

Minutes
LWV-TLC Board Meeting
January 15, 2007
Peg Hull Smith's Home

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Bonnie Bishop at 7:15 P.M.
Members present were: Bonnie Bishop, Peg Hull Smith, Ann Payne, Sue Nichols, Mary Karazim, Sharon Friedman, Meg Murphy, Rose Mary Alloy and Yvette Thompson.
Members absent were: Diane Mieczkowski, Nina Sabrack and Nancy Watts.

Announcements

Bonnie Bishop read the list of the Leagues in the Lake Erie Basin Committee. These are in Southern Michigan, North West Ohio and Western Pennsylvania
Ann Payne has received the packet for the consensus discussion to be held at the General Meeting. Peg Hull Smith will lead the meeting.
Bonnie reported that she has received a thank you from Jan Ruma of Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio for the letter of support for CareNet she sent to Carty Finkbeiner. *The Blade* has not printed the letter. Peg Hull Smith was contacted for verification via a phone message but she arrived home too late to return the call.

Minutes

Mary Karazim, Secretary, presented the minutes of the November 20, 2006, meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Sue Nichols and seconded by Rose Mary alloy that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Sue Nichols, Treasurer, reported the "big news" that we are way ahead on member contributions. The latest contributions came from Ed and Joan Searles in honor of Ruth Searles and Sue Nichol's mother, Ellie.
Peg Hull Smith reported that she has not received information about the lost Community Shares check.
We overspent approximately \$77.00 on the Christmas Party. This happened for a lot of reasons. One reason was a misunderstanding about beverages-if a person switched from a soft drink to coffee. The tip charge of 20% included the tax amount. We had been told the tip amount would be 18%. The budget is still ok since we voted to not have a reception for public officials.
Yvette Thompson asked for some clarifications on the amount available for the Signature Event.
A sponsor is needed for the TRY.
The Board members were reminded that the decision was made last year to go into the Reserve Funds for the cost of printing the brochure.

Financial Policies

The item will continue to be tabled. It will be dealt with by the Executive Committee at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Voter Services

The TRY will be on the website.

We are waiting to hear from 5/3 Bank's representative, Karen Fraker. If they respond we will have funding for half of the cost. We have about \$1,900.00 left from Bonnie Smith's fund raising. This is included in line item #52 [part of \$5,785.81].

The cost is \$2,200.00, plus distribution, plus postage, therefore approximately \$2,500.00

Naturalization

The event on December 15 at the McMaster Center was very nice. Uta Schaub did a great job. Diane Mieczkowski has talked to the organization and requested that we repeat this next year.

Voter

Ann Payne reported that the *Voter* text was sent to Terry Mills today. The goal is to have everything ready by the weekend. The main content is the environment. There is an extensive article about the December luncheon speech.

We will need to get information out about the General Meeting on January 25 at the Holland library.

Sharon Friedman distributed some copies of information that has appeared in the recent news.

Ann will notify Bonnie if the phone tree is needed.

Community Shares

Peg Hull Smith reported that Community Shares is restructuring. She is on the committee. There will probably be a change to make the hours worked proportional to the size of the agency. or. perhaps, to the monies given to the agency. The restructuring committee has a July deadline. Because of the proposed changes, no dues will be collected in February. The fiscal year will change to July 1-June 30.

Fund Raising

Bonnie Bishop reported that the committee has met and has formed a kind of a plan. There is a large file of previous fund raising letters. The committee will meet again a draft a letter.

Yvette Thompson stated that underwriting is different than asking someone to co-sponsor. There can be different levels. We must be careful that we are not involved in a partnership. We can't look like we are endorsing a corporation that is not practicing gree policies [with respect to the thrust of this year's Signature Event].

We need to call the State Board if there are any questions.

Membership

Meg Murphy reported that the new updated list is almost complete. There are 65 members, including the winner of the State membership . So far, there is a three person increase from last year.

Signature Event

Yvette Thompson reported that the committee met in January. Sandy Bihn attended and gave the members good information for networking,

The theme is green, for Earth Day, and suggestions of staying with salad and things that go with salad were made. Gina Thompson, Yvette's sister-in-law will help with of rough draft of a letter to solicit sponsors.. Mike Ashford, a Toledo City Councilman, will also help with contacts to help draft letters. He has suggested that a League membership form also be included with the letters.

Ann Payne suggested that perhaps the Fund Raising Committee should focus on raising money for the Signature Event instead of doing general fund raising.

Yvette indicated that she would like to invest in a program with page, or portion of page, sponsor/advertisers. It was acknowledged that this would take a lot of leg work. Perhaps we should allow people to put out their information about what they are doing for Earth Day.

The plan is for only one Olive Colton recipient. Certificates could go to organizations that have contributed. The environment includes air, water and land. Why not one to each category? Many are struggling and this could be a boost to their efforts.

The committee hopes to have some good nominees to present at the next Board meeting. A little talk about the event should be given at the January 25 General Meeting.

Other Business

Bonnie Bishop asked for help with the Phonathon in March. No one volunteered.

As there was no longer a quorum, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be at the Sanger Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Karazim, Secretary