

**League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
Minutes of Annual Meeting, May 15, 2007
Purdue University Black Cultural Center**

The meeting was attended by approximately 25 people at the Black Cultural Center at Purdue. The meeting was preceded by a tour led by Director Renee Thomas.

Welcome and Review of LWV Principles

President Shorna Broussard called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. She reviewed the League principles, which are to educate ourselves and other, advocate, and empower citizens to make a difference. She led the group through documents outlining the League's position at the local, state, and national level.

Local Chapter: Year in Review

She presented an overview of the League's accomplishments during the year. See attached document "Year in Review 2006-2007".

Business Meeting: Points of Order

Donna Giroux was appointed as Parliamentarian. Jo Ann Mullen moved to adopt the agenda, Mary Lee Parker seconded, and the motion carried. The group voted to adopt the rules as outlined in the meeting packet.

Election of Directors and Officers

Winnie Adler presented the slate of nominees for Board Positions. Jean Andres moved and Jo Ann Mullen seconded a motion to add Mida Grover as Co-Chair for Immigration to the slate of nominees. Motion carried. The members cast a unanimous ballot for the Board as proposed.

Outgoing Board members were recognized. The Off-Board Positions noted in the Nominating Committee Report were recognized.

Adoption of Local Positions

Patsy Hoyer moved and Donna Giroux seconded a motion to adopt local positions. A question was brought up of which positions were studied locally and when. This brought up a larger question of how League archives are maintained. Members suggested that the Board look into this and come up with a plan. It was also suggested that typos in item VIIc be corrected for next year. The local positions were adopted as proposed.

Adoption of Dues Increase

Jo Ann Mullen moved to increase dues to \$50 and \$25 for second person in the same household. Joanne Evers seconded. All discussion was in favor of the increase, noting the increased costs to state and national Leagues. The Fern Weber Fund is also available to help those who would have difficulty paying. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Budget (2007-8)

Jennifer Andres presented the proposed budget of \$11,945. Sheila Klinker moved and Emma Dalsimer seconded a motion to adopt the budget. The motion passed.

New President and Looking Ahead

President Shorna Broussard announced that she is moving to Ithaca, New York in July, and expressed great appreciation to the League. She introduced the new President, Betty Doversberger, who thanked Shorna for her leadership and many contributions. President Doversberger described some of the events planned for the coming year:

- Educate people how to use Vote Centers
- Continue to work on juvenile justice.
- Look at immigration reform. Our voice needs to be heard in developing positions.
- Wabash River forum
- Local elections – candidate forums
- Review state positions. Joanne Evers explained that State delegates approved a process to review and potentially revise all state positions. The State League is asking every local League to contribute volunteers to look at at least one position, either alone or with other Leagues. It was suggested that the Greater Lafayette League take on juvenile justice, since there is an active committee.

Betty Doversberger also invited all members to attend Board Meetings the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the West Lafayette Public Library at 5 pm. The picnic is August 25.

Direction to the Board

Members suggested the following directions

- Develop a plan for archiving League documents.
- Clarify the use of the Fern Weber Fund. It is not just for new members, clarification is needed on how to allocate.
- Work on voting machines, including the need for a paper trail. This could be a target of an education program.
- Work on educating the public about identification needed for voting. Many Purdue students were turned away when their only ID was a Purdue ID.
- Educate concerning the Marriage Amendment, which was not passed in the Legislature but will probably be introduced again
- Make sure we are doing a good job of welcoming new members and inviting them to activities. (Always take calendars.)
- Members who are not on the Board would like to receive the Minutes to keep up with activities and upcoming events. Develop a way to keep them in touch – email or post on the Web.
- Review local positions as requested by LWVIN.
- Review and revise our position on reproductive choice, which is very vague. It is currently not clear that birthing choice (right to choose place of birth and attendant) is part of it. It was suggested that a strategy be developed for dealing with this at the time in early spring when positions are adopted.
- All members can access complete LWVUS positions through the “Impact on Issues”, now on the web at:

<http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=8538>

Shorna Broussard closed the meeting at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Frankenberger, Secretary