

**Announcement of the 2014 Annual Meeting of the
League of Women Voters of Shaker Heights
Monday, May 12, 2014
Christ Episcopal Church
3445 Warrensville Center Road, Shaker Heights
Check-in begins at 7:45 p.m.; call to order at 8 p.m.**

RSVP to Gail Gibson, greg3gs@wideopenwest.com

Everything you need to read before the meeting follows in this PDF: the agenda, minutes from 2013 Annual Meeting, budgets, local and county program summaries, and the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers and board members. Please print the booklet and bring it with you to the meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Report from the Unification Task Force
3. Secretary's report: the minutes from last year's annual meeting
4. Treasurer's report: Auditor's report and presentation of proposed 2014-15 budget
5. Local & County programs: Report from the February Program Planning meeting
6. Nominating Committee report and presentation of the slate
7. Scope & direction to the board
8. Adjourn by 9 p.m.

MINUTES: May 2013 LWV-SH Annual Meeting

Shaker Historical Society
May 13, 2013

Attendance: Linda Lissauer, Anne Batzell, Patricia Burgess, Jan Devereaux, Gail Gibson, Carol Gobel, Marcia Goldberg, Dorothy Greenslade, Barbara Guy, Jean Koznarek, Linda Lalley, Linda Lehman, Mary Mulligan, Julianna Johnston Senturia, Joyce Shaw, Helen Sheehan, Meryl Simon, Susan Stechschulte, Terry Stoller, Jennifer Sullivan, Susan Troia, Jan Wallace, Holly Wang, Baird Wiehe, Anne Williams

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. with President Linda Lissauer's introduction of our guest speaker, Jane Platten, former director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Ms. Platten, who is now chief of staff for County Prosecutor Timothy McGinty, urged Leaguers to continue to monitor activities and decisions of the Board of Elections and suggested we observe the board's meetings.

May 13, 2013 Business meeting

The business meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. with Linda presiding.

Secretary's report (Marcia Goldberg): The minutes of last year's annual meeting were read, corrected and approved last summer by a committee of three board members; they were also printed in two issues of the Voter. MOTION by Holly Wang to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report (Holly): The books were audited last summer by Meryl Simon, who recommended that PayPal payments and expenses be listed separately in reports; that has been done this year. Meryl agreed to audit the books again this summer. Before this year's books are closed, Holly would like to receive all bills incurred by members and also a description and value of any in-kind donations.

Budget approval (Holly): The budget, prepared by a committee of cabinet members (including Holly) and printed in the Annual Meeting Booklet, was presented. MOTION by Holly on behalf of the committee that the budget as presented be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Local & County programs (Linda): Motions were made in turn by board members to retain each of our current local and county positions. Each motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee (Anne Williams): On behalf of the Nominating Committee, which she chaired, Anne presented the proposed slate as printed in the Annual Meeting Booklet. Two additional nominations were made from the floor: Dorothy Greenslade nominated Gail Gibson for recording secretary and Marcia Goldberg nominated Anne Williams for a two-year term as a director. Both Gail and Anne had agreed to be nominated. MOTION by Jean Koznarek that the nominating ballot, with the additions of the nominations from the floor, become the elective ballot; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Anne thanked her committee: Mary Powell, Helen Sheehan, Jennifer Sullivan and Jan Wallace.

Unification Task Force (Patricia Burgess and Marcia Goldberg): The Memorandum of Understanding, to be voted on by our League on June 3, was summarized and discussed. Members raised questions and concerns. Some worried that not enough information had been communicated about the plan. Others did not want Shaker to lose its identity, influence or ability to let Shaker residents know what is going on here in Shaker. Patricia and Marcia assured members that the League's local work would continue as it always has, but that being part of a larger "Greater Cleveland" League would expand our impact on larger issues.

Review of accomplishments this year: Linda reviewed our activities this year, which ranged from observing meetings to studying the proposed city income tax, which passed last August. We also held two membership meetings, published a limited voters guide,

registered voters, held a public officials reception, participated in focus groups related to the search for a new superintendent of schools, published monthly newsletters, started using PayPal for dues payments, joined the unification task force, reviewed and concurred with LWV of Michigan's position on the Great Lakes Ecosystem and helped organize the state League convention.

Scope and Direction to the Board: Linda reported on our February Local Program Planning meeting. We want to retain all positions, but also:

- follow discussions about the future of the Shaker Library
- follow discussion about the financing of the school district; keep up with data re the IB and AP programs; and perhaps host a forum on the district's strategic plan. Mary Mulligan suggested we host a reception for the new superintendent of schools.
- Follow how the city is spending and saving money; how it is taking steps toward regionalization and the sharing of services (e.g., merging fire companies with University Heights); and how prospective mayoral candidates are maneuvering into position and might want to increase the mayor's salary.

Linda Lalley said that the school district will be considering a "radical suggestion" at its next meeting—that tax increases be set at a lower millage than in the past and that the levy cycle be expanded. Julianna Johnston Senturia suggested that Leaguers take advantage of leadership development opportunities so more women will run for public office.

