

League of Women Voters of Appleton, WI
Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 2005
Appleton Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room

Present: Beth English, Jan Quinlan, Nadine Miller, Shirley Strange, Barbara Hoffman, Shirley Adams, Miriam Douglass, Carolyn Mewhorter, Winnie Doxie,

Call to Order: President Beth English called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Introductions: Each board member introduced herself and shared the reason(s) that motivated her to join the League of Women Voters.

Getting Started:

Award: Beth informed the board members that the Appleton League won an award from the Wisconsin State League for membership increase (29%) for 2004-2005.

Mission: Reviewed the Mission statement.

Bylaws: Beth reminded board members that the Bylaws are the framework of the LWV Appleton.

Positions: Beth stated that the items studied are local policies. When representing the League, (speaking engagements and the like) it is important for each person to recognize that she is representing those positions taken by the League.

State and National Websites: There was a reminder to encourage League members to sign up on the State and National League e-mails.

League Vote Signs: Barbara Hoffman brought up a discussion to clarify placement of "Vote" signs in relation to political signs. Political signs and "Vote" signs should not be placed on the same lawn as this gives the impression that the League is supporting a candidate. The placement of political signs in the yards of board members was also discussed. With the exception of the League President and the Voter Service Director, board members may place political signs in their yards providing there is not also a league "Vote" sign.

Roles: Beth reminded the board members that we are here to help each other out, fill in where needed. Our duty is to the organization which may include duties beyond one's specific role on the board. Carolyn Mewhorter questioned the placement of responsibility for the "Directory". It has been included in the Vice President-Program position but may be better placed with Membership or the Secretary.

1st Vice President-Action (Jan Quinlan) Jan Quinlan shared her idea to create a local e-mail tree for action. She will be working out details to implement this. Barbara Hoffman suggested getting hooked up with dNet which is informative and community friendly. There was discussion on updating the local web cite. Winnie will get in touch with Carmen Shipper to discuss the updating process. Jan Quinlan will help.

2nd Vice President – Program (Nadine Miller) Beth English highlighted two points of particular importance in the role of Program Vice President – Assists in the planning of program items and presents recommended and non-recommended new program for consideration and decision at Annual Meeting, Lively Issues, Holiday Brunch and special events. It was noted by Barbara Hoffman that the Holiday Brunches have been very successful due in large part to the interesting topics and good speakers.

Membership Chair: Need someone for this role. Governing the membership e-mail list was discussed. Further discussion will ensue at the next meeting.

Secretary (Shirley Strange) Additional responsibilities may be added.

Treasurer (Barbara Hoffman)

Voter Service Director:(Shirley Adams) Since there are no elections this year, Shirley may be participating in a state study.

Natural Resource Director: Could be a board position or an off-board position -yet to be filled.

Nominating Committee: This has been set up for next year. One board member will be asked to sit on the committee.

President's Report:

Beth would like to send out a summer bulletin with a recap of the annual meeting, state convention and finance drive. Shirley Adams will write an article about the finance drive for the bulletin. The finance drive brought in \$1,035.

Beth noted that there are two state studies: State Voter Registration and Energy.

The National Convention next year will be held in Minneapolis.

We are looking for a person to chair the local study on education. The present education positions are out of date.

Treasurer's Report:

Barbara Hoffman stated that we started with \$16,000 and closed with \$14,600. She will present details at the next meeting. \$27.00 of our dues goes to the State League, \$24.00 goes to National League. The remainder supports local.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 6-7:30 PM

Adjournment: 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange