



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?			16 present included representatives from Commission, Board of Ed, Town of Farragut and County Administration
Members attentive?	X		
Did members appear to have done their "homework"?			First organization meeting
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?	X		Minimal agenda basically announcement of the meeting
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?			
Adequate opportunity for public input?			No public input. However, importance of public forums and public input was discussed.
Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?	X		
Was background information available to the public?	X		At www.knoxredistricting.org
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	X		Meeting held in the Boardroom of the AJ Building

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? Yes, redistricting is a significant issue for the League especially in regards to fairness, openness & transparency. Committee discussed the priorities for redistricting. The Board of Ed approved 3 top priorities: 1) 1 person 1 vote, 2) at least one high school in each district, 3) minimize the impact of change. Commissioners Broyles & Smith and Administrator of Elections Cliff Rodgers expressed their top priorities: to move fewest people as possible, not to split precincts, keep neighborhoods together and try to align the districts as much as possible. Rick Emmett (City Downtown Coordinator) and Tim Kuhn (MPC) will take a lead developing the redistricting maps to be considered by the committee. Reported that the County population has grown from approx. 42,000 to 47,500. Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Observe and report on all county redistricting public meetings and public forums.

Other: This was an organizational meeting to help set the process to move forward. Selection of the Co-Chairs was the first order of business Lynn Fugate, School Board Rep. and Commissioner Larry Smith were selected. Schedule and agenda will be set by Co-Chairs. At the next meeting criteria and priorities will be set for the redistricting. Kuhn & Emmett will present several maps at the 3rd meeting to be considered by this committee. A Central gathering site will be determined for the collection of all suggestions including those from the public.

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus Meeting: Joint Redistricting Meeting – County & Board of Education Date: 6/8/11