

**League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
Minutes of Annual Meeting, May 16, 2006
Ivy Tech Community College**

The meeting was attended by 28 people at Ivy Tech Community College. The meeting was preceded by a tour of Ivy Hall and the art work by local artists featured throughout the building.

Welcome

President Shorna Broussard called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. She presented a brief overview of some of the League's accomplishments during the year, including educating youth, an article on our history in the Journal Courier, a focus on voting machines at the State Council meeting, and a Candidate Forum for Tippecanoe County Prosecutor.

Business Meeting: Points of Order

- Cathy Potter was appointed as Parliamentarian.
- Jo Ann Mullen moved to adopt the agenda, Margie Aronson seconded, and the motion carried.
- Liz Solberg moved to adopt the rules, Cathy Potter seconded, and the motion carried.

Organizational Reports

Membership: Shorna Broussard presented the membership report, noting that there are 97 members in our chapter. This includes 4 dual membership households, 7 nationally recruited members, and four mother-daughter members. She noted that there is a reduced membership fee for students, but no student members, which suggests an opportunity for the future.

Juvenile Justice and Child Abuse Forum: Patsy Hoyer presented an overview of the activities of the Juvenile Justice Study group. The League was invited by Judge Loretta Rush to assist in the organization of the Child Abuse Forums. League participated in the planning committee and provided volunteers for the child Abuse summit "getting Upstream" on November 16th. These forums were a result of the Juvenile Justice Forums held in 2005. League members are prepared to speak on our position. This Study group welcomes new members.

State Council: Shorna Broussard reviewed this very successful event, which was attended by 34 delegates and 9 observers representing 14 Leagues. There was a story in the Journal and Courier the next day about voting machines and security concerns based on the meeting. Shorna thanked the Planning Committee and volunteers for their work. It was noted that the Council also had fun.

Community Calendar: Mary Lee Parker, responsible for calendar distribution, reported that 640 calendars were sold, which raised a higher amount of money than last year. However printing costs were higher so there was a little less profit. Half of the sales were at Osco Drug. Jean Andres, responsible for calendar production, expressed appreciation to many people who helped including Ron Dye who donated the color photo used on the cover. She reviewed the printing costs and said that she is working to include Purdue basketball schedules which are dependent on TV contracts so not always available in advance.

Program: Terry Wood reviewed events held in 2005-6, and events planned for 2006-7, both of which are listed below.

Events Held in 2005-2006

- August 20, 2005, League Picnic, 11:30-1:00, Prophet Town State Park.
- August, 2005, Child Abuse Forum. **Patsy Hoyer**
- September 8, 2005, Child Abuse Forum. **Patsy Hoyer**
- December 8, 2005 (2nd Thursday) Legislative Coffee, 7:30 p.m., Tippecanoe Historical Society, Fowler Room. (cancelled due to weather). **Betty Doversberger**

- February 4, 2006 (1st Saturday) Legislative Breakfast, 9:15 am breakfast, 10:00 am meeting, MCL Cafeteria, West Lafayette. **Stephanie Hainje**
- March 7, 2006 (1st Tuesday) National Program Planning, 7:00-9:15 p.m., Tippecanoe Arts Federation (TAF), **Terry Wood**
- March 31-April 1, 2006 LWV State Council: One Person, One Vote: Road Blocks and Opportunities, Holiday Inn Select Lafayette, IN. **Shorna Broussard, Chair, Jean Andres, Angie Bowen, Joanne Evers, Jo Ann Mullen, and Cathy Potter**
- April 19, 2006 (3rd Wednesday) Illegal Drug/Methamphetamine Study, 7:00-9:15 p.m., TAF. **Joan Lohman, Terry Wood**
- April 26, 2006 (4th Wednesday) Candidate Forum, County Prosecutor, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Tippecanoe Public Library, Lafayette. **Patsy Hoyer**
- May 16, 2006 (3rd Tuesday) Annual Meeting, tours and dessert, 6:30 p.m., meeting, 7:45 p.m., Ivy Tech.
- June 10-13, 2006, LWV National Convention, Minneapolis, MN, **Shorna Broussard, Betty Doversberger** attendees.

Events Planned for 2006-2007

- August 26, 2006, League Picnic, 11:30-1:00,
- September ??, 2006, Kindergarten Concurrence Study, **Pat Corey**
- October 13, 2006, Kindergarten Concurrence Review due to (check with Joanne Evers)
- Iron Jawed Angels Viewing and Discussion, **Shorna Broussard**
- October ??, 2006, Candidate Forums
- December 7, 2006 (1st Thursday) Legislative Coffee, 7:30 p.m., Patsy Hoyer's home, **Betty Doversberger**
- February 3, 2007 (1st Saturday) Legislative Breakfast, 9:15 am breakfast, 10:00 am meeting, MCL Cafeteria, West Lafayette.
- Feb/March, 2007 (1st Tuesday) State Program Planning, 7:00-9:15 p.m., Tippecanoe Arts Federation (TAF), **Cathy Potter**
- *April 27-28, 2007 LWVIN 2007 State Convention, Bloomington, IN*
- May 15, 2007 (3rd Tuesday) Annual Meeting, meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- *June 10-11, 2007, LWV National Council,*

Financial: Emma Dalsimer reviewed the budget. This year, League income (which is mainly from calendars) was ahead of expenses. More was spent on State Council than had been planned, but it was a good time, good publicity, and generated interest from potential new members. A question was asked about the line in the budget for "child care". It was noted that this has not been used for several years, but is available if needed at events. Emma added that members are welcome to add contributions to their dues check. Two potential funds are the Educational fund, which is tax deductible, or the Fern Weber Fund, which helps people who cannot afford membership.

Nominating Committee: Cathy Potter provided the slate of nominees, as follows:

<u>BOARD of DIRECTORS</u>	<u>NOMINEES/CONTINUING.</u>	<u>TERM</u>
<i>PRESIDENT</i>	<i>Shorna Broussard</i>	<i>06-08</i>
<i>VICE PRESIDENT—ORGANIZATION</i>	<i>Winnie Adler</i>	<i>06-08</i>
<i>VICE PRESIDENT—PROGRAM</i>	<i>Cathy Potter</i>	<i>06-07</i>
SECRETARY	Jane Frankenberger	05-07
DIRECTOR—Membership	Ramona Lawson	05-07
DIRECTOR—Legislative Coffee	Betty Doversberger	05-07
<i>DIRECTOR—Public Relations</i>	<i>Dottie Rausch</i>	<i>06-08</i>
<i>DIRECTOR—All-Day Kindergarten</i>	<i>Pat Corey</i>	<i>06-07</i>
<i>DIRECTOR—Voters Service</i>	<i>Cynthia Garwood</i>	<i>06-08</i>

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (two off board positions & new board appoints one more)

Sharon Wood, Chairperson
Diane Tritschler

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND OFF-BOARD COMMITMENTS

Treasurer	Jennifer Andres
Juvenile Justice Chair & Membership Support	Patsy Hoyer
Reproductive Rights	Joanne Evers
Newsletter Editor	Kaye McSpadden
Newsletter Support	Jo Ann Mullen
Calendar Preparation & Printing	Jean Andres
Calendar Distribution	Mary Lee Parker
Webmaster	K.D. Benson
Membership Support (records & labels)	Donna Giroux
Voter Service Support	Sherry McLauchlan
Legislative Breakfast	Stephanie Hainje
Official's Directory Preparation	Aimee Jacobsen
Official's Directory Distribution	Ruth Dowden
LWV Answering Machine	Ruth Dowden
Domestic Violence	Ruth Dowden
Wabash River Parkway Commission Rep.	Cathy Potter
Wildcat Solid Waste District Rep.	Chris Brewster

JoAnn Mullen nominated Terry Wood for Financial Coordinator, seconded by Patsy Hoyer, and it was voted to add Terry Wood to the slate of nominees.

New Business

Board of Directors: Mary Ella King moved, Liz Solberg seconded, and the motion carried to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of nominees listed above.

Recognition of new members and Outgoing Board Members: Shorna Broussard stated that we are pleased to have 17 new or returning members, and displayed the list of these members.

Program Planning

Terry Wood presented the proposed Local Program for 2006-2007. The document was slightly re-organized from the version mailed out in advance, but contained the same positions and proposed actions. She reviewed the proposed program, noting that the positions are included in the document for members' information, but are not being voted on. It is only the proposed actions, printed in italics, which are being voted on.

Terry Wood moved to adopt the Reproductive Rights proposed action and Patsy Hoyer seconded.

Terry Wood moved to adopt the Land Use proposed action and Margie Aronson seconded. Liz Solberg moved to amend the Position Statement to add the organization Wabash River Enhancement Corporation to #5 under B. Parks and Recreation and Open Space. Patsy Hoyer seconded. Discussion was held to clarify whether its mission fits the mission of other organizations in that section, since it focuses primarily on economic development. Liz noted that WREC is an entity of the three governments, and does have a commitment to sustainable development. The motion carried.

Terry Wood moved to adopt the Solid Waste Management position and Pat Corey seconded.

Terry Wood moved to adopt the Health Care proposed action and Mary Ella King seconded.

Terry Wood moved to adopt the Juvenile Services in Tippecanoe County proposed action and Patsy Hoyer seconded.

Terry Wood moved to adopt the Local Government Structure in Tippecanoe County proposed action and Emma Dalsimer seconded.

Terry Wood moved to adopt the Problems of Women, and Women with Children, Who are Victims of Domestic Violence position and Betty Doversberger seconded.

Cathy Potter moved to adopt the Program as presented. Mary Lemke seconded, and the motion carried.

Shorna Broussard thanked the outgoing Off-Board Leaders for their service, including Emma Dalsimer (Treasurer), Sonya Margerum (Nominating Committee Chair), Mary Ella King (Newsletter Distribution), Outgoing Board Members are Patsy Hoyer (Membership Co-Chair), Jo Ann Mullen (Vice-President), Joanne Evers (Director – Reproductive Rights).

Budget: Emma Dalsimer presented the 2006-7 budget, and asked for discussion. Jean Andres said that the National League of Women Voters is asking for a \$1.50 increase in dues, which if our dues stay at \$40 would mean only \$1.50 for the local chapter. The League may want to discuss a dues increase. Jo Ann Mullen moved to adopt the budget as proposed, Rosemary Sherwood seconded, and the motion carried.

Suggestions for the Future:

The meeting ended with an opportunity for all participants to suggest future opportunities that the Board should pursue. These include the following:

- Conduct voter registration at Farmers Market in West Lafayette and Lafayette in September. In addition to registering voters, this could provide excellent publicity and also is an opportunity for calendar sales. No fee is required for non-profits at the West Lafayette Farmers Market.
- Hold a public forum after the all-day kindergarten study
- Organize a meeting on the Wabash River. This would help the public understand the various organizations that have “Wabash River” in their name and their various missions. The river is so important to the community (“our mountain”, as someone put it), that we need to address it periodically.
- Look into being more inclusive of young members and those with children by conducting some of the forums online. Younger members may find this mode of communication more accessible than the current evening meetings.
- Try to contact groups at Purdue as future members. Shorna Broussard noted that we are partnering with a student organization at Purdue to show the film “Iron-Jawed Angels” about the Suffrage movement, which also features the founder of League of Women Voters.
- Consider reaching out to people who are here from other countries, often as spouses of students at Purdue or Ivy Tech.
- Expand our focus on reproductive choice to also include choices in birthing. The Legislature has had a bill on certifying midwives for years but it has not passed.
- Mary Ella King announced that she is returning to Alabama after 40 years in Lafayette, and thanked members and the League for “great opportunities and friendship.”

Shorna Broussard thanked the Board of Directors, Ivy Tech Community College and the Tour Guides, and closed the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Frankenberger, Secretary