

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette  
West Lafayette Public Library  
March 18, 2008

**Attendance**

Betty Doversberger, Mida Grover, Jo Ann Mullen, Jean Andres, Donna Giroux, Winnie Adler, Jane Frankenberger  
Guest: Mary Lee Parker

**Minutes**

Minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting were accepted as presented.

**Program Planning**

Donna presented the results of local program planning. Jean moved and Winnie seconded our recommendation to the membership that all the local League positions except Land Use be re-adopted. We recommend that a committee of League members review the Land Use position to update it to focus on current issues, and to shorten it to emphasize broader themes rather than itemized details. We further recommend a program of local action and presentations as listed.

**Membership Recruitment**

Betty asked for the names of new members so she can welcome them. Donna will send this information to her. Jane will prepare a draft of an updated "Look at the League" packet for new members. Jane requested an agenda item for the April Board meeting to brainstorm how to involve new members.

**WALLA course**

The first WALLA class in our series was today. Jean and Jo Ann attended and stated there were 45 enrollees. Will McLauchlan presented on the Electoral College. Jo Ann plans to take League materials to the next session.

**Health Care Forum**

Our Health Care forum has been rescheduled to April 29 which falls during "cover the uninsured" week. Jan Boswell updated the advertising flyer that will be sent to those who were previously invited by letter. Donna will e-mail a copy to our members. Betty will write a letter to the editor and request TV 18 use the interview with her that was done before the postponed March event.

**Outreach**

Betty had another letter to the editor published on the topic of Sunshine Week. She presented a draft version of our PowerPoint presentation. There was discussion about our purpose and target audience. All Board members are asked to send her suggestions particularly for the "impact on the community" section. We are seeking members who are familiar with the accomplishments of the League.

### **Making Democracy Work**

The Making Democracy Work award is planned for Constitution Day – September 17. There was a discussion of partnering with Purdue. Purdue is limited in that it is required to hold the event and focuses exclusively on federal constitution. Jean suggested Louis Mahern as a speaker for the event and will check on his willingness and availability. He spoke at Presidents Day about the work of the Kernan-Sheppard commission on government reform.

### **Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 13 at the Klondike Branch of the Tippecanoe County Public Library. Winnie will send electronic copies of the rules that were used last year so we can see if any changes are needed in the way we present program. Gail Pebworth from Montgomery County will speak on membership development. Gail is the co-chair of the Membership Recruitment Initiative in Indiana. Jean will ask Gail for a title so we can publicize her presentation. Donna will send her an advance copy of our planned program for the new year. We will also ask her to mention the value and success of Observer Corps, especially as experienced in Montgomery County.

We have the room from 6-9PM so will end our meeting at 8:30 to allow for clean up after our catered meal. Jane will arrange for Moe's Southwest Grill. Mida will arrange for a birthday cake (88 years!). Winnie will bring bottles of water. Donna will receive the RSVPs. We will eat at 6PM. Gail will speak from 6:45-7:15PM. Business meeting will start at 7:15PM. Plans will be finalized at the April Board meeting.

### **Nominating Committee**

Jean reported for the nominating committee. Donna will send the recommend program to the nominating committee members.

### **Calendar**

Mary Lee Parker presented information about community calendar sales and distribution. The Board recognized and thanked her for her dedication and hard work. It was agreed that any remaining calendars will be distributed at no charge from this point on. The April meeting will contain an agenda item to brainstorm calendar advertising and ways to increase revenue from this project.

### **Candidate Forums**

There was a discussion of the rules for forums. Although "empty chair" debates are prohibited by League policy, it is not certain if we could host a primary forum for District 4 candidates of both parties even though Steve Buyer consistently declines to participate. Betty will check into this.

### **State Council**

Betty and Winnie and ? will be our 3 delegates to LWVIN Council April 25 and 26 in Muncie. Donna and Jane will attend as observers. We will spend our budgeted money to cover the expenses of the delegates and observers equally. We will car pool and share

rooms. Final details will be worked out at the April Board meeting. Each member attending should send in her own registration.

### **National Convention**

We still need a delegate from Greater Lafayette to LWVUS Convention June 13-17 in Portland, Oregon. Mida is considering going.

### **Tippecanoe County Fair**

The suggestion was made during debriefing after the 2007 Tippecanoe County Fair booth hosted by Planned Parenthood, LWV and Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice that all operate under the HAPA (Health Access and Privacy Alliance) umbrella and emphasize prevention of unwanted pregnancy and education. Betty will represent us during discussions for the 2008 fair.

### **Smart Voter**

Participation in Smart Voter needs to be statewide, not only local. We plan to ask our delegate to LWVUS Convention to get a contact name for this project. It is too late to implement for this year's election.

### **Observer Corps**

Gail Pebworth will be asked to mention how a successful Observer Corps works during her presentation at the Annual Meeting. The board briefly discussed how valuable an Observer Corps could be. Recruitment efforts will continue.

### **Next Newsletter**

The next member mailing will be the Annual Meeting packet. We will have a newsletter before the summer meeting.

### **Next meeting**

April 15, 2008

Some agenda items will be:

- setting the date for the summer picnic meeting.
- brainstorming marketing ideas for community calendars
- brainstorming ideas for involving new members
- finalizing travel plans for LWVIN Council

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Giroux, Secretary