

Minutes
LWV-TLC Board Meeting
February 12, 2007
Sanger Library

A quorum finally present, the meeting was called to order by Co-President Bonnie Bishop at 7:30 P.M. **Members present were:** Bonnie Bishop, Peg Hull Smith, Mary Karazim, Sharon Friedman, Nina Sabrack, Meg Murphy and Ann Payne.
Members absent were: Sue Nichols, Yvette Thompson, Diane Mieczkowski, Nancy Watts and Rose Mary Alloy.

Minutes

Mary Karazim, Secretary, presented the minutes of the January 15, 2007 meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Nina Sabrack and seconded by Meg Murphy that the minutes be accepted as printed. The motion passed

Financial Report

Bonnie Bishop reported that the changes to the financial policy revision were not discussed at the Executive Committee meeting.

Peg Hull Smith reported that Community Shares is restructuring the collection of dues. Presently all organizations, no matter the size, pay the same dues. There is a move to assess dues according to either the size of the organization, the amount of money an organization raises, or the operating income of organization. Our League uses a very small amount of the collected dues locally. If the dues collected could be put into a separate account and only the amount that actually stays with the local League is reflected as dues income in the budget, this would give a true picture of our operating budget. If not, and the third option is chosen by Community Shares, this would be very costly for the League to continue to be a member of Community Shares.

Decision: The Co-Presidents and the Treasurer will meet to see if a way can be developed to graphically show how much of the assessed dues actually stay with the local League for operating purposes.

Lawsuit

Peg Hull Smith reported on the conference call between our League, the State League and the attorneys. The State could decide to settle so the discussion centered on the specifics we would request should the matter get to the judge. The call lasted over two hours. There will be a follow-up call.

We have received an invitation from the League in Kalamazoo to speak about the lawsuit. Their officers have already heard from LWVOH presenters. They now wish to get the local aspects.

By-Laws Change

In order to comply with LWVUS language which deletes the words "of citizens" from the Mission Statement, a change is necessary in our local League Mission Statement. It would read:

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

This change was approved at Convention 2006. The notice to change was received on February 8, 2007. Our League will make the changes whenever new materials [publications, stationary, etc.] are printed.

Signature Event

Ann Payne reported on the progress of the Signature Event Committee in addressing the concerns of the Executive Committee and the plans for the Event. It was a very productive meeting. The SE committee will meet again on February 24. Everyone on the committee has a job. If difficulties are still evident, the committee may consider stepping back for a year.

The letters to solicit contribution are prepared. No date has been set but May will be the month. The location will be the Ward Pavilion at Wildwood Metro-Park. The hoped for speaker is a professor of Ohio State University who is an environmental scientist. One committee member is researching local organizations.

TRY

The TRYs were printed in black. This saved \$2,500.00. Discussion and questions centered on how many copies to keep, to distribute to libraries, when and how to get to members and who would do the distribution.

Voter

Ann Payne announced that the copy was ready for Bonnie Bishop to proof..

Naturalization

The next ceremony will be Friday at the Court House. Diane Mieczkowski will represent the League.

Fundraising

Bonnie Bishop reported that twenty five targets were chosen. Ann Payne had found a letter from 1975 during her review of the archives. This letter was slightly tweaked and sent out with copies of the TRY and the Voter. It has been three weeks since these went out. So far there has been no response. Step two will be personal phone calls.

Membership

Meg Murphy reported on the planned conference-call meetings scheduled between the LWVOH Member Service Team and Membership Chairs. It will be held on February 22 from 8-9 P.M. for leagues approximately our size.

Meg was given the okay to reorder the new membership Welcome brochures. [50 cents each]. She will also order 25 copies of the new issue of the Advocacy brochure when it becomes available.

The next board meeting will be March 12, 2007. Ann Payne will chair the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Karazim, Secretary