

**League of Women Voters of Appleton, WI**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 13, 2005**  
**Appleton Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room**

**Present:** Beth English, Nadine Miller, Shirley Strange, Barb Hoffman, Shirley Adams, Miriam Douglass, Carolyn Mewhorter

**Absent:** Jan Quinlin, Winnie Doxsie, Susi Alger

The meeting was called to order by President Beth English at 6:05PM.

**Minutes:** The incorrect spelling of Corinne's name was noted and corrected. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Opening Balance-November	15,788.58
Total Receipts	99.44
Total Disbursements	808.53
Total Cash Flow	(709.09)
Ending Balance	15,079.49

Barb noted that the Archival Project cost \$753.64. It was paid from our cash account, but she will apply to Education Fund for reimbursement. Barb also noted that tax deductible donations must go to the Education Fund. Barb suggested one of the CD's be used in a purposeful way. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Archive Project:** The Archival Material is on a CD. The CD can be borrowed to view all of the fine work done by Marlys Fritzell and Marcia Hittle. The CD is being routed among the Board members. It was suggested that the Board keep the CD updated yearly. It was agreed that there needs to be a system in place for yearly updates. This is an item that will be discussed further in order to reach a solution.

**Membership:** Carolyn has called several members to update their membership. Eight people have renewed with Carolyn's reminder. The Directory is updated. The League has 47 Members.

A Membership Committee was discussed. Carolyn feels that a Membership Committee could be formed after the Board has laid out the focus and direction of our local league. In this way, the Membership Committee would have a body of information to use when inviting new people to join the league. It was suggested that the Board set up a date to meet in order to set the focus and direction of the league. It was suggested that we engage a person versed in strategic planning to lead the session.

**Program:**

Lively Issues will be held in January at the Multicultural Center which is next door to the Harmony Café. February 2<sup>nd</sup> will feature the Education Study which is updating the

League Education Positions. Nadine suggested ideas for future programs which could include brown bag or restaurant meetings with a speaker. Mike Ellis was suggested. A "Movie Night" was another suggestion. A discussion could focus on a current movie such as "Good Night and Good Luck".

The Consensus meeting will likely be held in March.

**Voter Service/Observer Corps:** There was further discussion on the possibility of a forum on the smoking ban. An informational forum as well as a debate was discussed. It was agreed that a debate should have sound structure and provide good information.

Shirley stated that by January 3 the candidates for alder positions will be known. Shirley would like to promote neighborhood gatherings within the districts where there is a race so that people can get to know their candidates.

Shirley stated that we will be participating with the state league concerning the 8th Congressional District race.

Carolyn attended at a city council meeting and observed a very heated debate over the Yacht Club Purchase.

**Bulletin:** Bulletin deadline is Dec. 27. Beth will include information in her column on study committees and consensus. Education Committee should include information in the bulletin for the membership to peruse before the consensus meeting.

**Web Site:** Winnie Doxsie submitted a report on the Web Meeting. A meeting was held November 17 at Lawrence University to become familiar with the local, state and national web sites. There was discussion on the good points of the local web site and ways that it can be improved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange