

Minutes
LWV-TLC Board Meeting
October 23, 2006
Reynolds Corner Library

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Bonnie bishop at 7:05 P.M.
Members present were: bonnie bishop, Peg Hull Smith, Sue Nichols, Mary Karazim, Ann Payne, Diane Mieczkowski, Rose Mary Alloy, Nina Sabrack, Yvette Thompson, Sharon Friedman, and Meg Murphy.
Also joining the meeting was member Terry Mills [7:30 P.M.].
Member absent was Nancy Watts.

Minutes

Mary Karazim presented the Minutes of the September 18, 2006, Board Meeting.
Editorial corrections were made.

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

Announcements

Bonnie Bishop announced that the League has received information about a program, "Iraq For Sale," featuring a documentary on the role private contractors play in the occupation of Iraq. The program will be at the McMaster Center at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 30.

Financial Report

Sue Nichols discussed the first quarter report. The \$1,433.00 carry over has been placed back into the savings line item. Our assets now are \$812.77 plus the \$50.00 received at the meeting. Our first report from the State Office has many inaccuracies. The office is in the process of changing accountants. Sue stated that she was very discouraged about the prospects of the situation getting any better very quickly.
A discussion followed concerning the possibilities and practicalities of local leagues pulling their money out and operating their own funds.

Motion: It was moved by Sue Nichols and seconded by Meg Murphy that Item D of the Reimbursement Policy be removed from the table. The motion carried. There was one abstention.

Sue Nichols asked if some dollar amounts limits should be set.
If the budget is in line and the expenses in question is within the budgeted amount the committee chair should be able to spend within this amount.
What if the budget is not in line? How would the committee chair know this?
Maybe the limit should deal with allocated amounts verses budgeted amounts.

Motion: It was moved by Sue Nichols and seconded by Ann Payne that the matter be tabled until next month. The motion carried.

Ann, Nina and Sue will draft a proposal.

Voter Service Protection

Bonnie Bishop reported that she has had many phone callers who were seeking information, especially for state-wide candidates. It is good news that people are calling. We also have good information on our web-site. If they don't have access to a computer Bonnie is mailing them the hard copy

Ann Payne, Nina Sabrack and Yvette Thompson have given presentations within the community. Yvette was also invited to speak for the league in a program sponsored by WEN. She had the opportunity to speak to several individuals.

The Candidate Night so=sponsored with West Gate Neighbors on October 8, 2006, was successful. approximately 80 people attended. It was noted that various organizations have held small forums.

Many voter protection organizations will be in Ohio for the elections. Members were encouraged to participate in the State League's survey on the web-site, and also copy it to distribute to members, friends, and neighbors. A copy will be incorporated in each *Voter*.

The point was made that this is not an exit poll. Some concern was expressed that this was not a very scientific way to seek information. It is merely a sample of convenience. There is a genuine desire to know how the election process worked since the League had so many questions about Issue 3.

Copies will also be made available at the November 16 event.

Naturalization

The next ceremony will be Friday, October 27 for just 12 persons. On November 15 there will be 70 persons for a ceremony at Perrysburg High School Ann Payne will help Diane with this event.

Tery Mills, Diane Mieczkowski and Bonnie bishop will work on the Naturalization Packet.

Common Shares

Peg Hull Smith announced a fund raiser to be held at four restaurants. Community Shares will get a percentage of the sales. Peg will have coupons at the General Meeting. Coupons can also be printed from the web-site.

Town Hall Meeting

Yvette Thompson passed out an outline of the plans. Our amount from the Joyce foundation has been raised to \$1,000.00. This will enable us to have a little food at the reception. Yvette has also engaged the Jessie Coleman jazz group to play. State League representatives will also attend and help supply all the audio equipment we will need.

Anita Sabrack announced that Anne Nelson will be staying at her home after the event and suggested a get together.

Membership

Meg Murphy has received a kit of membership tools. She was impressed with the “Ten Reasons to Join the League” information. Meg also distributed a new membership address booklet. The present membership total is 60.

Nina Sabrack talked about information she had received from the State League. the website had 16,000 hits. Voters in Ohio seem to feel that they don’t have sufficient information.

Nina expressed dissatisfaction with our PBS station and the fact that Buckeye doesn’t carry Ohio government activities and events. She will try to send a letter requesting an opportunity for her and our co-presidents to meet with Buckeye representatives.

League Letter in *The Blade*

Bonnie was commended for her letter. Diane Mieczkowski noted that her challenge was also mentioned in *The Catholic Chronicle*. Joe McNamara thanked Bonnie for the letter during his remarks at the Forum.

Fundraising

There is a need for a fundraiser.

We could send a newsletter and include suggestions that people remember the League for the holidays. Purchase a membership for a woman you admire or as a holiday memorial.

Calendar

The General Meeting is at the Beirut. Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Jennifer Teschener from the Fair Housing Center will be the speaker.

There is a joint luncheon with Perrysburg on December 5.

Rose Mary Alloy agreed to chair a Holiday event for League members.

The next Board meeting is November 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Karazim, Secretary