

**League of Women Voters of Appleton, WI**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 16, 2005**  
**Appleton Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room**

**Present:** Jan Quinlan, Nadine Miller, Shirley Strange, Barbara Hoffman, Shirley Adams, Winnie Doxie, Susi Alger.

**Absent:** Beth English, Miriam Douglass, Carolyn Mewhorter

**Final Board Assignments:**

*Membership:* Carolyn Mewhorter will take charge of Membership.

*Local Study:* Susi Alger will chair the local study. This study will include updating the local support positions on education and identifying the possible need for further studies. Susi will solicit members for her committee. In addition to members who volunteer to join this study group, Susi will try to involve new league members and members who have been inactive in the recent past.

*Observer Corp:* No chair at this time.

**Calendar Planning:** *Membership Kick-Off Meeting* will take place Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that we attend a school board meeting. Further, it was suggested that there be a brief meeting before the school board meeting to welcome and inform new members, and a follow-up meeting to discuss the school board meeting. Since education is the local study, attending a school board meeting seemed appropriate.

**Unit Meetings:** Susi Alger will set up her meetings for the education study on updating local support positions. She will put information about the study in the bulletin.

**Christmas Brunch:** December 10, 10:30AM at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Carolyn Mewhorter will oversee the logistics. Jan encouraged board members to bring ideas for the topic and speaker for the Christmas Brunch to the next board meeting. Election Reform was suggested as a possible topic.

**Lively Issues:** Perhaps January 21.

**Spring Election:** Several ideas were shared regarding the league setting up a venue for the candidates. Barbara remembered the "soap box" days when aldermanic candidates met constituents in homes of League members or others. Perhaps it is an idea to renew. Shirley Adams suggested city district meetings so the voters could meet their candidates. Another suggestion was that candidates should be encouraged to appear on local TV channel 4.

**Annual Meeting:** Late April or early May.

**National Convention:** June 10-13, 2006 in Minneapolis, MN.

**Email Protocol:** The Board discussed issues regarding email for action items from local, state, and national leagues. The group decided that Jan Quinlan should inform local members of the excellent email action alerts provided by the national league, but should “filter” state Board alerts before sending them to individuals. Some of the emails from the state league are unclear as to whether they are formal calls for action. In all cases, members should have a choice whether or not they want to receive action alerts. The choice could be included in the membership forms. We need a centralized email distribution list and a convenient and coordinated way to keep it updated. Susi will work with Miriam and Carmen on the web data base. Email meeting reminders should replace sending out postcards. This would be more economical. Discussion on the web cite dNet will take place at the next meeting. Winnie will research this before the next meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Barbara submitted the treasurer’s report.

Opening balance – July	14,874.35
Total Receipts	555.00
Total Disbursements	690.64
Total Cash Flow	(135.64)
Ending Balance July	14,738.71

**Bulletin Deadline:** The deadline for bulletin entries is August 20.

**Finance Drive:** Shirley Adams reported \$1,490 in contributions. Shirley will note in the bulletin that there is still time to make a contribution.

**Secretary’s Note:** It would be helpful to have a copy of any reports, lists, etc. from which you are reporting to facilitate preparing the minutes.

Next Meeting: **Monday**, September 12, 6-7:30PM

Shirley Strange and Winnie Doxie will be excused from the September 12 meeting. There will be a need for someone to record the minutes.

Adjournment: 7:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange