

Minutes
LWV-TLC Board Meeting
March 20, 2006
Sue Nichols Home

Before the meeting began there was a discussion about corresponding to Jill Kelly at the Board of Elections concerning the sites designated for extra training of poll workers for the May primary. The league's concern was the need for uniform, consistent training for all poll workers. Because of the law suit it was acknowledged that we should act with caution and perhaps check with the lawyers before any action was taken.

There was also concern about the Zoo being designated as a site for voter registration since the regular admission would have to be paid and also because the Zoo will have issues on the ballot.

A third concern was the refusal to let county government employees work at the polls without losing leave or sick days.

Co-President Peg Hull Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Members present were: Peg Hull Smith, Sue Nichols, Mary Karazim, Nina Sabrack [until 8:45 P.M.], Meg Murphy, Terry Mills, Sharon Friedman, Phyllis Barnes, Yvette Thompson [7:35 P.M.], and Ann Payne [7:35 P.M.].

Members absent were: Margaret Kaya, Diane Mieczkowski and Anita Levin.

Minutes

Mary Karazim presented the minutes from the February 13, 2006 Board meeting. Some editorial changes were made.

Motion: It was moved by Sue Nichols and seconded by Meg Murphy that the minutes be accepted as corrected. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

There are significant expenses not yet entered in the spread sheet. Some of these are: the cost of materials for the New Citizens' Guide passed out at naturalization ceremonies, [about \$65.00], the deaf resource center for the interpreter for the forums [close to \$500.00], expenses for *The Voter* [\$90.00], mailing of TRYs [\$100.00].

Also going out will be expenses for State House Day, the National Convention, the reception for public officials, the Annual Meeting [\$200.00] and the Significant Event [\$300.00].

Income before July are a check for approximately \$700.00 from Community Shares and, possibly, a profit from the Significant Event.

There was consensus that things don't look good.

There was also consensus that the \$10,000.00 bequest should be used for something special and should not be used for operating expenses.

Announcements

Reservations forms are being filled out by Yvette Thompson, Rosemary Alloy, Ann Payne and Sue Nichols. Nina Sabrack will also be there as a member of the State Board.

There was a discussion about who will attend the President's Training session on May 5 and 6 in Columbus. There has been mention, during a conference call concerning the law suit, of LWV-TLC's representation on a panel about the law suit. So far, no details or final information have been received. Basically, we have not been officially asked. Ann Payne will call and find out the schedule.

Signature Event

Yvette Thompson reminded everyone that the Signature Event Luncheon will be on May 6 from 1:00-3:00 P.M. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. Yvette passed around a draft of the invitation. Two plaques will be awarded to Jack Ford and to Carenet. The respective organizations will receive certificates. Yvette will have nice stationary printed with the league logo. Jan Ruma has submitted a list of 150 names. The goal is to get the invitations out in the next two weeks.

The committee will need some help with centerpieces and setting up. The decorations will be red, white and blue. The table covers will be white and there will be red and blue napkins. The committee has not yet decided on the displays. Peg Hull Smith will moderate. Yvette will ask the mayor to issue a proclamation.

The committee is asking all league members who attend to wear black skirts and white tops. Yvette is working on providing a sash for each member with "LWV-TLC" on it. The next committee meeting is March 30 at Bonnie Bishop's home. Bonnie and Yvette will get the mailing information to Terry Mills.

April 27 General Meeting

The meeting will be at the Sanger Library. It will begin at 7:00 P.M. We are co-hosting the panel discussion with L'Aime. We will provide coffee, tea and cookies. We are sending publicity announcements to the local newspapers.

Voter

Terry Mills is waiting for the Annual Meeting information. The meeting is Thursday, May 25. Darcy Yates wants to devote the meeting to membership. Meg Murphy and Bonnie Bishop will work with Darcy. One area of concentration will be former members. We need to highlight this meeting at all the up coming events.

Nominating Committee Report

The members of the 2006 Nominating Committee are Kathy Chamberlain, Ellen Haigh, Yvette Thompson, Phyllis Barnes and Bonnie Bishop.

The proposed slate of new officers to be elected in 2006 is:

Officers

Co-Presidents	Peg Hull Smith and Bonnie Bishop	2006-2008
First Vice President	Ann Payne	2006-2007 *filling unexpired term
Second Vice-President	[not needed with co-presidents]	2006-2008
Treasurer	Sue Nichols	2006-2008

Board of Directors

Sharon Friedman	2006-2008
Terry Mills	2006-2008
Meg Murphy	2006-2008
Nina Sabrack	2006-2008
Nancy Watts	2006-2008

Those remaining on the Board are:

Secretary, Mary Karazim	2007
Anita Levin	2007
Diane Mieczkowski	2007
Yvette Thompson	2007

Proposed Nominating Committee for 2006-2007

Ann Payne
Phyllis Barnes
Yvette Thompson
Ellen Haigh

Naturalization

Help is needed for the two ceremonies on Friday, March 31.

Sharon Friedman will take the 11:00 A.M. event and Ann Payne will take the 1:30 event.

Local Program Planning

Ann Payne reported on the results of some research she did by looking through old league records. She noted that se seem to be disjointed. we have speakers and get information but we don't follow up or act on anything. Our participation in some former areas of intense interest has died—such as education and the environment. We should go beyond a once a year look at our program.

It was noted that our Signature Event falls under Local Government Funding issues.

Ann led a review of the 2005-2006 Program for Advocacy.

Motion: It was moved by Sue Nichols and seconded by Sharon Friedman that election reform be added to our Program. The motion carried.

Ann Payne will write a draft paragraph.

Motion: It was moved by Bonnie Bishop and seconded by Yvette Thompson that “funding” be deleted from the Local Government title. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Karazim, secretary