bill which will solve this problem. This would be a good time to amend our position if that is necessary.

Joanne Evers requested that we join HAPA. Annual cost is \$25 and we can send two representatives.

Joanne Evers suggested we present candidate forums in combinations with groups in addition to WALLA (Wabash Area Lifelong Learning Alliance) in order to reach different audiences.

It was suggested the Board look into the money savings by sending the newsletter via e-mail.

Ruth Dowden requested (but did not label this direction to the Board) we look into archiving our local league "stuff". Jane Frankenberger agreed to look at what we currently have. Stephanie Schmitz is an archive specialist working in the area of women's history. She offered to consult with the League.

Kathy Dale suggested we look into working with TV18 to get voter information on the web. We could build upon an existing venue rather than starting from scratch.

**Announcements**

Doversberger announced the Annual Picnic on August 23 at Shelter #2 in Happy Hollow Park from 11:30AM – 1PM.

**Adjournment**

Frankenberger moved adjournment. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Giroux, Secretary