

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette
Board Meeting
West Lafayette Public Library
December 19, 2011

Minutes

Present: KD Benson, Kathy Bowman, Kathy Dale, Betty Doversberger, Joanne Evers, Deb Schwarte

Guest: Donna Giroux

Joanne Evers called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

The minutes of the November 21st Board meeting were reviewed & approved as submitted.

Joanne shared copies of the final report on the libraries. She reviewed the Legislative Coffee activities. This year the League prepared three statements to present to the legislators based on upcoming expected legislative activity and positions of the League. The three items included the choice scholarship program, the redistricting, and local government reform. A handout was prepared on these issues which also includes a copy of the resolution of the board passed in October 2011 supporting a ballot referendum for mass transit in Hamilton and Marion Counties. Joanne will send an electronic copy of this handout to the Board.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed and filed. Much of the calendar money has yet to be received. Joanne urged that any money for calendars should be sent to Sherry McLauchlan as soon as possible. The League's finances are stable.

The possibility of a phone listing was discussed. It was decided not to pay for this service.

The date for the party to write notes on the fund drive letters and stuff envelopes was set for January 26 at 6:30 at Betty's home. The materials will be sent to the printer on January 17. Betty will send the list of previous non-member donors to Joanne for review. Donna will check the formatting to ensure that the mail merge is properly set up. KD will format the calendar for the three-to-a-page format.

Membership: Kathy Bowman reported that she has been reminding lapsed members to send in their dues. She will send the list of names of those who have not renewed their membership to Joanne and Donna to determine who should be reminded again. Joanne will send postcards to those found to be appropriate, Kathy will send e-mails, and will do one more reminder in January.

A get-together for new and prospective members will be held at Kathy's home on February 1 from 6 – 8 p.m. Board members will attend to help new and prospective members become acquainted with the League

New Business. Possible topics for public forums in the coming year were discussed. The Board decided that voter issues are of the most pressing importance. At the January meeting, various aspects of voting that should be addressed will be discussed and decisions made about how to emphasize them throughout the year. It was decided not to send letters to the editor concerning solid waste management or transparency in government.

Voter Service. Due to the importance of the 2012 election and various issues that have arisen concerning voter suppression, the League will make major efforts in the coming year to inform the public and to facilitate voter registration and assistance in obtaining the required voter ID.

Voter: The following articles are planned: membership, Kathy Bowman; the This Is Your Community lunch series, Deb Schwarte; the meet and greet events and local redistricting, KD; the Legislative Coffee, Sue Scholer; school board elections, Kathy Dale; campaign finance, Joanne Evers; the League's 92nd birthday, Betty Doversberger.

Presidents Day will be held on February 18 in Indianapolis. The program will include a keynote speech by Tim Berry, Indiana State Auditor, on transparency in government, a demonstration of the state and national websites, and workshops on voter suppression, how to maintain a strong League status, and the Education Fund. Donna will attend, KD may be able to attend, and Betty will attend as a state board member.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. and the group continued to meet to reach concurrence on the state school finance position. Winnie Adler and Michael Oxenrider joined the group for that discussion.

Submitted by Betty Doversberger, Secretary