

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DARKE COUNTY**  
**2010 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Date:** May 24, 2010

**Place:** Brick Room, Brethren Retirement Center

**Presiding:** Diane Johnson, Co-President

**In Attendance:** Diane Johnson, Marie Boas, Irene Winterrowd, Karen Brooks, Anne Vehre, Loretta Etzell, Jan Boyer, Holly Finnarn, Janey Christman, Rebecca Reier, Mary Bankson, Joan Klein, Judy Harbaugh, Diane Delaplaine, Sacha Francis, Cathy Cornell, Lene Belle Mullen, Lyn Bliss

**Minutes:** Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting were silently read and approved by vote on a motion by Loretta, which was seconded by Anne.

**Budget Presentation:** Marie presented the budget for the year 2010-2011. She reported that we have our state and national dues to pay and in the past we have relied on our fund raisers to offset the cost of the dues, so our members would not need to pay the total amount. However, in the past year, not enough funds were raised and so we have had to dip into our savings to make up the difference. The amount of the dues have increased over time and although we have voiced our concern to the state and national, we still have the problem of finding funds to pay our dues. The Board voted to present the situation to the membership and ask for approval to increase dues to \$55.

A motion was made by Loretta and seconded by Judy to increase the dues, effective July 1, to \$55. A discussion followed with suggestions that the increase be \$5 rather than \$10, and that we risk losing members because of the increase. It was pointed out that we do get benefits for our affiliation. An example was the assistance we received in setting up our town hall meeting on the Sunshine Laws. The point was raised that although the national platform is supporting Cap and Trade which includes the Carbon Dioxide sequestration which we in Darke County have been fighting, we still should continue our affiliation. Increasing our membership was a concern, beyond our membership drive and reception. Karen pointed out that the state can help local leagues with membership. Sending petitions to the state and national was suggested as a means of getting their attention. Question was called and the members voted on the motion to increase dues to \$55. The motion passed.

Marie noted that the budget will have to be adjusted to reflect the increased dues. Sacha suggested that we need to discuss how we can raise funds and how we can involve all members. A motion to accept the budget was made by Holly and seconded by Joan. The motion passed.

**Study Positions:** Study positions were read to the membership with Sacha presenting Land Use, Janey reading Health and Joan reading Education. After discussing each and finding we still concurred with last year's recommendations with nothing to add or delete, a motion was made by Sacha and seconded by Mary to accept the Study Positions as a whole. The motion carried.

**Election of Officers:** The slate of officers and directors was presented by Nominations Committee Chair Mary Bankson. No other nominations were offered from the floor. A

motion to accept the slate of officers and directors, made by Holly, seconded by Jan, carried. They are as follows:

Co-President: Lyn Bliss                      Treasurer: Marie Boas

Elected Directors: Joan Klein and Sacha Francis

Appointed Directors: Janey Christman, Irene Winterrowd, Susie Hailey, Rebecca Reier

***Other:***

Karen Brooks presented a gift to Diane as out going Co-President. Diane thanked us for the gift and for all the cards and letters she received while she was so ill. She noted that LWV is lots of fun and if others know how much, they would flock to join!

A big thank you was given to Kathy Cornell for her contribution of our raffle basket. The items were so thoughtfully chosen and well received. In accepting our thanks, Cathy, who is an adoption assessor for Miami County, told about a judge who admonished all adoptees before her that if not for women's suffrage, women judges would not be there for adoptees. \$125 was received in the raffle.

***Adjournment::***

The Annual Meeting was adjourned by approval on a motion made by Janey, seconded by Lyn.