



# Stillwater Voter Annual Meeting

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## Agenda, Annual Meeting, Highland Park United Methodist Church, April 23, 2009

POTLUCK SUPPER AT 6 PM

- Move for Acceptance of Agenda
- Adoption of the Rules for Annual Meeting
- Acceptance of Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Directors
  - ~President (Gladeen Allred-Struthers)
  - ~Membership Numbers (Alice Richardson)
  - ~Voter Service (Deanna Homer)
  - ~Program (Karen Melcher)
  - ~Secretary (Kirsten Tautfest)
  - ~Advocacy (Trish Emig)
  - ~VOTER (Marlee Pierce)

- ~Budget Committee (Surekha Sheorey)
- ~Bylaws Committee (Dorothy Egbert)
- ~Nominating Committee (Joyce Cox)

- Unfinished Business
- New Business
  - ~Recommendations for wording changes for Bylaws
  - ~Adoption of Budget
  - ~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:*

- Book Club Chair (Beth Thornton)
- Reports from Committees:

*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:

- Gladeen Allred, President
- Deanna Homer, Director
- Karen Melcher, Director
- Dorothy Egbert, Director
- Nelda Sander, Director
- Kirsten Tautfest, Director
- Kay Murphy, Director
- Beulah Hirschlein, Director
- Helen Jordan, Director

2010 Nominating Committee:

- Pat Jaynes, chair
- Joyce Cox
- Thora duBois
- Gerry Nelson
- Dorothy Egbert, board appointment

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

- Alice Richardson, Treasurer
- Beth Thornton, Book Club Coordinator
- Kay Murphey, Web Site Manager
- Marlee Pierce, Voter Editor
- Carol Stone, Voter Mailing

2009 Nominating Committee reporting:

- Joyce Cox, chair
- Thora duBois
- Gerry Nelson
- Shirley Weeks
- Nelda Sander, board appointment

**Report of the Bylaws Committee:**

Dorothy Egbert, chair, Pat Jaynes, Kathryn McCollom

No proposed amendments. Grammatical changes were made.

**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, nor the membership roster, so we are mailing this issue to every member regardless of their preference in receiving the newsletter.)

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**Minutes: STILLWATER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ANNUAL MEETING, April 24, 2008**

Potluck Supper at 6:00 pm and Business Meeting at 7:00 pm  
Highland Park United Methodist Church

Attendance: Paul Richardson, Alice Richardson, Syamali Nandi, Karen Melcher, Peggy Murphy, Hilda Waller, Trish Emig, Avis Rambo, Doug Sander, Nelda Sander, Dorothy Egbert, Deanna Homer, Kay Murphy, Joyce Cox, Esther Winterfeldt, Joanne Murer, Beth Thornton, Kirsten Tautfest, Surekha Sheorey, Thea Pratt, and Carol Stone

Copies of the agenda were distributed and approved. The by-laws committee did not recommend any changes. Rules for the meeting were approved. The minutes from the 2007 annual meeting had been previously approved by Pat Jaynes and Margaret Ewing.

Reports of directors:

Trish presented the president's report. This included a summary of directives from last year which we worked hard to follow, Many of the programs were of local interest with information from local officials. We emphasized, also, Voter Service and Deanna is updating Facts for Voters. In spite of it being an 'off-election'



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year, we were busy with several candidates forums and registering new voters. We suggested that voter registration forms be included in student packets. We've worked on making our local government more open and have requested that all city council meetings be televised. We usually had 2 noon meetings a month - the first meeting on health care and the second meeting on local issues. Our banquet was successful but our speaker, Commissioner Crutcher gave a gloomy picture of health in Oklahoma. Trish participated in the State Office relocation study. The office will be retained for another year in Oklahoma City because of the state capital. We completed the immigration study and found that our priorities in general matched the national consensus. Karen Melcher has been helpful in keeping us up-to-date with state board activities and with child advocacy issues. It is difficult to track legislation. Staff at the capitol are helpful, but extremely busy. Marlee Pierce will be leaving Stillwater, but will continue serving as Voter editor. The Stillwater LWV has fewer members (from 70 to 65) but we are sound financially. The board lost 2 members because they were running for office, but Pat Jaynes helped out in their place.

Esther reported on programs for the year. The emphasis was on health care.

August: Laura Hubbs-Tait and Tay Kennedy presented their research about several health parameters with

young children including trace minerals.

September: Mary Lee Warren, Director of Judith Karman Hospice described the services they offer and discussed the plans for the new building.

October: Beth Caniglia talked about the United Nations and the book she plans to write after a sabbatical in New York at the headquarters.

November: Karen Hendren, COO of Stillwater Medical Center talked about the outreach programs the hospital provides and the financial status of SMC and other municipal hospitals.

December: Holiday brunch with program planning for the year.

January: Tammy Henderson, Director of the Gerontology Institute talked about the studies having to do with the aftermath of Katrina and the way families were affected.

February: Annual Banquet. Terry Crutcher, Oklahoma Department of Health, talked about the status of health care in Oklahoma.

March: Karen Waldren of the Lincoln Academy talked about the programs offered to help pregnant teens and new mothers and demonstrated the doll(s) used for teaching purposes with teenage girls

April: Carmen Miller, Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) talked about the programs offered and the extensive training provided for the volunteers who do much of the direct contact work with children and families.

May: Annual meeting and potluck supper.

Advocacy: Karen reported that Jean Warner has started a Women's Coalition to promote issues that most women agree on and will join the Journal Record Service. (This is an online legislative alert service that provides action alerts to subscribers who have selected specific types of legislation the subscriber wishes to be informed about. The cost of the service is \$1000. We hope to get updates from the Women's Coalition.) She reminded us of the Women's Summit meeting tomorrow.

Publicity: Kay reported that: the NewsPress, Stillwater Journal, and KOSU have been cooperative. Kay is also keeping our web page up-to-date.

Book discussion group: Beth said the meetings are the first Mon. of each month. The May 5 meeting will be at Syamali's home. Books for the coming year will be chosen. The book for June 2 is John Grisham's "The Innocent Man".

Voter Service: Deanna said that voter registration at Juneteenth last year was not successful but other events such as Alpha Week and Earth Day were productive. We still have t-shirts to sell. Deanna is working on updating Facts for Voters. We held several candidates' forums and questions and answers were published in the NewsPress and

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Stillwater Journal.

Treasurer's report: Copies were distributed. The cost of GED tests has gone up from \$50 to \$60. We will set aside \$180 to be used to help students pay for their tests. The money from the Meg Hollman memorial fund has been spent. We purchased 1500 brochures to be distributed at voter registration events. We also bought 1000 information cards. The \$40 remaining money was used to purchase 8 copies of Observing Your Government in Action which explains how to set up an observer corp. We still have money in the Helen Gorin fund. Nancy Betts is our newest member making our membership 65.

Budget report: Surekha said that no money was budgeted for national convention. It is hoped that we can recoup the money spent on t-shirts. At present, our dues are \$45. National dues will be \$28 and state dues will be \$15, which leaves us only \$2 for local. Dues have not been increased since 2003. Surekha moved and Kirsten seconded the motion to increase dues to \$50 and to \$25 for second person in household. Motion carried. Kay moved that we accept the budget as presented and Deanna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Re-entry report: Kay said that 211 will access all social services and north central Oklahoma now has 211. This service will assist persons who have been in prison.

Immigration report: Trish said that we should go to the national web site and read our position on immigration. Kay will create a link from our web site to the national position.

Membership: Joanne noted that 2 of our newer members were present – Dorothy and Kirsten.

Nominating committee: Avis, Deanna, and Helen Jordan were on the committee. The committee worked very hard but were not able to find persons who would agree to be president or president-elect. The following persons will be on the new board: Deanna, Karen, Dorothy, Nelda, and Kirsten. We recognize that we have a leadership crisis and a list was circulated so that members could volunteer to help in various areas. Persons who have responsibilities but not on the board are: Alice (treasurer), Beth (book discussion group), Kay (web site), Marlee Pierce (Voter editor), Trish (advocacy), and Carol (Voter distribution). Deanna said that Gladeen Allred has recently agreed to serve on the board. It was moved by Avis and seconded by Kay that the slate of officers be elected. Motion passed.

Local Program: The new language for our Law Enforcement position was passed (moved by Beth and seconded by Joanne). The position will be updated for future Stillwater League Year Book distributions. The members voted to "table" the proposed change to the position on Education.

(moved by Kirsten and seconded by Joann). There was a feeling that more study was required before deleting sections of this position.

Esther Winterfeldt's proposal to "study" health care in Payne County was amended from "study" to "collect data". (moved by Esther and seconded by Peggy). The membership decided that our current position, on both the State and National levels, currently represent our position. However, there is a need to update statistics regarding 'the state of health care' in Payne County. We need volunteers to participate in gathering data.

Karen moved and Beth seconded that we retain all the remainder of local program positions. Motion carried.

State Council: May 16-17 in Lawton. Karen will attend as a delegate from the State League. Alice, Paul, and Nelda will represent the Stillwater League. No specific directions were given to the delegates.

Directions for newly elected board members: Local health study, restudy education consensus, meet twice a month if meaningful programs can be planned and we are meeting for a purpose. Use more speakers from OSU – also park and recreation personnel and people from the Health Department. Possibly have a program in July on the Open Meeting Law. Look at state

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and national programs. If possible, have noon meetings where there is a buffet.

These minutes will be read and approved by Kay and Kirsten after corrections are made

Persons on the nominating committee for next year are: Joyce Cox, Thora Dubois, Gerry Nelson, Shirley Weeks, and a member from the board.

The meeting adjourned about 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Stone

**Additional information:**

Karen compiled the list of those who volunteered to help on committees:

Program – Beth Thornton and Surekha Sheorey

Specific Health Care Study – Esther Winterfeldt, Joanne Murer, Thea Pratt, Nelda Sander, Syamali Nandi, and Peggy Murphy (Native American data)

Advocacy – Trish Emig and Avis Rambo

Voter Service - Kay Murphy (put information on the web),

Joanne Murer, Kirsten Taufest, Dorothy Egbert

**Other:**

Book club – Kirsten Tautfest

Banquet and finance – Alice and Paul Richardson

Membership – Hilda Waller

Help in some areas – Carol Stone



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