

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER LAFAYETTE
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2011

The Annual Meeting was held at Jane's Deli in Lafayette. Sue Scholer, Convener, welcomed all the members present at the meeting.

Betty Doversberger, member of state board, reported on the LWVIN activities this year. The state board has been very active and offers many opportunities to League members. This year the activities included regional workshops, Presidents Day, and the state convention, with many workshops and roundtables. The League also continues its active schedule of advocacy and election monitoring.

Sandy Grant, state board liaison to LWVGL, spoke to the League and commended the members on their active program and membership growth.

Joanne, Evers, Membership Chairperson, welcomed the members present and specifically the members who have joined since the last Annual Meeting. Ten new members have joined LWVGL this year, and the League received a certificate of recognition for its membership growth.

K.D. Benson reviewed the LWVGL activities for this year, which included several forums, participation in the Seneca Falls trip and the 90th anniversary celebration, voter surveys, the League Link lunch, This Is Your Community series, the study of local government, and improvements to the website.

Sherry McLauchlan reviewed the financial report and answered questions.

BUSINESS MEETING

Sue Scholer called the business meeting to order at 6:20. She appointed Donna Giroux parliamentarian for the annual meeting. Minutes of the 2010 annual meeting were included in the information packet and have been approved by the Management Team.

Jean Andres moved that the agenda for the meeting be adopted with amendments. Seconded by Joanne Evers. Motion carried.

Jean Andres moved that the rules for the annual meeting be adopted as presented. Seconded by Linda Cohen. Motion carried.

Local Program

Sue reviewed the proposed local program. K.D. moved that the program be adopted. Seconded by Emma Dalsimer. Donna Giroux moved that the position on local government be amended by removing the words "whenever possible" from the sentence "We urge township trustees to explore cooperation and consolidation of services to increase efficiency and improve service whenever possible." Seconded by Liz Solberg.

Joanne Evers asked for members to express interest in working on the positions that need study or revision. Several members responded that they will assist. Motion to amend the program carried. Motion to accept amended program carried.

Amendment of By-Laws

Sue reviewed the proposed change to the by-laws. Martha Lempke moved that the proposed change be approved with the reference to the "League of Women Voter of Greater Lafayette changed to "League" in the first line of Article III Section 2 and the words "members of the League for 50 years or more" changed to read "members of LWVUS for 50 years or more." Seconded by Linda Cohen. Motion carried.

Budget

Sherry McLauchlan moved approval of the budget for 2011-12 as presented. Seconded by Diane Damico. Motion carried.

Election

The slate of nominations was presented by Joanne Evers, chair of the nominating committee. There were no nominations from the floor. Linda Cohen moved that the slate be elected by acclamation. Seconded by Liz Solberg. Motion carried.

Recognition of 50-Year Members

Sue announced that five 50-year members have been identified. Ginny Webb, Joan Lohmann, Lillian Cote, and Ruth Dowden were present and were recognized and congratulated by the members. Sonya Margerum is also a 50-year member but was not able to attend. Members who have belonged to the League for 50 years are asked to let the Board know so they can also be recognized.

Sue thanked outgoing Management Team members, Jo Ann Mullen and Mida Grover, who were not able to be present.

Reports

Jean Andres thanked the Observers who have served this year; Joanne Evers, Karen Griggs, and Jo Ann Mullen. She encouraged members to become members of the Observer Corps.

Jean also reported that approximately 50 copies of the local government study have been printed and distributed and presentations have been given to community organizations. A Power Point presentation has also been distributed.

Joanne Evers thanked Cathy Potter and Mida Grover for their work on the membership committee. LWVGL has 98 members and received a certificate of recognition at the state convention from LWVIN for participating in the Membership Recruitment Initiative and achieving growth of 2% last year. Additional work is needed to increase the

membership even more. A new program from LWWUS will focus on membership and leadership and will be a topic of discussion in LWWGL.

New President's Remarks

Joanne thanked the management team members for their hard work this year. She requested that members who have not already submitted a member profile fill it out and turn it in. She announced that the LWWUS Council will be held June 17-20 in Leesburg, VA. Members can view the information about the Council on the LWWUS website. The LWWGL annual picnic will be held on August 27 from 11:00 – 1:00 at Happy Hollow Park, Shelter #3. The joint meeting of this year's board and the incoming board will be held on June 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Sue Scholer's house.

Direction to the Board

The board was asked to do the following:

- Make a \$100 donation to the Unitarian Universalist Church for allowing the league to hold the brown bag lunches there without charge.
- Set up a Facebook page.
- Post Observer Corps reports on the website.

Announcements

Jean Andres requested that members give her suggestions for speakers for the brown bag lunches. There will be eight meetings this year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Betty Doversberger, Secretary