

League of Women Voters of Appleton, WI
Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2006
Appleton Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room

Present: Beth English, Jan Quinlin, Nadine Miller, Shirley Strange, Barb Hoffman, Carolyn Mewhorter, Winnie Doxsie, Susi Alger.

Absent: Miriam Douglass

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance-January	15,051.37
Total Receipts	
Total Disbursements	92.87
Total Cash Flow	(92.87)
Ending Balance	14,958.50

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Voters Service/Observer Corps:

Candidate Surveys: Winnie sent Candidate Surveys to School Board Candidates and County Board Candidates. With the exception of two county board candidates, all surveys have been completed and returned. They will be posted on the League web site. Winnie will call the two County Board Candidates who did not return their surveys. Schools will promote the surveys through their channels and the PTA will use the surveys in their communiqués.

Winnie will submit a press release with regard to the League's 85th birthday.

Neighborhood meetings: Shirley Adams is working to set up neighborhood meetings to acquaint voters with their district candidates. Races will be held in the 2nd, 4th, 8th, 9th and 10 districts. Linda Cutts will host the meeting for District 10. Beth noted that there is \$400 in the Voter Service fund that could be used, if necessary, for the candidate meetings. There was discussion about time, place, advertising, and format with regard to the meetings. It was decided that the meetings would be informal with a 15 minute presentation by the candidate and time allotted for questions from those people attending. Winnie will produce a template in order to create a brief brochure to advertise the neighborhood meetings for each candidate.

Smoking Referendum Forum: Jan has been researching to find viable people to participate in the forum. It was agreed that there would be a presentation by five people. Two will represent the pro side and two the con side. One of the five presenters will take the middle ground speaking to civil liberties and the legalities involved with the issue.

Beth will act as moderator. Questions taken from the audience will be in written form. They will be handled by League members at the meeting. The logistics will be discussed in detail at the next Board meeting. The forum is scheduled to take place March 23 at the Appleton Public Library.

Program: The study which evolved from Lively Issues is:

A study of government services to adult population with chronic mental illness.

Kenya Patterning: The Appleton League will participate at some level in an exchange program with Kenya. The program is committed to the strengthening of democracy and democratic practices in Kenya. The National League is involved in a two year program with Kenya (2005-07) supported by a grant through the U.S. State Department's Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. (See "National Voter" Feb. 2006). The Appleton League will partner with World Services to apply for a grant for the exchange program. The program will start in October.

Annual Meeting Date: Thursday, May 4, 5:30PM.

Education Study: The Concurrence Meeting on the Education Positions will take place March 9th at 7pm at the Appleton Public Library. Consensus questions for the Concurrence meeting are as follows:

Should we remove the Education Positions as identified by the Local Study Committee?

Should we accept the revised language of all our Education Positions as drafted by the Local Study Committee?

Action: Jan will submit an article for the Bulletin referring Leaguers to the National League web site. She will include the address and encourage members to use the site.

Membership: Carolyn is developing a 'new member' package and will present her ideas at the next meeting.

Bulletin: Deadline: February 23

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange