

League of Women Voters of Appleton, WI
Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2005
Appleton Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room

Present: Beth English, Nadine Miller, Shirley Strange, Shirley Adams, Miriam Douglass, Winnie Doxsie.

Absent: Jan Quinlin, Carolyn Mewhorter, Susi Alger.

The meeting was called to order by President, Beth English at 6:10.

Additions to the Agenda: There were no additions.

Approve Minutes: Two names with incorrect spellings were noted: Winnie Doxsie and Miriam Douglass. Corrections were noted and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved.

Opening Balance-October	15,739.65
Total Receipts	560.00
Total Disbursements	511.07
Total Cash Flow	48.93
Ending Balance	15,788.58

Archive Project: Marcia Hittle and Marlys Fritzell sent a box of archival materials to be imaged. The payment is expected to be \$1200. We will make the payment then write a grant and refund from the Educational Fund or with money from the Finance Drive. Marcia or Marlys will update the board at a January or February Board meeting.

Membership: It was decided that a potential member would receive the Bulletin for three months. After three months, another invitation to join the League would be made. The Bulletin would not continue if the prospective person is not interested. New members will be called and invited to the Nov. 17 meeting featuring the website.

Action: Jan, Corin, Helen, and Beth scanned the county and city budget. Jan crafted a statement which was presented at the city and county Board meetings.

Program: Winnie will facilitate the website meeting. Jan Quinlin will explain and help navigate the state and national sites. Susi Alger will oversee the local site.

Nadine is in the process of securing a speaker for the Holiday Brunch.

Observer Corps/Voters Service: Shirley Adams has been able to fill many of the observer positions for the School, City, and County Board Meetings.

Shirley reported on the state “Issues Briefing” which she attended Oct. 15. She found that the state action alerts were informative and gave members the opportunity to contact their legislators on issues.

Smoking Ban: There was a discussion about providing a forum for the smoking ban issue. Voting on the Smoking Ban Referendum will take place in April. Shirley will call the Post Crescent to discuss a possible forum. Beth stated that we could entertain other avenues such as using Channel 4 or putting something in the Post Crescent.

Local lobbying efforts: Shirley stated that the State League Legislative Committee sets up the agenda of items which they will lobby. They send out action alerts which inform League members and call for a response to state legislators. Shirley noted that the items are well researched and clearly explained

Local study/Education: Each committee member has taken specific areas to research. Members are meeting with various administrators and teachers. The committee will meet Dec. 1. The committee will present their recommendations to the general membership for discussion. The recommendations will then be presented to the Board for approval. Board approved recommendations will then be voted upon by the general membership at the annual meeting.

Public Relations: Presently working on the website. In the future we will look at funneling action alerts to the Post Crescent and/or letters to the editor.

Bulletin: Items to include: Education Committee should submit something for the Bulletin keeping the membership informed.

Deadline is November 23.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange