

Board Minutes – 2000 – 2005

Appleton League of Women Voters Board Meeting – Held December 11th, 2000

Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley, 400 North Division Street

Members Present: Sue Eich, Bev Weickert, Barb Hoffman, Holly Park, Stevie Schmidt, Corinne Goldgar, Cynthia Chase-Whitely

Not Present: Deb Cronmiller, Deb Matz, Carmen Schipper

Minutes

Corrections were made to the November minutes:

Spelling of concensus corrected to consensus

Treasurer's Report (Bev Weickert)

\$750 was received from Kimberly Clark Corporation as a donation to our finance drive.

Under miscellaneous expenses, National sent \$15 as a reimbursable for mailings sent to the 3 "national members".

\$100 was paid to 2 students from Appleton East for their contribution to our website design. It is hoped that the league can incorporate some of their ideas into our site.

President's Report (Deb Cronmiller)

- PCB follow up meeting set for Dec. 16th at the library at 9:30 a.m.
- Barb Hoffman mad a motion to add the words "pending State study and consensus" after the support of a statewide water quality tax. And that the Appleton league encourage the other River Leagues to include this phrase in their support position. Motion seconded by Corinne Goldgar.
- Deb spoke on behalf of the league at a Kiwanis meeting.
- Deb and Holly to look into what it will take to get an actual site on the Internet.
- Deb will draft a letter to the Fish and Wildlife Service recommending authorization of all allocated money to be used for improvement in water quality and none to riverfront beautification
- The Finance drive committee and Budget committee need to be established because it needs to go to members in March-one month prior to the annual meeting. We need a budget chairman, appointed by the president who is off board.

Membership Report (Cynthia Chase-Whitely)

- Holiday Brunch had a nice turnout: 23 members and 12 guests attended. Kirk Metzger gave a nice overview and explanation of the PAC design and use.
- Cynthia suggests that when a name is given to her as a perspective member, the active member should call and make the initial contact regarding league
- Three members from last year's list have not paid their dues.
- Bev Weickert needs the updated list from National to check against our in order to know what dues to pay.

Local Study (Deb Matz not present)

Deb will need to choose a January date for follow up on the local study.

State Study (Barb Hoffman)

Barb reports that she received from state a "revised" focus of study with consensus questions already attached. She expresses her disappointment with the revision and suggested that the Appleton league take a look at the "truth in sentencing" law along with sentencing guidelines. She suggests we do not have to agree to the state's revised focus if we do not like the wording. The board agreed that a corrections study is very necessary. Corinne Goldgar made a motion: "we request President Deb Cronmiller to write a letter to the state board expressing our disappointment on the conduct or non-conduct regarding the state study on corrections. 6-aye, 1-abstention. Motion so moved

Program (Sue Eich)

Sue is waiting for a response regarding election night reporting. We are unsure of how much our league will be paid.

Observer Corp (Stevie Schmidt)

A County Board report was received from Beth English. She reports that there is discussion of a footpath over highway 41 to the mall for pedestrian access. Beth also suggested for consideration of a study the Huber Law Center bracelet program.

Voter Service (Carmen Schipper)

Not present

New Business

Lively Issues is set for Tuesday, January 23rd, 2001 at the public library from 6:30-9:00
Barb Hoffman made the motion "that we encourage our members to suggest the study of a water quality tax at the lively issues meeting. Further that we propose this study to at least the other river leagues and perhaps to the other state leagues." Motion amended to say "consider rather than "suggest". Motion was approved as amended.

Old Business

. Cynthia states that a bill has not yet been received for the Holiday brunch.
"Lunch with your legislator" has been changed to "Lunch with a decision maker" due to the variety in speakers that have agreed to attend.

Bulletin

Corinne will include open positions that need to be filled.
An article regarding lively issues, nominating committee, the "decision-maker" lunch, and Webster design will be included in the next bulletin. Please have all submittals in by Dec.15th.

Meeting adjourned a 7:00

Respectfully submitted
Holly Park-secretary

Next meeting scheduled for: January 8th, 2001
5:30 p.m. at the Emergency Shelter.

Summer 2000

Appleton League of Women Voters Board Meeting

Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley, 400 North Division Street

Members Present: Bev Weickert, Barb Hoffman, Holly Park, Carmen Schipper, Cynthia Chase-Whitely, Sue Eich

The meeting was called to order by Sue Eich at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes from the transitional meeting in May were not recorded.

Treasurer's Report (Bev Weickert)

The Board determined that Program VP should receive the National mailings, Voter Service should get both state and national mailings, and State Study co-ordinator should receive only the state mailings.

Bev asked the board to pay dues by early September

President's Report (Sue Eich reporting in Deb's absence)

Sue reminded the board of the upcoming PCB meeting at the Shelter on August 17th.

The board discussed topics for a general fall meeting. Discussion centered on the idea of a Town Hall meeting with the topic of "Voter Apathy". Cynthia Chase-Whitely and Carmen Schipper are to co-chair this event. Date and time to be determined on availability of speakers and space.

Program Report (Sue Eich)

Directory will be published in November after most of the dues are collected and elections determined. The Holiday Brunch is set for December 9th at the Paper Valley Hotel.

Election night reporting for the primary will not be needed. The state league has not yet notified the league whether we will be needed for state and national elections in November.

Voter Service (Carmen Schipper)

Debate for County Clerk and County Treasurer are set for August 24th with Cablevision to tape and air. The debate will be held at Xavier High School.

Carmen anticipates that 3 debates will occur from mid-to-late October for the Clerk, Treasurer, and congressional district races. Candidates have been notified. More will be known next month.

Membership Report Cynthia Chase-Whitely

Cynthia reported that as of last spring we had 71 members. Two new members joined at the annual meeting-Sara Hickey and Dina Mumford, both are running for ~~City Clerk~~ in this fall's election.

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Finance Drive

No report was made. The board would like information on when the finance drive was initiated or if it has been initiated.

State Study (Barb Hoffman)

Barb reported that there will be a state meeting regarding the corrections study on August 19th in Fond Du Lac. She will report back with more information at the next board meeting.

Action-no report

Local Study-no report

Observer Corp (Stevie Schmidt)

Stevie expressed concern over which meetings really needed a league member to attend. She would like to re-evaluate how and when attending members can most effectively communicate on important issues on which league might like to take action.

Bulletin (Corinne Goldgar)

Corinne asked by letter that all submittals to the Bulletin be made by August 20th. The board determined that information on national convention, debate info, calendar, and web site info be included.

Old Business-none

New Business

Holly Park reported that the three public high schools were very enthusiastic regarding the contest for the local league website. The board had voted earlier in the summer to use \$1,000 toward a contest to see who could design the best website. The contest is open to all Appleton area students and times have been set up to present the requirements and to answer questions about the league. *More information will be presented in September.*

The calendar was tentatively set for the year as follows:

September-General Meeting on Voter Apathy and Octoberfest

October-Debates and website design deadline *→ Oct. 17*

November-Local Study on Tuesday the ~~14~~ *13*

December-Holiday Brunch on the 9th

January-Lively Issues January 23rd at 6:30

February-State Program *→ 20th*

March-~~Consensus on Local Study~~ *Consensus on State Study 20*

April-General meeting-National Program *17.3.*

May-Annual Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY SEPT 12TH, 5:30 P.M. AT THE SHELTER

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Park

**Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
March 5, 2001**

**540 River Road
Appleton, WI 54911**

The 2001 League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 7:30 AM at the home of Sue Silton.

Members Present: Holly Park, Connie Kanitz, Marlys Fritzell, Beverly Wieckert, Sue Silton, Gretchen Bambrick, Debra Dillenberg, Debra Cronmiller, Sue Eich, and Stevie Schmidt.

Call to Order: President Holly Park called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

Adoption of Minutes: Minutes of the February LWV Meeting was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Wieckert gave a summary of the proposed budget explaining that anticipated expenses for the upcoming are more than the projected revenue taken in. Beverly outlined the budgeted line items and discussion pursued questioning the possibility of raising member dues. Marlys stated that we raised dues last year, emphasizing that membership does not sustain members if we are to raise dues. The proposed budget will be printed in the next issue of the Bulletin. There was a total of \$8,897 transferred in and out.

President's Report: Holly informed the board members about Citizenship Training as Valley Packaging contacted her. Bob Ruzzo questioned if the League could do training in teaching people how and where to vote. This could be performed a couple times a year. Holly stated that Milwaukee might have packets of information. The Literacy Coalition may want to join together with the League in conducting this training. Discussion followed with Sue Eick stating that she would be willing to help, and Holly would obtain additional information from Bob Ruzzo and the Literacy Coalition. It was mentioned that the Internet also offers information. It's important to make sure no other agency is performing this service. There is a possibility that Lawrence students might assist with the translation that is needed.

Holly turned discussion to the Town Meeting, which has not taken place. Terry Dotson is helping Holly. Holly reported that the Budget Committee met and completed the proposed budget. Tonight on television is the State of the State report. The Nominating Committee recommendations are outlined in the Bulletin. Holly stated that we needed one more Director position for Natural Resources. Stevie Schmidt could be elected in this position for a one-year term. Action V.P. is also a one-year term. Local Study could use a co-chair to assist Sue Silton.

Membership Report: Gretchen Bambrick reported on her committee and informed the board that membership is down. Gretchen suggested a get-together with perhaps Deb Matz hosting a "Tea". Follow up with people that attended prior get togethers are important, but how do we close the deal on membership. Suggestions were to tie into the River walk, offering a cheese and wine event afterwards. Invite people to the annual dinner meeting, this can be achieved by placing a notice in the Bulletin requesting current members to bring potential members.

Voter Service/State Study/Lunch w/League: Debra Cronmiller reported that only three people showed at the last League luncheon with Representative Terry McCormick. With that in mind Debra will discontinue the League luncheons at this time citing the poor turnouts. In regards to voter service, Debra has heard back from few candidates and may cancel if opponents do not show. In reference to the State Study, she learned that each League should contact the DNR for direct information on the water study.

Observer Corp: Marlys Fritzell reported that she attended the Plan Commission meeting where discussion was of the old water treatment plant and the ARA steps to follow. The Aldermen voiced their concerns over voting on an issue without all the needed information. Therefore, this item will go back before the City Council and be referred back to the Plan Commission & Community Development.

Local Study/Recap Of Unit Meeting: Sue Siltan reported that 15 people showed to walk the riverfront, but the weather was bad so you could not see the river very well. An article is in the Bulletin summarizing the event. The next unit meeting is planned for March 20 at the Appleton Yacht Club, come early for dinner at 5:30pm. The meeting begins at 6:30pm and will run until approximately 8:00pm.

Bulletin: Connie Kanitz stated that the deadline for all Bulletin articles is Monday, March 25. The cost of printing has increased. The proposed budget and slate of officers will be in the next Bulletin. Connie went to a leadership training seminar and has provided an insert in the Bulletin summarizing the training.

Old Business: No old business was brought before the board.

New Business: The LWV Annual Meeting will be May 7th. Election is April 9th. The next meeting of the board will be the second Tuesday of April (9th).

Adjourn: With there being no further business before the board, President Holly Park adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Debra Dillenberg, Secretary

Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
April 9, 2001

The 2001 League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 7:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Eich, 88 Crestview Dr., Appleton, WI 54915

Members Present: Holly Park, Connie Kanitz, Marlys Fritzell, Beverly Wieckert, Gretchen Bambrick, Debra Dillenberg, Debra Cronmiller, Sue Eich, and Stevie Schmidt.

Call to Order: President Holly Park called the meeting to order at 7:45 AM.

Adoption of Minutes: Minutes of the March 5, LWV Meeting was approved with corrections as stated.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Wieckert was not able to present a finance report as she had recently purchased a new computer and is still formatting new files. However, Beverly reported that she received \$250.00 from Carla Salmon, a non-member, which will go towards the Finance Drive Fund. To date, Beverly has collected \$295.00 total income for the Finance Drive. Debra will keep close contact with Beverly regarding future payments that come in.

Finance Drive: Holly moved up discussion regarding the Finance Drive since Debra Dillenberg had to leave the meeting early citing another conflicting meeting. Debra D. presented copies of draft (sample) letters for the board to review, offer suggestions and select their favorite. Discussion took place with the board members selecting a letter without referral to the September 11 tragedy, but asked to include the transcript from the first LWV president. Debra said she would get the letters out during the month of April. It was suggested that perhaps a committee could review the list of non-members for any changes if needed.

Debra D. announced to the board members that she would not be able to attend the LWV annual meeting since her agency's annual dinner was being held that evening.

President's Report:

Membership Brochure-Holly informed the board that membership brochures from national cost 15 cents each if you buy more than 200 in quantity. It is a little confusing addressing local league and local issues. Sue E. said that it would be helpful if we described what a local issue is and gave some examples. We currently have less than 200 left and could place these at the library, but they really require revision. It was suggested that we could place new labels on them.

Valley Packaging-Holly has spoken to Bob Russo with Valley Packaging, who is going to give Holly a tour of their facilities. The Literacy Coalition also does citizenship training. If the Literacy Coalition does this training, the League could give these people a party afterwards. Holly said we would see how things progress over the next two months before any decision.

Board Training W/State-Holly informed the board that there is board training available approximately July 18, which is a one-day training. It is slated to take place in Madison, WI. Holly will email the members with more detailed information as she obtains it.

Membership Report: Gretchen stated that at the last LWV board meeting, we spoke about everyone giving her a name to invite to the annual meeting or to the April Walk. Marlys suggested two people, Jerry and Carol (need to get last names) for interest in the Walk. Holly mentioned Stephanie Long. Gretchen reiterated for everyone to think about people to invite and get back to her as soon as possible.

Program-Annual Meeting: Sue Eich reminded everyone to get their reservations in for the annual dinner and to encourage other members to respond. It was suggested that we call our original list of names that membership has assigned us and urge them to attend. Reports from board members are due to Sue E. by April 20th.

Voter Service: The American Muslim Assoc. has asked us to co-sponsor a voter's forum on September 14 at the Thompson Community Center. Discussion followed with suggestions to encourage a greater diversity of attendants, involving the other Fox River Leagues, being certain that it is a nonpartisan event and agreement that it is something we should pursue doing. This also led to a discussion of leadership training and agreement that we should support the city's training for political candidates.

Observer Corp: Marlys said the city finance committee is meeting next week to discuss linking the CE Trail to the Newberry Trail with land already owned by the city. Some property owners on Matthias St. are very upset over this. We already have a position in place to support such a measure.

Bulletin: Connie Kanitz stated that the deadline for Bulletin articles is April 24.

Old Business: We still have not had a committee to review all of our local positions. It was suggested that the by-laws should be reviewed also. Holly will try to put together a committee that could perhaps meet during the summer.

New Business: Connie K. talked about the education focus group for which she had supplied us with written material. The board members gave Connie suggested names that she could contact for the group.

Adjourn: With there being no further business before the board, President Holly Park adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Next Meeting at Sue Silton's Home

Respectfully submitted: Debra Dillenberg, Secretary

**Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
June, 2001 28th**

**540 River Road
Appleton, WI 54911**

The 2001 League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 8:00 AM at the home of Sue Silton.

Members Present: Holly Park, Connie Kanitz, Beverly Wieckert, Sue Silton, Debra Dillenberg, Debra Cronmiller, and Sue Eich.

President Holly Park called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. President Holly Park brought forward a recap of the planning session and passed out proposed goals from the planning session. President Park stated that the goals needed to be incorporated into the Voters Service or portfolio. Discussion followed.

Membership Issues

President Park then acknowledged that there was no membership chairperson at this time, so it would be beneficial to get a task force together to tackle the projected increase in membership. Each board member to select 7 current members throughout the year to call upon and work with to stimulate motivation to increase membership.

A new list of members will be available in November. Board members will also have their name and email address available on the LWV Website.

Discussion was brought forward regarding the creation of a member bio. Sue thought that the membership committee should be responsible for this. President Park stated that she felt the membership committee could create the bio-form. With the bio forms in place, the board members could contact their seven (7) members and obtain the answers. The bios would then be returned to the membership committee.

President Park brought forward discussion of the new calendar and that information for the calendar needed to be turned over to Sue.

State and National Study Issues

Discussion took place surrounding the three (3) State and five (5) National Study issues. It was decided that we would maintain traditional study units. Unit meetings would take place in January and February. Debra Cronmiller acknowledged that she is the co-chair for the State Water Study and that she would obtain a prison & education person regarding the privatizing of prisons.

It was suggested that we hold "once a month" discussions-perhaps with a lunch meeting. We will start introducing the studies beginning with September by placing an article in the Bulletin. All information should be sent to Connie.

Currently, Connie runs about 90 copies of the Bulletin. Connie will only print the front page in color due to the cost effectiveness.

Membership Recruitment

Discussion was brought forward by President Park regarding enhancing new membership recruitment. Holly thought we could remind the seven (7) members that the board contact, to come to the meetings and bring a new person. It was suggested that we have new member "coffee" to promote interest in LWV membership.

Promoting LWV is a priority, but how do we space all these goals out in planning the new calendars, local study, and marketing the LWV questioned President Park. There was a comment that we could use a PR person to handle these responsibilities. Right now, we will continue our efforts in promoting the League through the FC Newspaper, local radio and cable network stations and through our current members.

It was decided to send the calendar, the dues notice and the member bio in September. Beverly will hand out the dues notice to the board members. New members will be added to the member directory, listed in the Bulletin and we will also incorporate information onto the Website with access by password. The goal is to have this completed by September.

Treasurer's Report

Beverly acknowledged \$1,195 in revenue for the LWV from the finance drive that was held.

Goal Forms

President Park distributed goal forms to the board members that are to be filled out and returned to her at the next meeting. The goal forms include an objective and action field to be completed by the member in defining a workable plan.

President Park adjourned the meeting at 9:15 am.

The regular meetings of the LWV are held the 1st Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is slated for August 7th, 2001 at 7:30 am, to be held at 540 River Road, Appleton, WI 54911.

Respectfully submitted: Debra Dillenberg, Secretary

**Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
August 7, 2001**

**540 River Road
Appleton, WI 54911**

The 2001 League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 7:30 AM at the home of Sue Silton.

Members Present: Holly Park, Connie Kanitz, Beverly Wieckert, Sue Silton, Debra Dillenberg, Debra Cronmiller, Sue Eich and Stevie Schmidt.

President Holly Park called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM. President Park brought forward the minutes of the June 28, 2001 meeting of the board and asked for any amendments. It was decided to add a member's last name in order to differentiate between members with the same first name.

Goals

President Park stated that she would like to discuss with the board two important goals that need to take place by mid to late September. One goal is to set the Calendar by that time, and the other is to have the member bios completed and incorporate information onto the LWV Website. President Park informed the board that Jan Quinlan, Marcia Hittle and Pat McConnell have agreed to put the member bios together.

Debra Cronmiller inquired about the Calendar & Bio going out later along with a mention of paying dues. It was discussed and decided that the annual dues notices can be sent with the next issue of the Bulletin. Speaking of the Bulletin, Connie Kanitz said she would need all information submitted for the Bulletin to arrive to her by the deadline date of August 23, 2001.

Calendar Setting

President Park moved onto the discussion of setting the Calendar beginning with September. President Park informed the members that Jan wanted to do a membership "Tea", possibly at a Lawrence Guest House in September on a Saturday morning. Connie K. suggested a late afternoon time of 4-6, sort of a come & go as you please. Discussion was held regarding completing a brief history of the League and information on the Studies for new & prospective members who come to the Tea. President Park will speak to Jan Quilan.

Debra Cronmiller stated that Oktoberfest was scheduled for September 29 and that the League would again like to sponsor a booth with water bottles and perhaps rice krispie treats in place of brownies.

There will also be a board meeting on September 4 @ 7:30 AM at the home of Sue Silton. With that in mind, the board meetings were set as follows:

September 4, 2001

October 2, 2001

November 6, 2001

December 4, 2001

January 8, 2001

February 5, 2001 (will be held at Sue Eich's house)

March 5, 2001

April 2, 2001

May 7, 2001 (annual meeting TBA)

Note: The Calendar Fiscal year ends June 30th.

At this point, it was noted that the League would buy a gift for Carmen who recently had a baby boy since Carmen creates the website for the League.

Discussion turned to the month of October, where there is a planned Community Open Space Summit for the 11th & 12th. Sue Silton recommended that the LWV sponsor the reception for the Urban Open Space Foundation on the evening of the 12th at the Papervalley. Sue Kinde will be receiving a community award for her volunteer efforts in this field. Debra Cronmiller stated that there is a mini-application through the State (or through national) for a grant, since this would be considered a statewide program. President Park said she would look into obtaining a grant.

President Park called for a motion to approve utilizing approximately \$200.00 of League funds to help sponsor the reception.

Motion to approve expenditure: By Stevie Schmidt.

Motion seconded: By Sue Silton.

Motion carried: Yes.

Marlys Fritzell commented that the Lunch w/the League should also be placed on the Calendar. President Park informed the members that Lunch w/the League should begin the 4th Monday in October (22nd) and she would follow up on it.

The next topic of discussion was the month of November that included the State Study. The Study will be held on November 17th, a Saturday. Location was the Appleton Library with program from 9:30-12:30 PM. The State Study will include 1) Prisons, 2) Revenue Caps, 3) Mill Tax.

December 15th has been planned for the Holiday Brunch, which is a Saturday. Sue will get a speaker for the brunch with a possible river focus. January is lively issues. President Park will ask Jan about the possibility of holding it at the Guest House instead of the Library. It is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday (January 19th)

from 9:30 to 12:30 PM. February is regular board meeting and a local study to be established.

For the month of March, members pondered if we should hold another member "Tea"? It was stated however, that we would hold our League Finance Drive early in the month. Debra Dillenberg volunteered to head up the annual drive. The month of April will include Lunch w/the League and the week of the 8th is proposed for a meeting on the riverfront development..

President Park stated that she would speak to Jan about confirming a date for the Annual Meeting/Dinner. She also thanked everyone for their help today in setting the League Calendar.

In finalizing the board meeting, President Park stated that the Bulletin would be out by the end of August and please bring your seven (7) member names with you to the next meeting.

President Park adjourned the meeting at 9:21 AM.

The regular meetings of the LWV are held the 1st Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is slated for October 2, 2001 at 7:30 am, to be held at 540 River Road, Appleton, WI 54911.

Respectfully submitted: Debra Dillenberg, LWV Secretary

Motion seconded: By
Motion carried: Yes.

Minutes: Appointment of Committee to Approve

Marlyss Fritzell, Gretchen volunteered and were appointed to approve the annual meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report, including actual income and expenditures through 4/30/01 was received by Bev Wieckert.

President's Report:

President Debra Cronmiller expressed her gratitude to all the board members for their participation and hard work throughout the year.

Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
September 4, 2001

The League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 7:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Silton.

Members present: Sue Eich, Gretchen Bambrick, Marlys Fritzell, Connie Kanitz, Holly Park, Stevie Schmidt, Sue Silton, and Beverly Wieckert.

Agenda: President, Holly Park, called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. The meeting agenda was distributed. Gretchen Bambrick was introduced. Gretchen has agreed to chair the Membership Committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the August Board meeting were delivered. The minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting of the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Bev Wieckert, distributed an Income and Expenditures Statement for the period July 1, 2001 through August 31, 2001.

Octoberfest: A lengthy discussion was held on planning for the League booth at Octoberfest. Holly Park reported that she will attend a September 12th meeting required of all groups participating in the event. The Board decided to sell Rice Krispie Bars for fifty cents and bottled water for one dollar. The water must be sold in cups as containers are not allowed on the street. Holly will purchase the items and members volunteered to bring coolers and work at the booth.

Ed Fund Money: Holly and Bev reported that no Education Fund money is available from the State League. We will continue to explore the application process for using money deposited by the Appleton League in the National Education Fund. The money is needed to fund our share of the reception being held as part of the Community Open Space Summit meeting in Appleton in October. The Board approved spending a total of \$600 for the event with \$200 coming from the local budget and \$400 coming from the Education Fund. If the Education Fund money is not made available we will later address a transfer of funds in the local budget.

Membership Tea: Gretchen announced that the tea will be held on September 20th from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Lawrence Guest House. Jan Quilan and other members of the Membership Committee will handle arrangements. Board members volunteered to help with refreshments. Corinne Goldgar, Helen Nagler, and Bev Wieckert will be asked to speak briefly on their League experiences. Postcards will be sent to all members reminding them of the event and encouraging them to bring a guest.

Membership: Board members discussed membership as a high priority for the year. Gretchen suggested the theme "Each One, Reach One." The goal will be to add ten new members this year. We hope to accomplish this goal by attracting new members, retaining present members, and engaging all members in at least one League activity. The membership committee will design a form to be used for collecting member biographies.

Local Program: Sue Silton has assembled a large committee (10-12 people) to work on the Riverfront Development study. A meeting of the committee will be held on September 6th to begin the task of drawing together a sizable body of information. Sue has contacted a local planner to be the speaker at the Holiday Brunch. Sue is working with other groups in organizing the reception to honor Sue Kinde to be held in conjunction with the Community Open Space Summit.

Observer Corps: Marlys volunteered to head the Observer Corps for the coming year.

Bulletin: Board members complimented Carmen on the appearance and content of the September bulletin. Carmen pointed out that the wrong website address was listed. The corrected address will appear in the next bulletin. Office Max prints the bulletin at a cost of \$25 per month. Carmen announced that the October bulletin deadline is September 20th.

Other Business: Holly announced that the State League Issues Briefing will be held in Oshkosh on Saturday, October 27th. Board members should consider attending.

Executive Board: The executive board members include the president, the two vice-presidents, the secretary, and the treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Appleton League of Women Voters Board of Directors will be **October 2, 2001 at 7:30 a.m.** at the home of Sue Silton, 540 River Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlys Fritzell, Acting Secretary

**Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
October 2, 2001**

**540 River Road
Appleton, WI 54911**

The League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 7:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Silton.

Members Present: Holly Park, Connie Kanitz, Marlys Fritzell, Stevie Schmidt, Sue Silton, Debra Dillenberg, Debra Cronmiller, Sue Eich and Gretchen Bambrick.

Call to order: President Holly Park called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. President Park passed out the meeting agenda.

Minutes: Marlys Fritzell distributed the minutes of the September meeting. There is to be a name change from Carmen to Connie Kanitz. Marlys Fritzell made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Debra Cronmiller seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deferred.

October Fest: Expenses totaled \$ 199.15. We made \$ 342.00 with a profit of \$ 142.00. The Rice Krispie Treats did not sell very well. Debra Dillenberg stated that she would have water, cups and other supplies donated next year. Also, we only need two people (volunteers) per each shift. It was noted that the map of the City was well received, and many people inquired about the League and had questions.

Issues Briefing: Will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Oshkosh on October 27th. President Park and Debra Cronmiller to attend. Marlys Fritzell may be attending and will pay for herself. Connie Kanitz expressed an interest in attending as well. The League will send three members.

Bulletin: Connie Kanitz reminded everyone about submitting articles or materials for the next Bulletin since there is extra space at this time. Deadlines for articles are October 24th. Debra Cronmiller suggested holding the Bulletin for one week and then she could provide information on the Water Study and Education Revenue Caps.

Membership: Gretchen Bambrick said her committee will start designing the Bio Form and approve it's content. Board members would be responsible for calling and obtaining the information to complete the Bio Forms. Discussion took place

surrounding nurturing new members and members that support the League through membership dues and not necessarily through active participation.

The Bio Form could be placed in the Bulletin and when we call the member, the form would be handy to fill out and return. The Bio Form could also be placed on the website. When we call everyone in November about the Bio Form, we could use that opportunity to invite him or her to the Holiday Brunch, which is scheduled for December 15th. Invitation for the Holiday brunch will be in the November/December Newsletter. There will not be another Member Tea at this time. All membership checks go to Beverly Wieckert.

Local Program: Sue Silton reported on the River Front Study Committee and informed everyone that they had a very good meeting where they are contemplating a tour of the Riverfront perhaps using a shuttle service for people.

League Lunch: The luncheon will be on October 22, from noon-1pm at the Emergency Shelter. Guests are welcome, bring a lunch or just come and listen.

Reception for Sue Kinde: There will be a reception for Sue at the PaperValley Hotel on October 12th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm for those members that can attend. Funds to help support the event can come from the money raised at October Fest.

City & County Budgets: Marlys reported that the City budget will be coming out soon and that the League can obtain a copy for review. Marlys stated that the County budget was suppose to be available today. Marlys will try to attend the public meetings on the budgets and obtain a copy. She was most interested in the City Clerk budget regarding voter registration. Voters' can be confused next spring where to vote with the changes in districts.

Other Business: Sue Eich will put together the membership directory in December. Remember to pay your dues.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Appleton League of Women Voters Board of Directors will be November 6th at 7:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Silton, 540 River Road.

Respectfully submitted: Debra Dillenberg, Secretary

**Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
November 6, 2001**

**540 River Road
Appleton, WI 54911**

The 2001 League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 7:30 AM at the home of Sue Silton.

Members Present: Holly Park, Connie Kanitz, Beverly Wieckert, Sue Silton, Debra Dillenberg, Debra Cronmiller, Sue Eich, Stevie Schmidt and Gretchen Bambrick.

Agenda: President Holly Park called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM.

Minutes: President Park brought forward the minutes of the November 6, 2001 meeting of the board and called for a motion to approve.

Motion to approve: By Gretchen Bambrick.

Motion seconded: By Sue Silton.

Motion carried: Yes.

President's Report

Holly stated that she would have to leave somewhat early this morning as she has another appointment. Holly wanted to acknowledge removing Karen DeYoung from the Finance Chair position. Debra Cronmiller will preside as "Chair" in Holly's absence this morning.

Bio-Form

The board members had the opportunity to review the Bio-Form and discussion followed. It was decided to add the following: Place of employment and position of the member, what type of regular activity do you do, such as other volunteer activities, add the Holiday Brunch and Lively Issues to League Activities that they may enjoy, and what keeps them interested in being a League member. The Bio-Form will go into the December Bulletin. It was also suggested that an article on the Bio-Form be placed in the Bulletin and to contact members prior to the Holiday Brunch. Gretchen will send the list and the bio form to all board members.

Finance Report

Bev handed out the most recent income and expense statement for the month of October 1, 2001 through October 31, 2001. No unusual expenses were reported in the period. The Membership Dues are still coming in. Bev presented the list of members who have failed to submit their dues. The list was divided among the board members for personal reminder calls.

November Program

There will be two concurrent programs on November 17 at the public Library at 9:30 am. One will have as its topic, the State Study of Water Quality. The other will address the topic of privatizing in Wisconsin.

Issues Briefing

Connie briefly updated the Board on the Issues Briefing in Oshkosh. She indicated that the breakout session on Trade was very interesting and she will draft a report for a later bulletin. Significant changes in world trade policy have recently occurred that would allow world trade organizations to legally override the decisions of national governments. The impact of this change unclear but could be huge.

Lunch w/League

The guest speaker for November will be Toby Paltzer, County Executive.

Voter Service

The redistricting maps have been made public. Both the County and City have experienced a downsize in the number of seats available. In some of the new districts, two incumbents will vie for the same seat.

It was noted that the League should be working to ensure that all races are contested. Many district races in the last election were uncontested.

Local Program

Sue S. reported that the scheduled walks to kick off the local program were delayed twice by rain. The Holiday Brunch speaker, John Forster, President, Friends of the Fox Valley, will address the topic of riverfront development. There is a large body of data to explore regarding the riverfront including the feasibility of Economic Development vs. Nature.

Observation Corps: Marlys reported that Holly made a statement on behalf of the LWV regarding the budget to the Outagamie County Board. She will also address the City Council on their budget. Marlys noted that the County Board had rejected the sales tax proposal.

It was discussed that the statement should include comment on the timing of the public comment period in relation to the adoption of the budget and the discussion of the budget.

It was suggested that next year, the League seek to amend the Council Rules during the very beginning of the new session when the calendar and rules are established. The City budget hearings will be held on Saturday, November 11,

2001. Marlys also reported that both Brown and Outagamie Counties had adopted the Cooperative Recycling Plan. Winnebago County will discuss the adoption in November.

A number of riverfront related resolutions are before the City Council including the proposal to use the Valmet site as a skate park. Also, discussions lead by Walter Kalata is addressing both sides of the argument for development and for leaving the riverfront in its natural state.

Bulletin: Connie reported that the December Bulletin would include budget statements from Holly, the League Bio Form from Gretchen, a Local Study Recap by Debra Cronmiller, the Brunch Invitation, the Observer Corps report from Marlys, and the Park article with Holly. All materials need to be in by the deadline.

New Business: Debra Dillenberg will be the Finance Drive Chair for 2002 spring.

Debra Cronmiller adjourned the meeting at 9:15 am.

The regular meetings of the LWV are held the 1st Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is slated for December 4, 2001 at 7:30 am, to be held at 88 Crestview Drive, Appleton, WI 54911.

Respectfully submitted: Debra Dillenberg, LWV Secretary

**Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
December 4, 2001**

**88 Crestview Drive
Appleton, WI 54915**

The 2001 League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 7:35 AM at the home of Sue Eich.

Members Present: Holly Park, Connie Kanitz, Beverly Wieckert, Debra Dillenberg, Gretchen Bambrick, Marlys Fritzell and Sue Eich.

Agenda: President Holly Park called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM. President Park distributed the meeting agenda.

Minutes: Secretary Debra Dillenberg requested that the November minutes be deferred until the next meeting as Debra Cronmiller emailed the minutes to her and the two computer programs were not compatible for processing. It was agreed to approve minutes at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Beverly Wieckert, distributed an Income & Expenditures Statement for the period November 1, 2001 through November 30, 2001. Beverly stated that they were few members remaining that had not paid their dues yet and went over the list of non-responding members. Beverly also commented that out of 54 members, 3 represented family membership.

President's Report: President Holly Park gave a summary of her budget statement to the County and the City. Holly said they were very interested in the LWV and the reporter from the Post Crescent asked a lot of questions. Holly talked about the LWV needing more media exposure and more involvement at committee meetings. Marlys commented that she would like a list of interested members from the survey that would like to attend these meetings and she will follow up on this issue. Holly also mentioned that perhaps she could hold a committee meeting in January with some of the longer-term members for the review of positions.

Holly informed the members that a Post Crescent News Reporter had been invited to the Holiday Brunch. President Park reported that Debra Cronmiller was handling the monthly "Lunch with League".

Membership Report: Gretchen Bambrick reported that he lists of members and all mailing had been sent out to the board members. Gretchen handed out extra green sheets to those that wanted them. Gretchen discussed the timeline of contacting members prior to the Holiday Brunch in order to invite them to attend.

Voter's Service: This item was deferred.

Local Program: This item was deferred.

Lively Issues: Board Member Sue Eich reported that she has not confirmed a location yet and was contemplating the Heritage Room at Lawrence University or perhaps the Library. Sue stated that Lively issues will be held on January 19th and could even be held in her home. The time will be 9:30 am through noon.

Observer Corp: Marlys brought up discussion regarding the National Voter and spoke about the Trade Issues. Marlys said that we may have members are interested in holding a meeting on a national level other than local issues.

Bulletin: Connie Kanitz reported that she did not want to work on the Bulletin between the holidays and said that she would have the Bulletin mailed out by the 10th of January. Connie mentioned that all articles for the Bulletin need to be in no later than January 3rd. Connie will do a follow up article on the Holiday Brunch.

Old Business: None

New Business: Beverly will drop off LWV envelopes for Gretchen B. and Debra D. Holly inquired about LWV helping to offset cots for guests to join the Holiday Brunch. After discussion, it was decided that the Brunch is considered membership recruitment, so approximately \$60.00 was available to help offset the cost for 2 or more guests.

Adjourn: With there being no further business before the board members, President Park adjourned the meeting at 9:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted: Debra Dillenberg, LWV Secretary

**Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
January 8, 2002**

**540 River Road
Appleton, WI 54911**

The January 2002 League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 7:30 AM at the home of Sue Silton.

Members Present: Holly Park, Connie Kanitz, Beverly Wieckert, Sue Silton, Debra Dillenberg, Marlys Fritzell, Debra Cronmiller, Sue Eich, Stevie Schmidt and Gretchen Bambrick.

Agenda: President Holly Park called the meeting to order at 7:40 AM.

Minutes: President Park brought forward the minutes of the November 6, 2001 and December 4, 2001 meeting of the board and called for a motion to approve. Corrections to the minutes included adding Marlys Fritzell to the list of those present at the November meeting and a correction in the date.

Motion to approve: By Gretchen Bambrick.

Motion seconded: By Sue Silton.

Motion carried: Yes.

Treasurer's Report: The December 2001 financial report was not available for review. However, Beverly informed the group that approximately 12-15 members have dropped their membership. The current member number was 59.

President's Report

Holly asked Gretchen to give an update on the Bio-forms. Gretchen stated that thirty (30) Bio's have been returned so far representing 30% of members. Debra C. and Debra D. needed names from Gretchen to follow up with more Bio's. Gretchen said she would email several members for follow up. Holly commented on contacting the members regarding their area of interest when it came up.

Position Paper Review: Holly informed the members that she was waiting for Deb Matz to give her the position papers. Holly would like to have them updated for Lively Issues, but also was under the understanding that they were updated from April 1999.

State Water Study: Debra Cronmiller commented that someone at the State level (DNR) was waiting for results from the basin testing. No other comments at this time. Debra was working on obtaining a speaker for league lunch on this issue.

Lively Issues: The Lively Issues meeting planned for January 19 at the home of Sue Eich. Please call those members/persons that you know are interested in discussing the Riverfront Development Study.

Membership Report: Gretchen reported that the invoice from the Holiday Brunch was \$529.12 and that she took in \$575.00. The hotel also inquired about booking the room for next year and it was decided to have them send a contract and book in advance.

Lunch w/League: Debra Cronmiller reported that lunch w/league would be held on January 28. The event is held at the Emergency Shelter and participants are to bring their own lunch. The speaker for January, (although not guaranteed) is Linda Stoll who will speak on the water study issue. If Linda cannot attend, other staff was available to take her place. In February, Debra was leaning towards inviting Terry McCormick (R), State Representative to speak at the next lunch.

Local Study: Sue Siltan reported that two unit meetings would be held regarding the riverfront study. Sue has checked with the Appleton Yacht Club, and even though the area is open to the general public, this is a slow time for the Yacht Club, so people should not be bothered. The first meeting will be on February 20 starting at 6:30pm and running until 8pm. Some members may want to come early and have an optional dinner. Sue will give information to Connie for the Bulletin.

Observation Corps: Marlys reported on the Riverfront Development issues and commented on the usage suggested by City of Appleton Aldermen and what they have done in other cities. Alderman Kalata suggested a wildlife park. Alderman Spang suggested a skate board park. The ARA (Appleton Redevelopment Authority) is not looking upon these favorably. ARA is leaning towards retail development.

Bulletin: Connie reported that January 24th was the cut off deadline for all articles. This includes any information submitted on the local study, riverfront development or possible trade issues meeting.

Old Business: As a reminder, the league lunches are held the last Monday of the month from noon to 1pm. Mark your calendars.

New Business: No new business brought before the board.

President Park adjourned the meeting at 9:10 am.

The regular meetings of the LWV are held the 1st Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is slated for February 5, 2002 at 7:30 am, to be held at ~~123~~ Crestview Drive, Appleton, WI 54911. (Sue Eich's home)

Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
February 5, 2002

88 Crestview Drive
Appleton, WI 54915

The February 2002 League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 7:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Eich.

Members Present: Holly Park, Connie Kanitz, Beverly Wieckert, Marlys Fritzell, Debra Cronmiller, Sue Eich, and Gretchen Bambrick.

Agenda: President Holly Park called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m. Marlys Fritzell agreed to record the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Income and Expenditures Statements for the month of January and for the period July 1, 1991 through January 31, 2002 were reviewed. Both income and expenditures were below budgeted amounts for the period. Beverly expects that we will remain within budgeted allowances for the rest of the year. The coming year's finance drive was discussed. Holly and Debra Dillenberg will begin planning for the drive which probably will be held in April.

President's Report: Holly called our attention to the Web Site. The Bulletin is now on the site. The use of passwords is being investigated. Action items and the membership list could be added. Holly has been contacted by Terry Dawson from the Appleton Public Library about co-sponsoring a Town Meeting with state legislators about the state budget short-fall. Members agreed it would be a good idea and told Holly to proceed with planning such a meeting to be held in March. Holly will attend an informational meeting about the Duluth waterfront development sponsored by the Fox Cities Convention and Tourism Bureau at Liberty Hall on February 22nd. The League of Women Voters of the United States will hold its convention in Miami on June 15-18, 2002. Holly is planning on attending. Holly is in the process of appointing a Budget Committee. The Nominating Committee will be meeting later in the month. The Board appointed Gretchen Bambrick and

Debra Cronmiller to join the elected members, Karen Sandberg, Pat McConnell, and Cynthia Whitely, on the committee. Positions needing to be filled for next year include a 2nd vice-president, treasurer, and two 2-year directors.

Membership Report: Gretchen asked members for ideas on how to reach potential new members. Discussion followed on who is interested in joining groups such as ours and what younger people want to become involved in. It was suggested that we get new members involved on committees and the League Board as soon as possible. We plan to ask them to help with the upcoming Town Meeting as a way of making them feel attached to the League. Board members were reminded to follow up on getting information from members for the Bio Briefs.

Program: Sue Eich reported on the results of the Lively Issues meeting. The Board endorsed the results of the voting at the meeting which recommended the following two local studies for the coming year:

1. Continuation of the riverfront development study.
2. Alternatives to incarceration.

And the inclusion of an action item to promote the availability of low income housing in our community based on our 1995 consensus position.

The two items recommended for national study are:

1. U.S. policy on sustainable growth.
2. Completion of studies adopted last year.

Marlys told members that a discussion meeting on U.S. Trade has been scheduled for February 28th at 1:30 p.m. at Joy Povolny's home.

Voter Service/Lunch with League: Debra Cronmiller reported that Cable Television will be filming talks with candidates for local office in contested races to be aired the second week in March. Terri McCormick will be our guest at Lunch with League on February 25th. The local League will not apply for the honor of hosting a state-wide candidates meeting at this time. Time restraints and cost were factors in this decision.

Observer Corps: Marlys reported on two ARA meetings which she and Stevie Schmidt had attended where use of the old water treatment facility for an aquaculture farm and aquarium was discussed. Several members attended

the public meeting held by the County ad hoc committee looking at alternatives to incarceration. Debra Cronmiller made an impressive appeal for exploring alternatives. Upcoming meetings of interest to the League were mentioned.

Bulletin: Connie announced that the deadline for submitting articles is February 25th.

Old Business: Word was received from Barb Hussin that she is still working on gathering material for the State Corrections Study.

New Business: State Council will be held June 1st.

President Park adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
May 7, 2002**

**540 River Road
Appleton, WI 54911**

The May 7, 2002 League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 7:30 AM at the home of Sue Silton.

Members Present: Holly Park, Connie Kanitz, Marlys Fritzell, Beverly Wieckert, Sue Silton, Gretchen Bambrick, Debra Dillenberg, Debra Cronmiller, Sue Eich, and Stevie Schmidt.

Call to Order: President Holly Park called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

Adoption of Minutes: Minutes of the April LWV Meeting was approved with a correction to the date.

Treasurer's Report: Bev reported that the proposed budget has been updated and audited through the end of April 30, 2002. Members Sue Silton, Marlys Fritzell and Barbara Hoffman performed the audit work. Bev reported that the following people contributed to the Finance Drive: Lyle and Beth English \$50.00, Joyce Povolny \$50.00, Sue Kinde \$100.00, and Sue Silton \$50.00. Sue Eich informed Debra D. that she did not get the fund drive letter that went out to the members. Bev proceeded to outline the anticipated expenses.

President's Report: Holly brought up discussion about the Fall Forum and stated a list of speakers was being compiled with possible representation from Berkley and/or Washington DC. The Fall Forum is set for Saturday, September 14 and is a whole day affair. It will be held at the Thompson Center in Appleton. Discussion took place revolving around possible topics for women speakers, such as, homeland security or civic responsibility. It was mentioned that perhaps the President of the National LWV could be the keynote speaker.

Holly next informed the group that she recently had lunch with Bob R. from Valley Packaging. Bob told Holly that after polling his workers they seemed enthusiastic about assisting in citizenship training. Deb C. pointed out the possibility of having this done as a civic project at one of the local high schools. Holly said she does not want to make this project difficult but to simplify the process. It was also suggested that the YMCA has a leadership group that may be helpful in this endeavor.

Holly then focused attention to the upcoming annual dinner meeting and the proposed slate of officers. Discussion centered around open positions. There were two Director at Large positions. Gretchen would finish another year in her

position but requires a nomination from the floor. Gretchen will also read the slate of officers at the dinner meeting. It was suggested that someone contact Gayle Hardt from United Way for her interest in a position. Carmen would take the minutes since Deb D. would not be able to attend. There were at least 22-23 people signed up to attend the May 8 annual meeting.

Holly commented that Deb Matz has lined up "How to be a Candidate" scheduled for October 14, if anyone was interested in attending. It will be held in Grand Chute.

Membership Report: Gretchen Bambrick reported that her committee would meet on May 16 (Thursday) at noon where they will discuss plans for the upcoming year. If anyone else was interested in joining, please do so.

State Study: Deb C. reported that the State Study on Water Issues needs to be accomplished by November. Understanding what type of funding source available is needed.

Observer Corp: Mariys informed the members that a meeting was scheduled for May 29 from 5-7 pm at the Outagamie County Courthouse in reference to questions or public opinions on the parks and/or recreational needs. Mike Hendrich, Project Manager of the OC Parks Department & staff will be on hand to answer questions. WHBY has donated land to the City, which can link the CE & M Trail together. Construction could begin this summer. The Park and Rec Department will design the layout, but people living in close proximity are worried about their yards and may want fencing put up.

It was then announced that a discussion on the United Nations will be held on May 16 at noon (brown bag it) at the Emergency Shelter facility.

Local Study: It was discussed by Sue Siltan that the Local Study (Riverfront Development) could take place in the fall. Connie could place an article in the Bulletin suggesting that people could do this on their own time and availability. We could include a map for them.

Bulletin: Connie Kanitz stated that there would not be a June Bulletin. It was suggested that Debra D. could email minutes to Carmen so they could be placed on our website. Also, Gretchen, Debra C., Holly and Connie stated that they would accept minutes by email.

Old Business: Discussion took place on the importance of creating a relationship with the Post Crescent for Public Relation purposes and awareness of the LWV activities throughout the year.

Connie K. gave a brief summary of the School Funding Reform meeting which proved to be successful for her in organizing a major function.

Deb C. gave a brief summary of the Salvation Army's proposed campus housing project and how it would affect other housing providers in the area.

New Business: The next meeting of the LWV board will be June 4, at the home of Sue Sifton. Holly reminded everyone that there needs to be a Calendar meeting regarding program planning for the new year.

Holly informed everyone that there will be a meeting for the old and new board members planned for June 24 from 6-8 pm at Holly's House.

Adjourn: With there being no further business before the board, President Holly Park adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Debra Dillenberg, Secretary

Minutes from League of Women Voters of Appleton August 8, 2002 Board Meeting

Attending: Holly Park, Sue Sifton, ^{Gayle} Gail Hardt, Debra Cronmiller, Karon Sandberg, Gretchen Bambrick, Carolyn Mewhorter, Marlys Fritzell, Connie Kanitz
^{Mewhorter}

Absent: Debra Dillenberg, Kathy Kamp

Meeting's Minutes

As a copy of minutes was not available for approval, minutes from May and today's meeting will be reviewed for approval at the September board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of Bev Wieckert's report of income, expenditures and cash on hand as of June 2002 was distributed to board members. The savings account balance is \$3,824.56 and the checking balance was \$3,003.09.

Holly announced that the PMP at the National Convention was increased by \$3.00 this year in order to help fund the national study about the presidential election. The following year will decrease. The national League had to cut one-third of its staff this year. Holly will ask Kathy to look at the impact that the PMP increase will have on our local budget and ask her to bring suggestions to the next board meeting how we can readjust our budget.

President's Report

Holly found that yard signs are available which say "Vote It Counts!" with LWV sponsorship noted. 25 cost \$175. Debra Cronmiller made a motion for our local League to spend \$175 off budget for 25 yard signs. Gretchen Bambrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

It was noted that our nonpartisan policy needs to be reviewed with board members at the next board meeting. Holly will bring it to board.

"A Lesson in Civics—Making Democracy Work" candidate forum and conference that the Appleton League is sponsoring with the American Muslim Alliance (AMA) is scheduled for all day (9 – 3:30) Saturday, September 21 at the Thompson Center. Board members received a copy of the tentative agenda. Many candidates have already confirmed their attendance. The AMA is offering to pay for the additional speakers. Our League is planning on accessing money from the education fund to help pay for lunches. The box lunches cost \$6 each. People will need to R.S.V.P if they intend to be at the event over lunch. Thompson Center can accommodate up to 300 people. Holly will contact someone at the National League office to get approval for the event since our League intends to access money from the educational fund.

Gretchen volunteered to have the membership committee call League members if an additional contact is necessary.

Octoberfest

Holly is making arrangements for our local League to again participate in having a booth a Octoberfest to sell bottled water, Rice Krispie bars and candy bars. Debra Dillenberg may be able to access a resource where we can obtain free bottles of water. Volunteers are needed for set-up, take down, and shifts throughout the day. Carolyn Mewhorter volunteered. Karon Sandberg, Debra Cronmiller, and Connie Kanitz all intend to be at Issues Briefing in Fond du lac that day. Connie is also participating in a study of the State League position on education particularly how it relates to funding. The study is led by LuAnn Bird, Oshkosh League president.

Other Leagues have initiated a series of candidate forums in Green Bay, Appleton, and Door County for Congressional seats.

Program

Carolyn Mewhorter. _Holly gave Carolyn a sheet with a summary of her responsibilities as program chair—which includes setting calendar, distributing a membership booklet in December, setting up the December brunch, Lively Issues, the annual meeting and meeting rooms for unit meetings. Carolyn said she would be asking for help in typing the membership booklet. Sue Eich has the last year's information on computer disk.

Membership

Gretchen Bambrich asked if Appleton schools are doing KidsVote. The membership committee was considering involving KidsVote in a membership strategy. Debra C. said that she has contacted seven principals and has been directed to ask Superintendent Tom Scullen to drive it.

Carolyn suggested that membership draft a letter that members could personalize and send off to potential League members. Gretchen also would like to invite teachers and retired teachers to join League. Gail Hardt has some contacts for retired teachers.

Voter Service

Debra Cronmiller reported that a governor debate has been organized in Ozaukee. Information will be submitted to the bulletin about the debate and water quality meetings.

Local Study

Sue Silton reported that the focus of the riverfront development study will be action this year. Members will observe city meetings that may have impact on riverfront development. Stevie Schmidt, Sue and Marlys Fritzell will be meeting on Aug. 15.

No chair has been appointed for the Alternatives to Incarceration local study. Suggestions were made and Gretchen & Holly will look to secure a chair and committee members.

Bulletin

Tuesday, September 10 [at Sue Silton's home] will be the next board meeting over lunch. Bring a bag lunch. Noon - 1:30. Bulletin Deadline of Aug. 23 for articles to Connie Kanitz (email is rckanitz@mifwpc.com, address is 516 Riverway, Menasha, WI 54952, phone 722-6438).

For the September bulletin Connie needs the following:

- dues envelopes from Kathy Kamp,
- invitation to the Sept 21 Candidate Forum & Conference—Holly ,
- Octoberfest signup—Connie will write it, tell what shifts you want, Holly
- Any other candidate forums, meeting dates you want included—Debra C
- announcement of of Oct. program How to Run for Office,
- a local Leaguer article about past involvement in League and what keeps you interested in League—Connie ask Jan Quinlan for this bulletin,
- tentative calendar Carolyn or Holly
- a Nov.date for a membership event--Gretchen
- decide what you want to do with a form letter for membership—Gretchen

Observer Corps, Marlys Fritzell

Observe corps has focused on city meetings that have impact on riverfront development. Another area of focus this year will be county and city meetings that relate to incarceration and alternatives. There will be October budget committee meetings coming up. Marlys will try to obtain these dates. Will need help in arranging for someone to attend them as she will not be available to attend them herself.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kanitz

League of Women Voters
Board Meeting
Minutes
September 10, 2002
Home of Sue Silton

Present: Holly Park, Connie Kanitz, Gretchen Bambrick, Sue Silton, Kathy Kamp, Marlys Fritzell, Karon Sandberg, Carolyn Mewhorter, Gayle Hardt

Absent: Debra Cronmiller, Debra Dillenberg

Call to Order

The meeting was convened at 12:15pm

Meeting's Minutes

August minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Kamp distributed the treasurer's report. Kathy was unsure about how to handle the costs for National Convention since they appear to be deducted from this year's budget and should actually come out of last year's. The decision was made the costs will not appear in future financial reports for this year.

On Bev Wiekert's advice, Kathy took \$500 out of the Education Fund but this seems to be too much so Kathy will follow up. Kathy reported that we apparently cannot pay the National dues quarterly any longer – only once a year. Kathy will investigate this with National.

Holly gave the current Education Fund report to Kathy.

President's Report

Fall Forum with AMA. Holly Park emailed invitations to Door County, Green Bay, Kewaunee Leagues. All candidates from all parties have been invited to participate in the forum. There are 16 candidates, of which 7 are gubernatorial candidates. McCallum's and Doyle's participation is uncertain at this time. Barb Grant will be the moderator for the afternoon session of candidates forums. The questions will be mailed to the candidates one week in advance of the forum.

100 people from AMA are expected. Holly requested 10 volunteers from League. There will be an ad for the program in Sunday's Post Crescent (\$330). Gayle Hardt has contacted television stations and Time Warner cablevision will tape the afternoon forum. Area Leagues, Chamber of Commerce and school systems and boards have been notified. The RSVP date is September 17.

Octoberfest. Deb Dillenberg is supplying the cups and water. Kathy Kamp has paid the \$75 booth fee. Volunteers from the board to staff the booth were recruited. The booth is located in front of the Radisson Hotel.

Running for Office program will be held October 17. Deb Matz is arranging the event. The city is running a similar program one week earlier – "How Our City Works" Sue Silton reported that the new directories are now available – she urged people to attend. Our event will be held at the New Community Building in Grand Chute, 6:30-9:00pm

Newcomers. Holly reported that she received a request from Maria Vega of Newcomers for League to speak at their luncheon, October 22. Gretchen reported that Jan Quinlan has volunteered to do the presentation with Holly.

AAL. Brian Casey, Government Relations at Thrivent Financial has asked League to cosponsor monthly luncheons with speakers. Initially they would like to invite the candidates, perhaps for weekly programs until the election, then monthly afterward. The Board suggested that Holly get better definition and a

proposal from Brian and act accordingly. If Holly has any question about whether to proceed she will consult with the Executive Committee.

Yard Signs. Holly reported that the yard signs "VOTE" are backordered. She will call Board members when they arrive.

Issues Briefing. Issues Briefing will be held in Fond du Lac, September 28, 9:00am-3:00pm. Holly asked for volunteers to attend. Connie Kanitz and Deb Cronmiller will attend.

Membership

Gretchen Bambrick reported that her committee had met September 6. The membership committee is exploring ways to engage Lawrence women in League. The Retired Teachers Assoc. will consider a representative of League as a speaker for one of their meetings in 2003. Jan Quinlan agreed to copresent with Holly information about League to Newcomers October 22. The prospective and new member tea has been set for Tuesday November 12, 4-6pm at Gretchen's home. The theme will be "What Role Does the League Play in Elections?" We will call upon appropriate members to talk about Election Night Reporting, the collaboration with AMA (American Muslim Association), Cable Television candidate interviews, Kids Vote, Action items, etc. Pat McConnell has agreed to moderate the talk.

Program

Carolyn Mewhorter will do the new membership directory. She will confirm with the appropriate people event dates and the membership names for the directory. The Board agreed that the cutoff date for the membership directory would be November 1, 2002 for December delivery. The deadline for membership numbers for national is January 2003.

Voter Service

Deb Cronmiller was absent but Holly reported that she was working with Deb on the preparations for the AMA program.

Observer Corps

Marlys reported that she met with the River Study committee. She will monitor the county government for issues of concern to this committee. Sue Silton will observe the city boards and commissions for the same.

Sharon Fenlon forwarded the schedule to Marlys of the school board meetings and indicated that nothing of particular interest is going on at this time. By January, however, the school board may be seeking a citizen group for a bond issue. Appleton has maintained all programs this year but Sharon indicated that this could change next year if funding isn't available.

Local Study

Holly reported that Helen Nagler has declined the position of chair for the Alternatives to Incarceration Study. Helen said she would contact Deb Moreland as a possible candidate for chair. Shirley Adams, a new member, was suggested as a good candidate as chair. Holly agreed to call Shirley if Deb Moreland declines the position.

PR Report

Gayle Hardt reported on her efforts to publicize the program with AMA. Discussion about developing new contacts at the Post Crescent.

Action

Sue Silton reported that her River Study Committee met September 5th. They will observe government committees who are addressing riverfront issues. She announced that the City of Appleton has a new website where the city council proceedings can be viewed if you "click" on the city clerk button.. Helen Nagler has agreed to report to Sue any county issues related to the river study.. Sue's committee will meet again the end of October.

Holly reported that she has not had any word about whether League will asked to do Election Night Reporting this year. The questions arose about who the appropriate person on the Board is to coordinate this, should it happen. Holly will look into whether Karon Sandberg should do this.

Bulletin

Connie Kanitz will put some address changes into the bulletin. Connie will inquire of Carmen Schipper if she can email the bulletin to members. Gretchen will submit information about the November tea and biographical statements about the new members.

Old Business

None

New Business

Sue Silton announced that Harbor House is sponsoring a program, "Every Girl is a Princess". The shelter is seeking donations of formal dresses and costume jewelry. Call Sue Sullivan for pick up at 731-0916

Meeting adjourned.

League of Women Voters Board Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2002

Observer Corp: Marlys reported that she went to the County Board meeting. \$24,000 that was set aside for the Historical Society had been cancelled. Supporters of the cancellation felt the community has the capability to privately fund it.

Marlys also reported that she felt it was time to create a history of LWV Appleton. Ed Olson approached her with lots of historical material that his wife Dorothy had left. Corrine has agreed to write the history along with the help of Karen DeYoung. The board discussed the possible use of Ed. Fund money to support the project.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy submitted an updated report and said that dues were coming in.

Vice President: Program: Carolyn has begun working on the directory and will have it ready for mailing in Dec.

Membership: Gretchen reminded everyone of the upcoming membership tea next Tuesday at her house. She is estimating about 15-20 people. Various members will speak on the ways League has touched their lives. She encouraged members to come to the Christmas brunch, also. Her committee is actively pursuing a list of 20 potential new members.

Riverfront Study: Sue reported on the last meeting in which new members Sally Mielke, Maryls Fitzell, and Karon Sandberg joined the study. Their goal is to restart the Riverfront Advisory Committee. She reported that Stevie, Carolyn and Sue will be meeting with Tim Hanna soon. The next Riverfront Committee meeting is Dec. 12, 8:30am at Sue Silton's.

Bulletin: Connie reminded members to drop off their "Vote" yard signs at the Housing Partnership for collection. Items for the bulletin should be to her by Nov. 25th. She shared information from Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools, a statewide coalition for school funding reform. The board encouraged her to approach state League with this information as well as possibly setting up a forum for discussion on this topic for sometime in the New Year.

**Appleton League of Women Voters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
December 3, 2002**

The League of Women Voters of Appleton Board Meeting was held at 12:00 noon at the home of Sue Silton
540 River Road, Appleton

Members Present: Deb Cronmiller, Gayle Hardt, Gretchen Bambrick, Connie Kanitz, Carolyn Mewhorter,
Marlys Fritzell, and Holly Park
Not Present: Kathy Kamp, Deb Dillenberg, Karon Sandberg

Holly Park-President called meeting to order at 12:05

Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Program: Carolyn Mewhorter stated that the Directory is done in rough form and will be sent out shortly. It was noted that the budget does not balance between income and expenditures. Carolyn will check with Kathy Kamp to determine why this is being shown. The annual meeting has been set for the last Tuesday in April which in the 29th. No place has been determined. Lively Issues will be held at the Library at 9:30 a.m.

Membership: Gretchen Bambrick thanked the Board for their help with the membership "tea". 3 new members and 10 guests attended with a total of over 25 people. It was felt that this was a very nice event with the possibility of attracting several new members. The membership committee has been asked to follow up the perspective members and invite them to the Holiday Brunch. Gretchen will be drafting a letter to those perspective members who have been receiving the Bulletin for several months asking them to join otherwise the Bulletin will be discontinued. The Holiday Brunch is set with Sheriff Bard Gehring and Judge Luebke speaking on the topic of Alternatives to Incarceration. The Board will attempt the phone tree to encourage members to attend.

Observer Corp: Several members went to the Ad Hoc Committee meeting regarding alternatives to incarceration. Marlys hope to get League committee going because she felt the Ad Hoc committee lacks structure and no specific recommendations have come forth. More information to the public needs to be addressed. The next Ad Hoc meeting will be January 13th at 5:30 or 6:00 in Council Chambers. LWV to meet after this at Trimby's. December 9th is the School Board meeting regarding funding options. Holly Park will attend. Marlys reported that the city rejected the Bates/Dunlap housing proposal but left the money earmarked for a potential project. The ARA will bring this issue up at future meetings. The Water Treatment Plant Study is in and distributed. Meeting in January by City departments. The recreation trail between Green Bay and New London was proposed. The DNR thought they had the money to purchase the railroad rights but the railroad has pulled back. County has agreed to let the trail go forward if the DNR can purchase the parcels.

Local Study: There will be a meeting with the mayor next week to discuss the Riverfront Advisory Committee. LWV will advocate for earmarked \$ in next year's budget.

Public Relations: Gayle Hardt will call the Post Crescent and invite a reporter to our Holiday Brunch.

State Study: A meeting to discuss the Water Quality study is set for February 11th at 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Library. Need info material and background in the Bulletin.

Bulletin: The deadline for submittals will be January 3rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30

The next meeting of the LWV will be January 7th, 2003 at the home of Sue Silton, 540 River Road

Minutes from LWV Board Meeting
January 7th, 2003

Held at the home of Sue Silton
510 River Drive, Appleton WI

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Kamp stated that the League made \$660 from the Christmas Brunch. This was unanticipated but welcome.

The Member Roster was due to State and National by January 10th. Holly Park will check the National List against our paid member list and make the necessary changes to submit in time.

Program: Lively Issues will be held at the library on the 18th at 9:30 a.m. Marlys will bring the coffee pot with creamers and sugar. Gretchen Bambrick will bring plates, spoons and napkins. Carolyn will pick up the bagels and bring necessary supplies. Holly Park will purchase a presentation board to write on. Motion was made and carried that Carolyn will serve ~~off~~ the Board until spring elections, at which time should she win she will resign her seat on the Board as our By-laws require.

President's Report: Holly will update the roster of membership and send it out to State and National. Motion was made and approved to have our positions re-typed in current Microsoft Word format. Our Support Positions have needed to be updated and it has been difficult with the formatting problems we have encountered. Holly will incorporate the Riverfront study changes and the changes suggested by the Smart Growth study. A Nominating Committee and a Budget Committee need to be formed for February to put a slate together and form next year's budget. The Nominating Committee needs 3 off Board members and 2 Board members. The Budget Committee is composed of the Treasurer, 2 off Board members and at least one Board member.

Membership: 10 non-members and approximately 20 members attended the Christmas brunch. Gayle Hardt will get \$14.50 re-imbusement and Gretchen Bambrick \$29 for bringing more than one guest. Motion made and carried that Gretchen would sign a contract for next year's brunch with the Radisson to be held December 13, 2003. Membership Committee has been following up on with those who attended the membership tea.

Observer Corp: Marlys reports that the next Alternatives to Incarceration Ad Hoc Committee is set for January 13th at 5:30 in the Courthouse. January 14th is the Law Enforcement Committee set to discuss the GPS system. The ARA meeting will discuss the consultant's report for Water Treatment Plant sometime in the near future regarding housing on this site. The ARA has sent the Bates/Dunlap development back to the drawing board.

Local Study: The Riverfront Committee met with Mayor Hanna to discuss the implementation plan for the river. He is going to recommend that an Advisory Committee be established and that it might be possible to have a League representative on this panel.

Bulletin: Deadline for the Bulletin is January 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45

Next meeting to be held February 4th, 2003 at the Housing Partnership.

Minutes from LWV Board Meeting

February 4, 2003

Held at the Housing Partnership

Members present: Kathy Kamp, Carolyn Mewhorter, Holly Park, Debra Cronmiller, Marlys Fritzell, Karon Sandberg, Gayle Hardt, Gretchen Bambrick, Connie Kanitz, and Beverly Wieckert.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

The minutes of the January 7th meeting were approved with one correction (Carolyn Mewhorter will serve in an off-board capacity until the results of the spring election are determined).

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Kamp presented the January treasurer's report. Per member payments have all been made, although we are still receiving bill notices.

President's Report: Holly announced the names of those serving on the Nominating Committee (Jan Quinlan, Jodi Kacer, Helen Nagler, Gretchen Bambrick, Karon Sandberg) and the Budget Committee (Kathy Kamp, Holly Park, Debra Cronmiller, Beverly Wieckert, Sue Eich). Holly gave us an update on the State Convention planned for Appleton in May. Lieutenant Governor, Barbara Lawton will be the keynote speaker on Friday night. State Attorney General, Peg Lautenslauger may be speaking at the Saturday noon luncheon. She asked for volunteers to help out in various capacities. Our local position papers have been typed with all additions and revisions made. A motion was made and carried to pay \$40 to Jennifer Hausher for her work on this project.

Program: Carolyn presented the results of the lively issues meeting. The state item recommended for future study and endorsed by the Board was Barriers to Regionalization. The local item receiving the most interest was Regionalization of Services followed by Non-traditional Education. After much discussion the Board chose Regionalization of Services as the recommended program item. Carolyn asked for suggestions for a place to hold the Annual Meeting. She will be following up on ideas in the coming month.

Membership Report: Gretchen reported that she had sent out letters to prospective members who have been on the mailing list for a lengthy time asking if they wish to continue to receive the mailings by joining the League. Follow-up efforts with new and prospective members continues to occur.

Voters Service /State Study: Debra reported that the local cable company will not offer free time for candidate's debates before the primary election. The Board decided to hold a Voter's Forum before the Spring Election. Debra reported that the state water quality meeting will be held at her house on February 11th at 7:00 p.m. Study material is available on the Web site and in the local Bulletin.

PR/Action: Karon and Holly will be drafting a letter to be sent to the Post Crescent urging the president to work with the United Nations in dealing with Iraq. Action is based on our national positions.

Local Study: Bev reported that the Alternatives to Incarceration study committee has met and is planning a jail tour (date to be announced) and a general meeting to be held on Saturday, March 15th at 10:00 a.m. (place to be announced). Study material will be on the Web site and in the local Bulletin.

Observer Corps: Marlys reported that the City Council will be considering a resolution to change the assessor's position from elected to appointed. The League has a long-standing position on making this office appointed. The League will take appropriate action. Also the Community Development Department is asking for input on ideas for developing the Bates & Dunlap site. Much discussion followed about the city's plans and what the professionals in the housing field see as needed. Members closely involved will keep us abreast on the issues.

Bulletin: Connie reported that at present she sends out 115 newsletters. Deadline for the next Bulletin is February 21st.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on March 4th at 12 noon . Kathy Kamp will be in town so we will meet at the Housing Partnership, 611 N. Morrison St.

Submitted by Marlys Fritzell
2/14/03

**Minutes of the Board Meeting for the League of Women Voter's Fox Valley Region
September 9, 2003
Held at the Housing Partnership, 611 N. Morrison Street, Appleton**

Present: Kathy Kamp, Carmen Schipper, Carolyn Mewhorter, Karen DeYoung, Sue Eich, Debra Cronmiller and Katie Drescher

Meeting was started at 4:30 by Debra Cronmiller, President.

Introductions of those present were made for the benefit of new members.

Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report was presented by Kathy Kamp. Discussion of a twenty-five percent increase in the liability insurance was noted. A copy of the report is attached.

Kathy also mentioned that return envelopes for members to use when paying their dues are ready and provide an opportunity for an update of membership name, address, phone number and email address if appropriate, will make record keeping more efficient.

Sue Eich presented minutes of the Annual Meeting held in April.

President's Report Debra Cronmiller reported on a meeting held with Holly Park, Sheldon Hampton and herself regarding a grade 9-12 Student Congress to be held Friday December 19 at the PAC. The Student Congress will be a final round of competition for local high school students that will be judged by local dignitaries including mayors and county judges. Sheldon requested the League provide a presentation on voting and constitutional awareness during the judges deliberation. Following a supportive discussion of the project, Debra requested Board approval for the League to participate. Approval was overwhelmingly granted.

Debra next mentioned that Charlie Hoff who is interested in running for Mayor requested a meeting with the League. Discussion ensued and it was suggested by Karen Deyoung that he be directed to the League website where the League position papers are available for public review. A copy of the local positions will be given to Carmen Schipper for posting on the website.

Discussion then turned to the status of the Approval of Local Positions addressed at the Annual Meeting in April. It was concluded that at the Annual Meeting the updated and revised 2002 local positions were adopted however the changes have not been adopted as of yet. Debra mentioned that Holly and Barb were preparing a "wordsmithed" version of the changes to the 2002 minutes to present to the membership for approval. It was suggested by Karen DeYoung that presentation of the updated local positions to the membership could be a educational tool. Sue Eich added that it could be used as a way to boost membership.

Debra then passed on a request from Karon Sandberg that the membership provide email addresses that she could use for email alerts rising from her position as Vice President in

Action. Additionally, Karon also suggested formation of a coalition with other women's groups to create a larger voice in the community when needed from time to time to address specific issues as they arise. Karon has volunteered to initiate contact with the other groups. Discussion of possible appropriate groups was held. Both ideas received support from the Board. Debra will provide Karon with a list of possible groups to contact.

Debra then turned discussion to items to be included in the upcoming bulletin. Items to be included are as follows: Increase Membership Ten Percent, Dues Payment and Education of Membership on Importance of Paying at Sustaining Level, Calendar for October and November, Holiday Brunch, General Meeting, Study Groups, Observer Corps., State League New President and State Issues briefing in October in Madison.

The Board Meetings were determined to be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:30 at the Housing Partnership, 611 N. Morrison Street, courtesy of Kathy Kamp.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Drescher
Secretary

Minutes of the League of Women Voter's Board of Directors Meeting November 4, 2003

Members present include Kathy Kamp, Karon Sandberg, Miriam Douglas, Carolyn Mewhorter, Karen deYoung, Debra Cronmiller, Susi Alger and Katie Drescher

Action Report Karon Sanderg has been in contact with NOW and AAUW. Karon plans to meet with Jenny McGuire in January to discuss collaboration.

Karon needs and updated list of e-mail addresses for the action alerts.

Program Report Carolyn Mewhorter intends to have the directory out at the end of the month. The Regionalization Subcommittee met last night. There is a general meeting planned for 7:00 p.m. on January 19. On February 12 a consensus meeting will be held. A location for both meetings was discussed. A suggestion of the West High School Americana Room was warmly received.

Membership Report Planning for the November 13 Membership Tea is well under way. The December 13 Holiday Brunch has been confirmed at the Radisson and the speakers will be John Peterson and Terry Dawson speaking on Civil Liberties and the impact of the Patriot Act.

The new directory is in the process of being formed with the assistance of the Membership team.

Treasurer's Report Kathy Kamp gave the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which is attached. Dues are coming slowly. Mention was made that many of the people listed in the directory are not all current dues paying members.

Observer Corps Report Sue Eich was not present to make an Observer Corps report. Sue relayed a message that the observers are out in force and doing a wonderful job.

Voter Services Report Jodie Kacer was not present to make a report.

Other Holly Park will talk to Sheldon Hampton about the details of the Constitution Project to be held in December.

Bylaws-Marlys Fritzell is chairing a committee to review the bylaws and anticipates having something ready for review in March.

Position Paper Update- Extensive discussion was had involving the old text/new text of the positions that were attempted to be updated at the Annual Meeting last April. It was suggested that both documents are given to the membership for review. They will be posted on the website. Karon Sandberg will send out an n alert indicating they are available for review.

January 10 is the date for the Lively Issues Meeting. All are invited. It will be from 10-12 on that Saturday morning in the Appleton Public Library.

Bulletin- Miriam Douglas discussed the need for a color front page. It was decided that the color is nice but not needed if it is cost prohibitive. Articles to be included in the December Bulletin were discussed.

Old Business The League statement on budget will be available on the website.

New Business Karen deYoung has reported that the Archive Committee is finding interesting information and that they have been trained on archiving. The documents will be housed at the library and at the Historical Society. Kathy Kamp indicated she had several boxes of past treasurer's information to contribute to the archives. The next meeting shall be on December 2, 2003 at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Drescher
Secretary

Minutes of the League of Women Voter's Board of Directors Meeting December 2, 2003

Members present included Karon Sandberg, Miriam Douglas, Carolyn Mewhorter, Karen deYoung, Debra Cronmiller, Susi Alger, Sue Eich, Gayle Hardt and Katie Drescher

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by President Debra Cronmiller

Presidents Report Debra asked for approval of \$200.00 to go to the Oshkosh League to cover expenses associated with the Civil Liberties Forum held last month.

Individuals from Sauk County want to form a local league chapter. The plan was to partner with Dane County. Dane County withdrew their interest. Discussion was had regarding how our chapter could be of assistance to the interested persons in Sauk County.

The Holiday Brunch Speakers were confirmed as John Peterson speaking on the Patriot Act generally with Terry Dawson discussing the local impact of the legislation. The format will be about 15 minutes each for a presentation, followed by a question and answer period.

Debra discussed that the League opposes disclosure of juvenile records related to sex crimes.

Action Report Karon Sandberg stated that in January the Post Crescent will do a series of articles on voting. Karon plans to meet with Jenny McGuire in January to discuss collaboration with AAUW. July conference at the Thompson Center with Barbara Lawton as the keynote speaker was discussed. Discussion was also had involving a focus group to address the issue of whether the city assessor should be elected or appointed.

Program Report Carolyn Mewhorter asked for input on who should receive copies of the new directory. It was concluded that only people in the directory should get a copy. The Regionalization Subcommittee to meet on Thursday February 12 at Susi Alger's house. Discussion of the most appropriate location for future meetings included locations such as City Center or the YMCA. Charlie Goff asked Carolyn if League will be sponsoring a debate for this coming Appleton mayor election. The board response was yes, if the election is contested and the event will be coordinated through Jodie Kacer and the Voter Services Committee.

Membership Report Susi Alger reported to date we have 38 paid members for the coming year. The November 13 Membership Tea went well and yielded two interested prospective members. The December 13 Holiday Brunch was confirmed at the Radisson.

Treasurer's Report Kathy Kamp was not present.

Observer Corps Report Sue Eich made the Observer Corps report. Sue indicated that buttons are now available for members to wear and identify themselves as League Observers. Many members are pleased to participate. Sue Siltan was unable to attend a City Council meeting because it was a closed session. Debra will look into this.

Voter Services Report Jodie Kacer was not present to make a report. Debra asked the Board to consider other meeting times that would make it possible for Jodie to attend. After discussion, it was decided to try breakfast meetings from 7-8 a.m. at the Housing Partnership. The next meeting will be January 6, 2004.

Other The Constitution Project to be held in December at the PAC has been cancelled.

Bylaws-Marlys Fritzell is still chairing a committee to review the bylaws and anticipates having something ready for review in March.

Position Paper Update- The disk has been found that contains the changes to the position papers. Marlys has offered to head a committee to review changes, to be sent out with the March newsletter, posted on the website and then voted on at the April meeting.

Bulletin- Miriam Douglas discussed articles to be included in the January Bulletin.

Old Business Karen deYoung has reported that the Archive Committee is making progress. She made a request for funds to cover costs associated with the work.

New Business None.

The next meeting shall be on January 6, 2004 at 7 a.m. at the Housing Partnership.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Drescher
Secretary

Minutes of the League of Women Voter's Board of Directors Meeting January 6, 2004

Members present included Kathy Kamp, Miriam Douglas, Karen deYoung, Debra Cronmiller, Sue Eich, Gayle Hardt, Karon Sandberg, Carolyn Mewhorter and Katie Drescher

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 a.m. by President Debra Cronmiller

Debra asked for a Motion to approve the December 6 Board Minutes. Kathy Kamp moved and Carolyn seconded and motion passed.

Treasurers Report Kathy Kamp gave the Treasurer's Report a copy of which is attached. Discussion followed regarding how the Education Fund operated and how it should be represented on the report. It was noted that the Holiday Brunch bill has not been received.

Presidents Report Debra informed the Board that work is underway to do PSA announcements with Time Warner. The Gannett Foundation may be a resource to pay for advertising to mobilize the local electorate. Maybe the League will partner with the Post Crescent. Larry Gallup is the contact person. Efforts are also being made to increase awareness of the issues surrounding whether the assessor should be elected or appointed. There will be a referendum on this in the April election.

Action Report Karon Sandberg reported through Debra that she will do a WHBY radio show on March 26 to address the issue of whether the city assessor should be elected or appointed. Karon is talking to AAUW and NOW about collaboration.

Program Report. Carolyn reported the following scheduled programs: The Lively Issues Meeting will be held next Saturday at 9:30a.m. at the YMCA in Appleton; the Regionalization Subcommittee will meet on 1/19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Appleton Public Library; on February 19 the Civil Liberties Subcommittee will meet at Kathy Kamp's house or at the Housing Partnership and the Annual Meeting will be on May 6 at Wilbur's Blackened Blues on College Avenue. It is intended that bylaws and changes will be mailed out 30 days in advance of the annual meeting.

Membership Report No report.

Observer Corps Report Sue Eich reported that Shirley Adams has asked for the League position on the bridge issue. League does not have a position on this issue.

Bulletin- Miriam Douglas discussed articles to be included in the February Bulletin.

New Business None.

The next meeting shall be on February 3, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Drescher
Secretary

Minutes of the League of Women Voter's Board of Directors Meeting, March 2, 2004

Members present included Kathy Kamp, Miriam Douglas, Karen deYoung, Debra Cronmiller, Sue Eich, Gayle Hardt and Katie Drescher

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Debra Cronmiller

Presidents Report Debra asked to move the April Board meeting to another date because of spring break. The meeting will be at 4:30 on March 30. Minutes and treasurers reports will be available at that meeting.

The Consensus Report for the Local Regionalization Study was printed in the March bulletin. Barbara Lawton's Women in Prosperity forum will be on March 4 at the Appleton Public Library from 5-7p.m. There will be a Fund Raiser with Barbara Lawton in Oshkosh on March 22. A discussion of the need for a publicity regarding Absentee Voting for the April election and possible Post Crescent coverage of that issue as the election draws closer took place.

Action Report Karon Sandberg was not present but reported through Debra that she will do a WHBY radio show on March 26 to address the issue of whether the city assessor should be elected or appointed. The cable access show that Dorothy Johnson does will feature Debra Cronmiller and Dawn discussing the assessor issue. Karon met with AAUW, NOW did not attend meeting. They identified ways to work together and will meet again.

Voter Services Report Jodie Kacer was not present to make a report. Debra informed the Board that the date for a mayoral debate will be at 6:30 on March 9 at the Appleton Public Library. The panelists asking questions will be from WHBY, Channel 5 and another local news outlet. The Assessor question will be addressed at 6:00 before the debate begins. A league member will read the League's position on the value of an appointed assessor. July 26th is the date for a joint LOWV/AAUW event to mobilize voters for the November election.

Program Report. The Regionalization Subcommittee has concluded its work. The Civil Liberties Subcommittee met and will have more the report by the end of March. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Wilber's Blackened Blues on College Avenue. Discussion took place regarding appropriate notice to all members about proposed changes to the position papers so that they could be voted on at the Annual Meeting. It was decided that the proposed changed would be ascertained and mailed to all members for review prior to the May 6 dinner meeting.

Membership Report No report.

Observer Corps Report No Report

Other Karen deYoung has reported that the Archive Committee is moving slowly. When it is completed, it could be the subject of a membership tea.

Bulletin- Miriam Douglas discussed articles to be included in the March Bulletin. They include President's Message, Annual Meeting Notification, Slate of Officers, and Agenda for Annual Meeting; Notice that Bylaws and Positions will be mailed out for review prior to Annual Meeting and reminder to vote.

New Business None.

The next meeting shall be on March 30, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Drescher
Secretary