Linda said that following LWVO's concurrence at convention with the Michigan position on the Great Lakes, LWVO will continue to monitor the health of the Lake Erie region, including the practice of "fracking." The area Leagues will also continue to focus on regionalism and ethics in government.

Locally, Linda said, we will focus on local voter services in the fall. We anticipate hosting a candidate forum and also publishing a voters guide.

Linda thanked the Leaguers who served in her cabinet and on the board. She presented the gavel to incoming co-presidents Holly Wang and Susan Troia, who presented a Fresh Market gift basket to Linda as a thank-you. The new presidents then asked for a motion that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION by Jean Koznarek that the meeting be adjourned; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at about 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Goldberg, secretary

Proposed July 2014-2015 (FY15) Budget(s) follow
(one if Shaker stays independent and the other if we merge)

LWVSH Proposed July 2014- July 2015 Budget (FY15) non merged

INCOME

Fundraisers

Finance Drive, (Ed Fund)	\$1000
Heinen's	<u>\$ 500</u>
<i>Total Fundraisers</i>	<u>\$1500</u>

General

In Kind Donation	\$ 200
Interest	\$ 10
Transfer of Reserves	<u>\$1700</u>
<i>Total General</i>	<u>\$1910</u>

Membership Drive

Contributions General Fund	\$ 1000
Member Dues (161)	<u>\$ 9235</u>
<i>Total Membership Drive</i>	<u>\$10235</u>

TOTAL INCOME **\$13645**

EXPENSE

Board & Administration

Annual Meeting	\$ 300
Library Rental	\$ 160
General Supplies	\$ 50
Website	\$ 100
Licenses, Fees, Insurance	\$ 150
Membership Drive	\$ 100
Ads – Public Relations	\$ 200
Membership Meeting	\$ 100
President's Honorarium	\$ 100
LE Basin Mbrship	\$ 30
Post office box	\$ 60
Public Officials Reception	<u>\$ 150</u>
<i>Total Board & Adm.</i>	<u>\$1500</u>

Delegate Travel

State Convention	\$1500
Nat'l Convention	<u>\$ N/A</u>
<i>Total Travel</i>	<u>\$1500</u>

Education

Community Forums, Candidates	
Night & Impact	\$ 300
Ed Fund Fees	\$ 200
Study & Action	\$ 250
Voters' Service	<u>\$ 500</u>
<i>Total Education</i>	<u>\$1250</u>

Fundraising Expense

Finance Drive	\$ 200
Special Events	<u>\$ 150</u>
<i>Total Fundraising</i>	<u>\$ 350</u>

Handbook & Directory

Operating In Kind \$200

PMP to State & National (161 members)

National PMP (31 ea)	\$4730
State PMP (25 ea)	<u>\$3815</u>

Total PMP \$8545

TOTAL EXPENSE **\$13645**

**Shaker As a Chapter -- Proposed July 2014- July 2015 Budget
Merged (FY15)**

(no membership dues, convention travel, insurance fees)

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Transfer of Reserves	<u>\$ 710</u>
<i>Total General</i>	\$ 920

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Agenda for Action, Program Summary

COMMUNITY PLANNING: LWV- SH supports

1. The City government continuously focusing on integration maintenance, expansion of the tax base, maintenance of housing stock, and a high-quality educational system (1987)
2. The writing of a short-term (no more than five years) citywide plan that identifies needs, goals, priorities, and means of implementation (1987)
3. Scheduled public joint meetings of the three taxing bodies (City, Schools, and Library) to discuss matters of common interest (1987)
4. Expansion of the tax base with reasonable efforts to assure that the integrity of the surrounding residential area will not be harmed (1987)
5. Maintenance of the City's high-quality services, educational system, and public transportation, with investigation of additional needs (1987)
6. Evaluation of residential housing ordinances and inspection procedures (1979)

HUMAN RELATIONS: LWV-SH supports:

Evaluation and continued support of measures designed to promote understanding and responsibility in a diverse and multiracial community, with a focus on housing (1967)

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE: LWV-SH supports:

1. Continued evaluation of government in Shaker Heights and of its tax resources and allocations (1948)
2. A strong mayor-council structure with a full-time administrator appointed by the mayor with the approval of council (1974)
3. Staggered terms and non-partisan at-large elections for city council (1974)
4. Attention to on-going charter review (1984)
5. Adequate financing with emphasis on new sources of revenue to support the city's needs (1971)
6. Public disclosure and accessibility of financial information (1974)

RECREATION: LWV-SH supports:

1. Cooperation between the City and Schools on the construction of any additional recreation facilities (1989)
2. Maintaining the present level of publicly owned open space; additional open space should be sought in the more densely populated areas (1989)
3. Maintaining a balance of recreational facilities and publicly owned open space (1989)
4. A recreation program in Shaker Heights that is operated by one governing body (2006)
5. A formal agreement that specifies the relationship between the City and the School District and the responsibilities of each in the programming and facilities for recreation (2006)
6. Financial support for recreation from both the City and the School District with transparency in their relationship (2006)
7. A joint recreation committee composed of representatives from the community, sports associations, City Council, and the School Board (2006)
8. A recreation department with clearly defined goals and objectives (1987)
9. Continued evaluation of programming facilities and financing with attention to active playground leadership (1974)
10. Continued evaluation of use and maintenance of open spaces (1974)
11. Cooperation among regional entities to expand recreational offerings (2006)

SHAKER HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY: LWV-SH supports (all adopted in 1975):

1. Continued evaluation of financing and future development
2. Involvement of the library board in city planning
3. Cooperation and coordination with all levels of government
4. An active public information and education program
5. Cooperation between public libraries and school libraries
6. Support for sustaining a volunteer citizen's group with well-defined goals

SHAKER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM: LWV- SH supports:

1. Study and evaluation of educational priorities within the school system as they relate to maintaining a high-quality educational program, with adequate budgetary control and long-term financial planning (1976)
2. Adequate financing of the school system (1976)
3. An objective to achieve a racial composition at each school which reflects the district racial balance (1985)
4. Cooperation among the schools, public libraries and the city (added 2006)

TRANSPORTATION: LWV-SH supports:

Continued evaluation of issues relating to transportation in and through Shaker Heights, including road-ways, freeways, and public transit facilities, so that Shaker Heights is maintained as a desirable residential community (adopted 1972, updated 1979). Support of mass transit as a public service, publicly controlled with operating costs subsidized, to meet the transit needs of all residents of Cuyahoga County, including the special transit needs of senior citizens and handicapped persons (from former ILO county position).

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROGRAM SUMMARY

REGIONALISM: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND REGIONAL TAX-BASE REVENUE SHARING (2009)

1. Support of voluntary intergovernmental, collaborative agreements which reduce costs, foster transparency and accountability, improve efficiencies, and maintain service standards
2. Support of regional tax-base revenue sharing as a constructive form of intergovernmental cooperation for the mutual benefit of participating communities

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Support of comprehensive planning, improved bail system, rehabilitation of offenders, alternative handling of some "no-victim" crimes, improved police-community relations, uniform code of training and conduct and adequate financing

CLEVELAND-CUYAHOGA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY (CCCPA)

Support of the following: CCCPA should be required by its local Rules and Regulations to prepare plans for future developments and conduct public hearings to gather comments on these plans; CCCPA should be required to present a budget that clearly demonstrates how tax levy funds are

being spent; CCCPA pro-posed capital projects funded by tax revenues should include: purpose, needs and plans; demonstration of market demand and public consensus; cost effectiveness, including a projected Return on Investment (ROI); Overall community impact, including economic and environmental factors.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS (2007)

Support of measures to promote the accountability, accessibility, visibility, citizen participation in and co-ordination of all boards (i.e., authorities, boards, commissions and special districts) connected to Cuyahoga County governance.

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Support of Cuyahoga Community College as the two-year higher education institution in the County that provides accessible and affordable educational programs and services which meet the needs of the County's population

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Support of a single county executive and a responsible representative legislative body; support of adequate financing for county services and capital improvement; support of provision of urban services by that level of government that can be most effective; support of measures to promote the accountability, accessibility, visibility, citizen participation in and coordination of all boards (i.e., authorities, boards, commissions, and special districts) connected to Cuyahoga County governance.

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

Support of the continued development of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and its restoration and preservation as an open green area

NATURAL RESOURCES

Support restoration and preservation of Lake Erie and its tributaries; support of a coordinated water quality program; support of a precautionary moratorium on all new Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations that produce untreated animal waste. Support of improved and similar wastewater transportation, delivery and treatment systems on each CAFO site within the Lake Erie Watershed.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ON OUTMIGRATION IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Support of comprehensive planning by local, county, regional, state, and federal governments and agencies in order to achieve policies on transportation, tax structures, and allocations that will encourage a sustainable balance between urban areas.

HEALTH SERVICES

Support of a health care delivery system that provides adequate health care to all residents of Cuyahoga County. Continued evaluation of health care services for all in Cuyahoga County, with particular attention to financing, delivery distribution, and availability.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2014-2015

(Note: The Shaker Nominating Committee was asked to work with the other 2 leagues' nominating committees on a joint proposed slate for the LWVGC, and also fill Shaker's slate if Shaker was to become a chapter. What follows is the proposed officer/board structure for Shaker if it becomes a *chapter*. If Shaker stays independent, the Shaker nominating committee will go back to work and current 2014 officers/board will stay in place for a couple of months to allow time for the nominating committee to work.)

Cabinet

Chairperson	Holly Wang
Vice Chairs	Cindy Crosby Terry Stoller
Secretary	Gail Gibson
Treasurer	Barbara Guy

Elected Directors until May 2016

Dorothy Greenslade
Lynn McClelland
Wendy Munyon
Susan Stechschulte
Meg Weingart

Elected Directors continuing until May 2015

Anne Batzell
Kurt Miller
Baird Wiehe
Marcia Goldberg (fulfilling Pearl
Ling's term)
Paulanita Barker (fulfilling Jan
Wallace's term)

2015 Nominating Committee

Chair	Linda Lissauer
Members	Jeanne Shatten Pearl Ling

Submitted by 2014 Nominating Committee: Chair, Meryl Simon

Members, Gail Gibson, Linda Lissauer, Mary Powell