

League of Women Voters of Appleton, WI
Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 10 2007
Appleton Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room

Present: Beth English, Winnie Doxsie, Nadine Miller, Shirley Strange, Sue Silton, Barb Hoffman, Miriam Douglass, Carolyn Mewhorter, Jody Van Domelen, Shirley Adams, Karon Sandberg.

Absent: Lynda Cutts

Call to Order: Beth called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Minutes: The minutes for March 13, 2007 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Last month there was a question regarding the \$48.00 expenditure. Sue stated that the money was used to pay for printing the position statements. Sue reported that the last PMA payments were made. The cost of the state convention is not known as this time. Jody moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Shirley Adams seconded. Motion carried.

Budget There was discussion about a finance drive to obtain increased revenue to pay for the PMA/PMP which basic dues do not cover. The US PMP is \$26.30 and the State PMA is \$27.00. Basic memberships dues are \$45.00 and sustaining membership dues are \$65.00. Basic dues would have to be at least \$53.00 to cover state and national dues, and this would not cover local costs. There was discussion around raising dues and many pros and cons were voiced. Reinstating the scholarship was also discussed with favorable response. Sue will have interest transferred to the treasury. It was decided that the CDs would be rounded to whole dollar numbers. They come due at staggered times.

MOTION

Winnie Doxsie made a motion to recommend to the annual meeting a raise in basic membership dues from \$45.00 to to \$55.00 and sustaining membership dues from \$65.00 to \$75.00. Shirley Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting: Nadine presented the program for the annual meeting which will be held at Michiels, May 3, 5: 30 PM. Nadine asked that Board Members send her their reports to be compiled for distribution at the meeting.

Voters Service: The Voters Service Committee is working on a project to recruit poll workers. The Committee met to discuss viable groups/businesses to approach and the ways this might be accomplished. On April 19 the committee will meet with Cindi Hesse,

City Clerk, to continue work on the project. The goal is to complete recruitment by the end of October 2007.

Study

- *Mental Health:* Carolyn reported that committee members are discovering and sharing many different issues at their meetings. Barb suggested that the Mental Health Committee report out to the public the problems and issues that are being uncovered. Nadine remarked that the Post Crescent might be interested in this topic as a local series.
- *Energy:* Two people from the State Energy Study have been appointed to Governor Doyle's task force.

Program/Action

- *Legislative Day:* Four Board members, Shirley Adams, Winnie Doxsie, Carolyn Mewhorter, and Shirley Strange are attending Legislative Day.
- *Sesquicentennial:* Karon reported that there will not be any expenses for participating in the Sesquicentennial. She will not be using the \$150 in the budget allocated for the event. The League will participate in the June 9th Flag Day Parade. Karon's committee is looking for costuming and antique cars.

Membership/Visibility:

- *Bulletin:* Deadline is April 25th. Articles for the Bulletin include, Legislative Day recap, Sesquicentennial information, Beth's letter with information on the Annual Meeting.
- *Public Relations:* It was suggested that a letter be written to the Post Crescent to acknowledge their good work in providing information on candidates for the Primary Election as well as information on registration and voting. Karon and Beth will take care of this.
- *Beth:* LWVWI sent a statement to the Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail declaring opposition to AB 207/SB 107, the "Video Cable Bill". The League declares that the bill threatens funding for public access channels which will affect the ability of local Leagues to educate voters.

Around the Board:

- *Nadine:* Nadine announced that UW Founder's Days will present the topic, "Open Government" on April 30, 6 PM at Michiels.
- *Miriam:* Miriam announced that she will be retiring from the Board.

- *Barb:* Barb also will be retiring from the Board.
- *Winnie:* Gave thanks and praise to Beth for her sterling service to the League and the community over the past two years.
- *Carolyn:* Shared her appreciation to have served with outstanding people on the Board.
- *Beth:* Thanked Carolyn for accepting the nomination for the presidency for the coming year. Beth characterized the Board as invigorating.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange