

NOTICE OF LWV OSHKOSH AREA ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 9, 2006 Catered Supper 5:30 pm, meeting 6:15 pm
Heritage Court, 600 W. Packer Ave

PLEASE RESPOND THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING.

IMPORTANT: Light supper will be catered by Uptown Caterers. Cost \$10. We must have your reservation by Sat. May 6. Give meal choice.

Meal choices: (1) chicken broccoli with hollandaise sauce over wild rice or (2) vegetarian ravioli. Fruit salad, green beans almondine, cookies. Beverage provided.

Call Kathy at 231-4770, Carolyn at 231-3350, or respond to this email.

You will receive a printed newsletter at the end of April with full details. This email message will fulfill the bylaws requirement of 15 days notice of business to be conducted. If you want a complete electronic copy of everything in advance, contact Kathy.

AGENDA:

1. Elect officers (2 year terms): Vice Pres Frankie Mengeling, Treasurer Karen Boehning, Directors Ann Marshall, Dorry Wilner, Carolyn Blassingame. The other officers are filling the second year of their term.

2. Approve budget for 06-07 fiscal year. Budget is attached (excel spreadsheet). Brief synopsis if you cannot open that attachment: Income and expenses of \$6,866. The Budget Committee is recommending a dues increase (effective Sept 06). Dues will go from \$35 to \$45 for individual member and from \$50 to \$70 for two persons in household. Long time Leaguers literally cannot remember the last time dues were increased. Our largest expenses are payments to LWVUS (going to \$26.30 for 1st member, 39.45 for household) and payments to LWV WIS (\$27 for 1st member, \$40.50 for household).

3. LOCAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

Recommended Changes to Local Positions: (see attached Local Positions)

The Education Committee (Dorry Wilner, Frankie Mengeling, Jeanne Shiras) met several times and held a member discussion at the Jan. 31 Lively Issues meeting. The committee has rewritten the Education position.

Recommended Concurrence: Fox River Corridor (attached)

The Neenah-Menasha and Appleton Leagues adopted a position on the Fox River Corridor in 1991, which was later updated in 2002. Oshkosh Area League was asked to concur with this position in 2005. The Fox River Committee (Jan Scalpone, Jeanne Shiras, Kathy Propp) is recommending adoption of a Fox River Corridor/Winnebago Pool Lakes position modified to fit the Oshkosh environment.

Wordsmithing of LWV Oshkosh Area Local Positions (attached, includes new Education position)

RECOMMENDED LOCAL STUDIES for 2006-07

1. **Continue County Board Study.** In 2004 the Oshkosh and Neenah-Menasha Leagues (Winnebago County) undertook a review of the position on County Board Size. For several years, the leagues had supported a board size of 22-35 supervisors. We agreed in 2005 to continue support for a smaller county board but take out mention of a specific number. A joint League committee has been meeting to evaluate various board sizes and establish criteria for making decisions about size. New state legislation now gives voters an opportunity to petition for a referendum to reduce board size once between the redistricting required every 10 years. This League committee has formed a coalition with Progress Oshkosh which shares our goal of reducing Board size and increasing the effectiveness of county government. In March 2006 Neenah-Menasha and Oshkosh Leagues received a LWV-WI Education Fund grant to develop a white paper and brochure outlining the merits of a smaller county board. This brochure can be used to educate Winnebago County citizens in a future referendum campaign. The white paper and brochure must be completed prior to June 2007 and must be done in conjunction with a League study.
2. **Review and rewrite Community Revitalization position.** This study was suggested by those attending the Jan. 31 Lively Issues meeting. Members suggested that the Five Rivers project be evaluated against the criteria in this position.
3. **Evaluate the merits of merging some or all law enforcement functions within Winnebago County** (Intergovernmental Cooperation position). This study was suggested by those attending the Jan. 31 Lively Issues meeting.