

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
West Lafayette Public Library
February 19, 2008

Attendance

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

Minutes

Minute of the January 29, 2008 meeting were approved.

Presidents Day

Betty gave a report on LWVIN Presidents Day which she attended with Winnie and Donna on Feb. 9.

WALLA Course

Brochures for the March WALLA course were distributed. Jane will place a link to WALLA on our web site.

Juvenile Justice forum

Workers are in place for the February 25 Juvenile Center forum at Ivy Tech.

Outreach

Betty is working on a PowerPoint presentation. She used a draft version at a recent talk to a community organization. Her recent letter to the editor that appeared in the Journal-Courier Feb. 15 yielded at least one potential new member.

Observer Corps

Another attempt to recruit observers will be made at the Annual Meeting. It is hoped we can begin by observing at least 2 or 3 commissions or councils.

Making Democracy Work Award Day

Jean is doing the background work and preparation for an award to be given on Constitution Day in September 2008.

Annual meeting

Our first choice for the Annual Meeting is the week of May 12. Second choice is the week of May 19. Jean is looking into having the meeting at the Klondike Branch of the Tippecanoe County Public Library. The Art Museum is another possibility. It was suggested that we ask Gail Pebworth to speak.

Nominating committee

Patsy Hoyer will call the nominating committee together soon after the JJ forum. Program planning results will be shared with the committee to assist in recruiting members to be active in the coming League year.

Voter registration

We plan to register voters at the local Farmer's Markets and at neighborhood association meetings. Although we do not register a lot of voters, we have great visibility doing

something the public expects us to do. Donna will shop at LWVUS Convention Wares Market for banners and table skirts that will provide an updated logo.

Candidate forums

We will present a forum with WALLA for local candidates for state office. Betty has been approached to do forums for the offices of judge and treasurer. There is reluctance to commit to this activity without a Voter Service Chairperson.

There was a discussion of the value of SmartVoter versus VOTE 411. Betty will seek more information about SmartVoter from her niece. It was agreed that we should have congressional District 4 candidate information on our web site. Since Rep. Buyer will not debate, we cannot plan a candidates forum for that office.

Voter surveys

Jean will bring more information to the board after she meets again with the LWVIN election reform committee. She expects us to do both exit polling and questioning of poll workers at the primary election in May.

State Council April 25-26, Ball State University

Board members planning to attend are Betty, Donna, Winnie and Jane.

LWVUS Convention

Mida is considering representing the LWVGL at national Convention June 13-16 in Portland, Oregon. Donna is going to be a delegate for the LWV Bloomington-Monroe County.

Membership Recruitment

There was a discussion of what we do with the names of non-members who sign the attendance sheet at our events. Betty will send follow-up letters. Letters to target audiences have been sent by the organizers of both the Juvenile Justice and health Care Forums.

Health Care program

The Health Care program on March 4 conflicts with the YWCA Salute to Women event. It is too late to change the date of our program. New flyers prepared by Jane Boswell were distributed for posting. Jane is not a League member, but was contacted by Rob and Karen Stone and worked directly with them to advertise the event. Our workers for the event have been identified.

Next Newsletter – Deadline is February 29.

WALLA course – Betty will write about how to participate

Annual Meeting – Jean will write after she gets date and place

Statement of Local Positions – Donna will condense to 2 pages

Memory of Pat Northacker – Cathy Potter has been asked to suggest someone who knew Pat well

Making Democracy Work award – Jean will write a brief introduction

Candidate Info on the web – Jane will write article seeking those interested in working on a project to collect candidate response to our questions.

Next meeting – March 18, 2008 at West Lafayette Public Library, 5PM

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Giroux, Secretary