

League of Women Voters of Appleton, WI
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2007
Appleton Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room

Present: Beth English, Winnie Doxsie, Shirley Strange, Sue Silton, Barb Hoffman, Miriam Douglass, Karon Sandberg

Absent: Nadine Miller, Carolyn Mewhorter, Lynda Cutts, Jody Van Domelen, Shirley Adams

Call to Order: Beth called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Bank Accounts

Appleton LWV CD1	5,332.18
Appleton LWV CD2	5,385.71
LWV Checking	1,536.89
Total Bank Accounts	12,254.78

Asset Accounts

Education Fund	748.41
Total Asset Accounts	748.41
Overall Total	13,003.19

Nominating Committee: Sue Eich will chair the committee. Two members of the Board are required to sit on the committee. Shirley Strange and Carolyn Mewhorter will represent the Board on the Nominating Committee.

Study:

Energy: There are study materials on the state website. The questions for consensus are in the January Bulletin. The consensus meeting will take place at 5 pm on February 13 prior to the Board meeting.

Program:

Lively Issues: The Mental Health Study will be highlighted at the Lively Issues gathering. Beth and Karon will call members to encourage attendance. At lively issues we will look at the current state positions and recommend retaining, amending, or deleting. We only need to recommend a state study this year. The state studies, Voting Rights and Energy will be completed this year.

Appleton Sesquicentennial celebration: Beth suggested that we might want to highlight our accomplishments during the Sesquicentennial celebration. It was suggested that at our annual meeting we recognize or highlight accomplishments per decade. Marcia Hittle and Maryls Fritzell who created the archival file would be helpful in identifying accomplishments. It was noted that Corinne Golgar would also be a valuable asset in this endeavor for her writing skills. Some ideas that were suggested to highlight League

accomplishments are: use of library bulletin board, a speaker to discuss league and its history, perhaps a float or other visual in the Flag Day Parade. Karon Sandberg will spearhead the efforts.

Voters Service: District 11 and 13 will have aldermanic races in the Primary Election. There was discussion about using homes versus public places to meet the candidates. It was stated that people may feel more comfortable meeting at schools or other public buildings rather than homes. It was pointed out that people may feel hesitant about going to homes as these are often seen to be fund-raising occasions for candidates. It was agreed that the interviews on Cable Vision are a good service to the public, and that they should continue. It was suggested that the Grand Chute Chairman race may be one that should be highlighted. It was noted that cable exposure of the candidates, rather than neighborhood meetings, for this area may be more effective as the constituency is widespread. To date the Voter Service Budget is \$182.00.

Beth talked to Cindi Hesse, City Clerk, regarding the state league press release reporting that the LWV would be canvassing high schools to recruit poll workers. Beth stated that it was our intent to work with Cindi in this area if she would like our help. Barb Hoffman will initiate a meeting with Cindi to meet with the Voter Service Committee on this issue. Barb made a motion that the LWV Appleton would respond in letter to the Wisconsin State League challenging their process of issuing a press release on a matter that involves local leagues before informing or consulting local leagues. Further, the recruitment of volunteers by the league without consulting the City Clerk is inappropriate and ill-mannered. Sue Silton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Membership: The membership count is 48 members.

Visibility: Jodi asked if the Bulletin from the past 6-8 years could be deleted from the website to provide more room. The Bulletins will be deleted from the site but saved on an archival disc. It was suggested that the election races be put on the web site with information on meetings, forums, debates etc. to get to know the candidates.

Bulletin: Deadline is January 25.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange