

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER LAFAYETTE
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2010

The Annual Meeting was held at the Lilly Nature Center at Celery Bog Nature Area on Lindberg Road in West Lafayette. Panera Bread catered supper.

Betty Doversberger, President, welcomed the 31 members and 1 guest, and asked each person to introduce her/himself. She announced that 22 new members have joined since the last Annual Meeting. Mary Lempke's work as membership chair is acknowledged. Betty reviewed League activities of the past year. See the attached list.

The report of Observer Corps activity in the past year is attached. Jean Andres coordinates this group and presented a binder of all the written observer reports. Stephanie Schmitz (Tippecanoe County Library board), Joanne Evers (Tippecanoe County Health Board), Beth Goodman (West Lafayette City Council) and Jo Ann Mullen (County Commissioners) spoke about what they observed.

Business Meeting

President Doversberger called the business meeting to order and Cathy Potter was appointed parliamentarian. Sherry McLauchlan moved and KD Benson seconded adoption of the agenda. Motion carried. Jean Andres moved and Beth Goodman seconded adoption of the rules. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting had been approved by the board and were included in the meeting packet.

Budget

Melanie Lucroy presented the financial report through the third quarter of the fiscal year. She also presented the proposed budget for 2010-2011. Jean Andres moved adoption of the budget. Beth Goodman seconded. After discussion, the question was called and debated ended. Motion to adopt the budget carried.

There was a discussion of alternatives to the cost of our phone line including having no phone at all. It was decided to leave the phone in the budget with the idea that the money does not need to be spent if we can find a cheaper alternative. The unfunded line item for childcare is kept to demonstrate our support for providing childcare at meetings if needed. The amount budgeted for the membership brochure is increased. Our costs have been low due to a member using her own printer.

Election

Joanne Evers distributed an updated slate of board members, officers and off-board commitments. She explained the designations of which nominees are elected and which are appointed as an attempt to align the slate with the bylaws. There were no nominations from the floor. Cathy Potter moved and Karen Griggs seconded that the secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as presented. Motion carried.

In light of the incomplete slate of officers and board members, Doversberger asked for a motion to allow the board to deviate from the bylaws if necessary to form a governing structure. Cathy Potter moved so and Ron Andres seconded. Motion carried.

Doversberger recognized and appreciated out-going board members Jo Brooks, Donna Giroux, Jean Andres, Sue Scholer and Winnie Adler.

Program

Winnie Adler presented the recommended local program that included no changes from the previous year, and included continued local study for Kernan-Sheppard report recommendations. Review and update of the domestic violence position as adopted last year is again included. Winnie moved consideration and adoption of the program as a whole. Jennifer Andres seconded. Motion carried.

A proposal to study birthing choices in the community came out of local program planning, but was not recommended by the board. The parliamentarian explained the bylaws with respect to program. A non-recommended item needs a majority vote for consideration and a two-thirds majority for adoption. A study item has to have an impact on government. Karen Griggs moved and Beth Goodman seconded that the item be considered. Motion carried. Mary Lempke introduced the study proposal. See attached. There was discussion about local program in general and the fact local government must affect it. It was suggested that the Indiana Midwives group could join HAPA (Health Access and Privacy Alliance) as a way to educate the public on this topic. It was also suggested that public education could occur through Voter articles and a presentation at a session of "This Is Your Community". The chair took it by consensus that Mary and the midwives group would contact HAPA.

Direction to the Board

Cathy Potter asked the board to realize it does not have to do everything that has always been done.

Jane Frankenberger asked the board to consider using a consent agenda for meetings. She also asked that Observer Corp reports be made available to members and perhaps the public.

Announcements

Mary Lee Parker encouraged members to take the remaining unsold calendars and give them to prospective members.

The summer picnic meeting will be Saturday August 222 at shelter house #3 in Happy Hollow Park.

Donna Giroux spoke about the August road trip to Seneca Falls being sponsored by the League of Women Voters in Indiana.

LWVUS Convention is in Atlanta June 11-15. We have no delegate.

We are sponsoring a candidate forum with WALLA on September 15.

A showing of "Sisters on the Planet" is planned for July.

Adjournment

Beth Goodman moved and Mida Grover seconded adjournment. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Giroux, Secretary

Attached: calendar sales summary
Voter service report
Observer corps report
Local Government Study Committee report
Activities 2009-2010