

League of Women Voters of Appleton, WI
Board Meeting
Tuesday April 11, 2006
Appleton Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room

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

Absent: Jan Quinlin, Shirley Adams, Carolyn Mewhorter, Susi Alger.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President, Beth English.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

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| Opening Balance-March | 14, 384.93 |
| Total Receipts | |
| Total Disbursements | 173.14 |
| Total Cash Flow | (173.14) |
| Ending Balance | 14,211.79 |

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Voters Service/Action/Public Relations: We are grateful to Shirley Adams for her outstanding work setting up neighborhood meetings to give voters an opportunity to meet their candidates in each of the five district races. A job well done! The Board discussed taking time to evaluate the neighborhood meetings. Some of the meetings were well-attended while others were not. It was suggested that more energy be put into advertising the meetings. Placing fliers in grocery stores, laundry mats, etc. may help get the word out. It was suggested the League website could be used to help advertise and to inform voters. We cannot rely solely on the candidates getting the word out to invite voters to attend the meetings. It was noted that incumbents are not usually enthusiastic about advertising or attending forums. It was agreed unanimously that we would like to see these types of meetings continue in the future. Also since there is a lot of work ahead, it was suggested that a committee be formed to help with the many duties.

Barb noted that there is \$400 in the budget for Voter Service.

Barb is looking for the white "Vote" signs. She will submit a blurb for the Bulletin to alert members of her search.

Congressional District Election: Jan Quinlin will head up the forums for the candidates. The LWVWI is expecting the Green Bay League and Appleton League to handle the forums for the 8th Congressional District. Green Bay will hold their forum before the

Primary. The Appleton League will present a forum following the Primary Election. The Harmony Café and ESTHER asked the Appleton League to partner with them in presenting a forum. The Appleton League will present a forum in their name only, but will offer advice and information to other organizations wishing to hold a forum. There was discussion about providing a link from the LWVAppleton website to other sites advertising their forums. The League would expect the organization to submit in writing a description of their procedure for the forum before linking to it.

Election Night Reporting: It appears that the polling places are now calling in election results to the city thereby keeping the process speedy. It was discussed that perhaps in the future the League may not be needed to report election results to WHBY. Whether or not the League is paid for this service, the Board believes that it is important for the League to have a presence at the polls.

Program:

Annual Meeting: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Annual Meeting Minutes be presented to the Board before their first organizational meeting. The Education Positions updated and revised by consensus at the March 9 meeting will be presented for adoption at the Annual Meeting, May 4. Nadine walked the Board through the Agenda of the Annual Meeting.

Strategic Planning/Board Training: Beth shared her plans to set up a Strategic Planning meeting. She would like to begin with a meeting of the general membership and dinner. Following this, there would be a meeting of last year's Board and next year's Board to pass on portfolios.

Voter Rights LWVUS: There was prolonged discussion about the state study, Voter Rights. Barb would like to see a committee formed to become familiar with the information in the state study. It was suggested that this could be a summer study. The second state study, Energy, could be a study for the fall.

Finance Drive: Beth will spearhead the finance drive.

Bulletin: Deadline for first May bulletin is April 26. Miriam will put out a second Bulletin in May (following the Annual Meeting) to inform members of the Strategic Planning Meeting and the summer study (Voter Rights). The deadline for the second May Bulletin is May 11.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange