

Minutes LWV-TLC Full Board Meeting at Kent Branch Library
April 12, 2014 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Attendance: Yvette Thompson-Gordon, President
Ann Payne, Co-Vice-President
Theresa Mills, Treasurer
Nancy Hughes, Secretary
Diane Hamilton, Member
Lucia Cooper, Member
Don Wonnell
Kevin Haddad
Kathy Chamberlain
Alice Edwards, Member
Richard Edwards, Member
Lillian Spaulding, invited guest

Yvette called the meeting to order at 11:15 and presided over it, referencing her emailed agenda.

She began by speaking of Bill Searles' extensive services to the League, and asked for a moment of silence to remember him.

For the Treasurer's Report, Theresa noted that our current balances are \$9799.65 for the Operating Fund and \$5054.07 for the Education Fund.

The previously-emailed minutes for the January 21, 2014, Executive Board Meeting and the February 23, 2014, Full Board Meeting were corrected after Ann noted that Barb Colvin's name was misspelled. Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes, Ann seconded it and the motion was passed. See [corrected minutes attached](#) below.

Brief committee reports followed.

Kevin said that **Community Shares'** "Share A Glass" fundraiser in January had 239 attendees, of whom thirteen were from the League. He needs to turn in volunteer hours for the League, but has no information. He mentioned that food donations now count as an hour for each item. He said there are now other ways to earn hours also but did not specify what they were.

Theresa, referring to Community Shares, said she had gotten a \$100 charitable contribution from her employer, half of it for the League, and Community Shares Executive Director Angela Abbatiello is working on getting more from them.

Don Wonnell submitted a nine-page report on **Environmental Issues**. See [attached](#).

Yvette spoke on **Naturalization**, whether we have enough supplies. Kathy wanted to see the materials we hand out, and maybe get a sponsor for them. Yvette will get them to her. Ann commented half-jokingly that we perhaps should have a bin with all our standard materials, in case somebody dies and no one else knows what she or he does, thus losing the institutional knowledge.

On **Membership Leadership Development (MLD)**, Yvette brought copies of the MLD forms Darcy has supplied, and said they were available for any of us to use. She herself (Yvette) is especially interested in increasing membership and funds. See Darcy's [attached MLD Report and the form](#).

On **Voter Services**, Ann noted we did not get out a Primary Election Guide because the Board of Elections did not provide timely information. We will put out a guide for the General Election, and those working on it will meet soon after the Primary. Theresa will put the proposed ballot issue on the website. She issued a press release about the LWV-TLC and the Anthony Wayne Area Life magazine picked it up, as Kathy showed us. Don noted that PR gradually takes hold and, if you have a speaker and food, people will come.

On our upcoming **Annual Meeting**, Yvette passed out copies of Darcy's email ([attached](#)) describing costs and the venue of the conference room above the Dégagé Jazz Cafe in Maumee. Yvette also told us that Paula Hicks-Hudson, former Director of the Board of Elections and currently President of Toledo City Council, will give a talk on how to be prepared for Election Day. Approval for the speaker was given in a voice vote.

A general discussion on the Annual Meeting (how and if to publicize and to whom, reduced admission for youth, whether to open it to the public, the 20-person minimum required, having the business meeting first and separate from the dinner and speaker) ensued. No motions were made.

Nominating Committee: Yvette will email a list of possible names for the Nominating Committee to Diane and noted the need to get that work of filling the open positions done quickly. Don and Kevin will join the committee.

LWVUS National Convention in Dallas: only Yvette is going from LWV-TLC.

Budget: Kathy Chamberlain presented the proposed budget (see [attached](#)) and answered questions. The Board agreed to pass it on to the General Membership for approval at the Annual Meeting.

By-laws: Richard passed out copies of the proposed By-laws with new text in red. See [attached](#) report. He explained that the committee discovered that LWVUS had changed their guidelines for by-laws in 2007, and neither LWVO nor LWV-TLC by-laws had taken them into account, necessitating major changes to our by-laws. In his discussion, Richard noted that Associate Membership status means a member can belong to more than one League, though they may only vote in one League. Lucia Cooper spoke to this issue, saying she has ties to and is a member of a Michigan and an Ohio League.

Yvette informed us that Richard has agreed to be our parliamentarian at the Annual Meeting. She also said we should provide the By-laws electronically to all the members once they're approved. Additionally, Richard suggested reviewing them every other year in the future.

Kathy moved to adjourn the meeting, Theresa seconded it, and the Full Board Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hughes