



# Stillwater Voter Annual Meeting 2010

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## Agenda, Annual Meeting, Highland Park United Methodist Church, April 22, 2010

### POTLUCK SUPPER AT 6 PM

- Move for Acceptance of Agenda
- Adoption of the Rules for Annual Meeting
- Acceptance of Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Directors
  - ~President (Gladeen Allred-Struthers)
  - ~Membership (Helen Jordan), Numbers (Alice Richardson)
  - ~Voter Service (Dorothy Egbert)
  - ~Program (Karen Melcher)
  - ~Secretary (Kirsten Tautfest)
  - ~Advocacy (Trish Emig)
  - ~VOTER (Marlee Pierce)
  - ~Publicity/webmaster (Kay Murphy)
- Book Club Chair (Beth Thornton)

- Reports from Committees:
  - ~Budget Committee (Shurekha Sheorey)
  - ~Bylaws Committee (No report)
  - ~Nominating Committee (Pat Jaynes)
- New Business
  - ~Adoption of Budget
  - ~Adoption of Local Program
  - ~Election of Officers
- Adjourn

### Rules for the Annual Meeting

Article VII, Sec 1 of the Bylaws of Stillwater LWV, dictates the following:

*An Annual meeting shall be held before May 1 yearly, the exact date to be determined by the Executive Committee. The Annual Meeting shall:*

A. Adopt a local program on

*even numbered years,*

*B. Elect officers, directors, and members of the Nominating Committee,*

*C. Adopt an adequate budget,*

*D. Consider the report of the Bylaws Committee, and*

*E. Transact such other business as may properly come before it.*

In addition to the rules in the Bylaws, our traditional rules of Annual Meeting will be observed to ensure fair and orderly execution of business:

1. Only the members who have their dues current have the privilege of the floor. (Guests may be granted the privilege of the floor if the meeting so directs.) No person may speak twice until all who wish to speak have had the opportunity. Debate will be limited to two minutes for each speaker.

2. Any member, upon recognition by the Chair, shall first state her/his name clearly.

3. When a motion is made, it shall be put in writing, signed by the mover and sent at once to the secretary.

4. Roberts Rules of Order shall be used.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Report of the Nominating Committee:

SLATE:

Kirsten Tautfest, President

Helen Jordan, Director

Nancy Andrews, Director

Dorothy Egbert, Director

Nelda Sander, Director

Susan Richardson, Director

Kay Murphy, Director

2011 Nominating Committee:

Deanna Homer, chair

Judy Clay

Pat Jaynes

Leanita Shelby

Joyce Cox, board appointment

Members who have agreed to continue essential off-Board functions:

Alice Richardson, Treasurer

Beth Thornton, Book Club Coordinator

Kay Murphy, Web Site Manager

Marlee Pierce, Voter Editor

Carol Stone, Voter Mailing

2010 Nominating Committee reporting:

Pat Jaynes, chair

Joyce Cox

Thora duBois

Gerry Nelson

Dorothy Egbert, board appointment

#### Report of the Bylaws Committee: (none)

The Bylaws were thoroughly revised last year by the committee, chaired by Dorothy Egbert. The Board did not feel there was a need to appoint a Bylaws committee this year and suggested if anyone felt there was a need for changes in the Bylaws, to contact members of the Board. No proposed amendments to the Bylaws were submitted.

#### Report of the Budget Committee:

The committee, comprised of Shurekha Sheorey , chair, Leanita Shelby, and Alice Richardson, has prepared the budget proposal.

Please look for the insert in this issue. (The on-line version will not have the budget insert, so we are mailing/emailing this issue to every member regardless of their preference in receiving the newsletter.)

#### Statement on Local Program

The LWV Stillwater Board recommends that the members vote to retain all current local programs from June 1, 2010, until May 31, 2012. The board recommends no new programs. The board feels that the LWVUS, LWVOK, as well as the local program consensus we have now cover the government issues the League may want to act upon. The board asks the members to decide on which local programs should be a priority for the next year.

—Karen Melcher



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**Minutes:  
STILLWATER  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
VOTERS ANNUAL  
MEETING, April 23,  
2009**

The potluck supper's dinner bell rang at 6:12 PM. At 6:50 PM, Gladeen Allred called the meeting to order. A quorum was reached.

Gladeen thanked Carol Stone and the Highland Park UMC for use of facility.

Beth Thornton motioned to accept the agenda. Pat Jaynes seconded. Motion carried. Alice Richardson motioned to adopt the rules for the annual meeting as presented. Nelda Sander seconded. Motion carried. Pat Jaynes motioned to accept the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting as written. Avis Rambo seconded. The minutes were accepted.

Pat Jaynes commended Carol Stone, Kirsten Tautfest and Kay Murphy for their work with keeping the membership informed through the newsletter, note taking, and web site maintenance respectively.

Alice Richardson gave the Treasurer's report. Alice provided a report for the current fiscal year through April 23, 2009. Of the account balances, the education fund could only be used for educational purposes, such as the *Stillwater Facts for Voters*. The Helen

Gorin memorial fund balance is \$1370. It was suggested that a portion of those funds could be donated to the Girl Scouts' nature center camp. There are 64 currently paid members in the local League. Pat Jaynes suggested purchasing Forever stamps before postage increase for *The Voter*. Carol suggested that more members should opt to get *The Voter* electronically. A motion was heard to receive the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Gladeen as acting Chairwoman for the 2008-2009 term delivered her report of a general overview of the year. She was pleased with the participation of the membership in educating the voters during the last election cycles. She also used the opportunity to thank specific members for their hard work in various capacities. For details, please see her report.

Alice Richardson reported that the current membership is at 64 paid members.

Deanna Homer, chair of Voter Service, reported that ten voter registration events were held from June 2008 to October 2008. The most successful was at the Lights on Stillwater event at the Oklahoma State University campus. The least successful was held at the main high school. Candidate forums were hosted for state, county, and local offices. The *Facts for Voters* was funded in part by donations from ONB Bank and BancFirst and are being distributed in public locations.

Karen Melcher was not present, but her portion of the report on Program was covered in Gladeen's report.

Kirsten Tautfest, secretary, provided a report on the National Popular Vote consensus that was submitted to National League.

Trish Emig was not present to give her report on Advocacy. She was thanked profusely for her hard work in this area and nearly daily trips to the state capitol.

Marlee Pierce (not present) continues to publish *The Voter*, despite her remote location in Indiana.

Beth Thornton provided a list of the next books for the 2009-2010 year to the membership. The group will continue to meet on the second Monday of each month. She also mentioned that carpooling was available.

Budget committee report was given by Surekha Sheorey. They used history as a trend for membership levels and built off of that. She pointed out that the silent auction and other fundraisers are what truly sustains the League. No dues increases were proposed at this time. The budget committee were Surekha Sheorey, chair, Leanita Shelby, and Alice Richardson.

**2009 Minutes cont....**

Bylaws committee report was given by Pat Jaynes. There were no changes except for clean-up of grammatical errors, such as: a to an, each to both, etc. There are no legal changes, which require membership approval. She thanked Kathryn McCollum, who did brunt of the work. Kay Murphy typed it all up. The Bylaws committee were Dorothy Egbert, chair, Pat Jaynes, and Kathryn McCollum.

The Nominating committee report was given by Nelda Sander. The officers shall be Gladeen Allred, president; Deanna Homer, director; Karen Melcher, director; Dorothy Egbert, director; Nelda Sander, director; Kirsten Tautfest, director; Kay Murphy, director; Beaulah Hirshlein, director; and Helen Jordan, director. Members who have agreed to continue essential off-board functions are: Alice Richardson, treasurer; Beth Thornton, book club coordinator; Kay Murphy, web site manager; Marlee Pierce, *The Voter* editor; and Carol Stone, mailings. Members of the 2009 committee were Joyce Cox, chair, Thora DuBois, Gerry Nelson, Shirley Weeks, and Nelda Sander. They selected the 2010 committee: Pat Jaynes, chair, Joyce Cox, Thora DuBois, Gerry Nelson and Dorothy Egbert.

There was no reported unfinished business.

Kay Murphy motioned to adopt the budget as presented. Joanne Muir seconded. The

budget was adopted.

The 2009-2010 officers were elected as presented.

Pat Jaynes and Kay Murphy volunteered to review the minutes of this meeting.

Announcements were made. Doug Sander mentioned that Payne County drug policies and the Oklahoma Dept of Mental Health and Substance Abuse will be holding a forum at the Universal Unitarian Church on Friday, May 8, 2009. They need at least 15 more participants to help make policy. Doug thought some League members may be interested for personal reasons.

Gladeen reported that the State convention would be held on May 30, 2009 in Oklahoma City. Our League may send four voting delegates in addition to Karen Melcher and Gladeen Allred.

Gladeen asked the membership if they had any direction from the board. "Keep up the good work" was the direction.

A motion was made by Pat Jaynes to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

—Kirsten Tautfest

## **Welcome new members!**

We have two new members this month:

Jill A. Boggs, 716 South Willis, Stillwater, OK 74074, 377-1653, boggsjill@sbcglobal.net

Myriam Williams, 2007 Highland Court, Stillwater, OK 74074, 377-1122, chiquinta2054@yahoo.com

These have been entered onto our membership at LWVUS.

—Alice Richardson



# Lighting the Way to a Greener

## Environment By Eleanor Revelle (LWVIL and LWVUS Climate Change Task Force Member)

It's on every Top Ten list of things-to-do to save energy and help fight global climate change: Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs).

The benefits are compelling. CFLs use roughly one-quarter of the electricity of an incandescent bulb to produce the same amount of light. This means savings for consumers through reduced electric bills. And by reducing the demand for electricity, it means less global warming pollution from coal-fired power plants.

About one-third of global warming pollution in the United States is caused by coal plants generating electricity. And lighting accounts for 20 percent of the electricity used. For consumers whose electricity is produced from coal, replacing a single incandescent bulb with a CFL will keep over half a ton of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) out of the atmosphere over the life of the bulb.

Those consumers whose electricity is supplied primarily by nuclear power can make an impact as well. Nuclear power plants typically sell their considerable excess base-load capacity to electrical distributors in nearby regions which otherwise depend on coal-fired power. Reducing demand for electricity in such cases, therefore, makes more emissions-free nuclear power available to replace carbon-intensive coal-fired power elsewhere.

### Is Mercury a Problem?

CFLs do contain a very small amount of mercury—about 5 milligrams, enough to cover the tip of a ballpoint pen. The mercury is safe while the bulb is intact or in use, and even if the CFL should break, it poses little risk.

Far more serious are the 50 tons of mercury emitted annually from coal-burning power plants in the United States. To generate the average 10,660 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity used by the typical household each year, a power plant will emit about 245 mg of mercury (roughly 0.023 mg of mercury/kWh of electricity produced). By using CFLs instead of incandescent bulbs, homeowners will reduce their electrical demand and cut mercury emissions as well.

### Assessing the Impact

Let's compare a 23-watt CFL with an incandescent bulb that produces the same amount of light, namely a 100-watt bulb. Since ENERGY STAR-qualified CFLs last five to ten times longer than incandescent bulbs, this example compares one 23-watt CFL with five 100-watt incandescents, equivalent to the minimum expected life-

time of the one 23-watt CFL.

### Making the Switch

For those who haven't made the switch to CFLs yet or who were unhappy with fluorescent lights in the past, it's time to check out the nearest lighting display.

- CFLs now come in a variety of shapes and sizes—mini-spirals small enough to use in table lamps, sconces and ceiling fixtures; globes for bathroom vanity fixtures; chandelier bulbs; recessed downlights; and more.
- CFLs can replace incandescent bulbs in almost any fixture. Some are specifically designed for use with dimmers or in three-way fixtures.
- The amount of light that any bulb will put out is measured in lumens. A 100-watt incandescent bulb will put out about 1,600 lumens. Replacing that bulb with a 23-watt CFL will also produce 1,600 lumens, but it will require much less power.
- CFLs are available in a range of color temperatures. For a warm (yellowish) light, look for a CFL labeled *soft white*, with a color temperature of 2,700K (degrees Kelvin). CFLs labeled *bright white* and *daylight* will have a cooler (bluish) light and higher Kelvin numbers (e.g., 3,500K or 5,500K).
- Look for ENERGY STAR-qualified bulbs. These have been tested to meet stringent performance criteria; they will use 75 percent less energy than an incandescent bulb and last up to ten times longer.

### Disposing of CFLs

Mercury is a potent neurotoxin, and proper disposal of CFLs is a must. The U.S. EPA is working with CFL manufacturers and major retailers to expand recycling and disposal options. Ikea, Home Depot and some hardware stores already accept used CFLs, and many states and municipalities sponsor regular household hazardous waste collection programs that include CFLs.

State and local recycling options can be found online at [www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling/](http://www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling/) and at [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org).

If a CFL should break, scoop up the glass fragments and fine particles with stiff paper or cardboard and put them in a plastic bag. Do not use a vacuum or broom. Wipe the area with a damp paper towel and place that in the bag, too. Seal the bag, place it in a second plastic bag, and dispose of it properly. If weather permits, open windows to allow the room to ventilate.

### Online Resources for Additional Information

- ENERGY STAR comprehensive CFL web page: [www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr\\_cfls](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr_cfls)
- Environmental Defense detailed guide to finding energy-saving light bulbs that work for you: [www.environmentaldefense.org/page.cfm?tagid=632](http://www.environmentaldefense.org/page.cfm?tagid=632)
- Earth 911 Web site with extensive information about recycling: <http://earth911.org/recycling/>
- State-by-state listing of disposal and recycling options: [www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling/](http://www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling/)
- U.S. EPA information on cleaning up mercury spills: [www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/index.htm)

	1 23-watt CFL	5 100-watt incandescents
Cost of bulbs (Home Depot prices)	\$4.00	\$3.15
Lifespan of bulbs	5,000 hours	5 x 1,000 hours
Electricity used over bulbs' lifetime	115 kWh	500 kWh
Cost of electricity (at 10¢/kWh)	\$11.50	\$50.00
CO <sub>2</sub> produced	230 lb	1,000 lb
Mercury (electrical generation)	2.6 mg	11.5 mg
Mercury (in the bulb) [With proper disposal, the mercury in the CFL will not enter the environment.]	5.0 mg	0

## CALENDAR ITEMS

**Mon., April 5, time TBA,** Senior Legislative Day at the Capitol (Contact Person: Trish Emig)

**Tues., April 6, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.,** (Local City of Stillwater Voting Precincts) —City Council Runoff Election for Seat 1. **REMEMBER TO VOTE**

**Mon., April 12, 7 p.m.,** (Home of Syamali Nandi, 912 W. Eskridge) —Book discussion group: *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri. (Contact Person: Syamali Nandi).

**Tues., April 13, 11:30 a.m.,** (Hunan Restaurant) — Anthony Daniel, Water Utilities Director, will talk about water issues in Stillwater, including the Kaw pipe line and the use of the old OSU water treatment plant and Lake Carl Blackwell as a backup for Stillwater's water treatment and supply. (Meet at 11:30 to eat; program starts at noon.) (Contact Person: Pat Jaynes).

**Thurs., April 22 6:00 p.m.,** (Highland Park United Methodist Church, 524 N. Stallard) — SLWV Annual Meeting. Pot luck dinner; bring a favorite dish to share. Please bring this Voter issue with you.



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