

Minutes
LWV-TLC Board Meeting
November 14, 2005
Sue Nichols Home

Co-President Sue Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Members present were: Sue Nichols, Peg Hull Smith, Mary Karazim, Terry Mills, Margaret Kaya, Meg Murphy, Bonnie Bishop, Phyllis Barnes, Diane Mieczkowski, Yvette Thompson and Sharon Friedman [7:15 P.M.].

Members absent were: Ann Payne, Nina Sabrack and Anita Levin.

Announcements

Sue Nichols announced that the league has received notification of \$10,00.00 from the estate of Robert Grim. He has been a member for a long time, although he never attended meetings and no one on the present board has ever met him.

The next General Meeting will be at the Sanger Library at 7:00 P.M. on November 17. The speaker will be Toby Hoover, Executive Director of the Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence.

Monday, December 5 is the Holiday Luncheon with the Perrysburg and Bowling Green leagues. Reservations are due by November 30. The cost is \$20.00 and can be paid at the door or sent to Vicki Ewald. The luncheon will be at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg. Sue felt there is a good benefit of doing combined things with these leagues.

Our LWV-TLC Holiday Party will be on December 15 at the Renaissance Restaurant on Holland-Sylvania Road. The cost is \$25.00 for dinner, including dessert.

Motion: It was moved by Bonnie Bishop and seconded by Yvette Thompson that a separate invitation be sent to members for the Holiday Party. The motion carried. Bonnie will take care of this.

Minutes

Mary Karazim presented the minutes for the September 19, 2005 Board Meeting. She also made note of a few corrections. Peg Smith also noted some editorial corrections.

Motion: It was moved by Peg Smith and seconded by Bonnie Bishop that the minutes be accepted as corrected. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Margaret Kaya present the Treasurer's Report in the revised format. There were questions about various accounts. It was agreed that Margaret, Terry Mills and Sue Nichols would meet after the meeting to discuss the format and make sure that everything is entered in the correct spot.

Old Business/Reports

Law Suit Update

The depositions were to be taken in early November. This has not happened. No new time has been established.

Lucas County Election Hearing/Investigation

Peg Smith reported that a hearing will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 3-6 at the Warren AME church. The coordinator is WilliAnn Moore from the NAACP. There will be a panel to hear testimony about election problems. Our attorneys have said we can go ahead and report from the league about problems and give facts about what we have seen or heard. The lawsuit cannot be mentioned and we cannot editorialize. If you have information but cannot attend, you can write your observations and have the document notarized. Darcy Yates plans to do this.

There was a discussion about several instances that were experienced by either Board members or their family. Some of the conditions at the Board of Elections were also mentioned.

Any one who testifies should make sure a copy is given to Sue Nichols and to the lawyers.

Members Survey and Telephone Tree

Peg Smith distributed a draft of the questions to be asked during the members' survey. Everyone was assigned approximately five persons to contact.

There is freedom to ad lib according to the flow of the conversation.

Membership

To date, there are 64 members. Meg Murphy distributed a current list to be used for the survey phone calls.

Naturalization

Diane Mieczkowski reported that the naturalization groups will be kept at around 35 in number. This is a manageable number with relatives and friends. Because of security, the ceremonies will not be taken out into the community. Diane noted that at the last ceremony Judge Carr made it a point to commend the league. The brochures are being handed out but Diane wishes there was a way to get some feedback. Is the information what they would like? Is it useful? How has it helped them?

It was suggested that a survey be included with the brochure.

Community Shares

Peg Smith passed the campaign report envelop around in case anyone needed a pledge form.

Voter

The Voter usually goes out a week after every board meeting. Board members were urged to get information to Terry Mills.

Program/Calendar

Sharon Friedman asked for clarification of the dates. The general meetings are usually the fourth Thursday of the month. Things were moved up a week in November because of the Thanksgiving holidays.

The January meeting is scheduled for January 26 at the Holland Library. Tom Henry the environmental reporter from *The Blade* will be asked to speak. There was a discussion about having this be a dinner meeting. Sharon and Bonnie Bishop will work on this.

Voter Services

Bonnie Bishop stated that it was wonderful working with the Urban League. The Junior League joined in on the last forum, the one for the Toledo School Board candidates.

Bonnie will ask the Urban League about joining together next year.

Sue Nichols reported that the 400 flyers about the issues were delivered to the Lucas County Library but it took them two weeks to get them to the branches.

Perhaps we should put our efforts into the schools and recruit students to work at the polls. The sorority that sponsored the mock elections consulted Mary Ann Niedzielski.

New Business

Peg Smith asked if anyone had information about the major event. Originally it was to be held in either February or August. It's too late for February. Too much effort has gone into elections and the lawsuit. Sue Nichols and Bonnie Bishop will contact Yvette Thompson.

Bonnie Bishop again expressed the idea that if scholarship were given a person would be expected to do some league work. We need to use some of the money to promote our league. We need to get something that looks professional. Perhaps we should hire a graphic artist, print on good paper and have some good photographs.

Motion: It was moved by Bonnie Bishop and seconded by Peg Smith that the league spend money to hire a graphic artist to finalize our ideas on the brochure and other league material.

After a brief discussion the motion was withdrawn. The second concurred.

The discussion continued centering on the format and the content.

Motion: It was moved by Bonnie Bishop and seconded by Phyllis Barnes that a committee be formed to plan some printed material that describes what the league is. The motion carried.

The committee will consist of Bonnie Bishop, Terry Mills, Sue Nichols and Margaret Kaya. The committee will meet in the evening. It would be nice to get something into motion before June.

Peg Smith asked about the Know Your Community project. Those who worked on it stated that the project became too massive and was impossible to contain. Other group have nice material that does the same thing.

Motion: It was moved by Margaret Kaya and seconded by Phyllis Barnes that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Karazim, Secretary