

**League of Women Voters of Appleton, WI**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2007**  
**Appleton Public Library, Lower Level**

**Present:** Carolyn Mewhorter, Shirley Strange, Nadine Miller, Sue Silton, Vicky Olenski, Cindy Carter, Debra Cronmiller.

**Absent:** Winnie Doxsie, Shirley Adams, Jody Van Domelen

Introductions were made.

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Mewhorter at 6:04 PM.

**Mental Health Study Committee:** Debra Cronmiller presented the questions for the Mental Health Study. During the course of the year, League members will have the opportunity to discuss the questions and come to consensus to update the Mental Health Position.

**Motion**

Sue Silton moved to accept the questions presented by Debra for discussion of the Mental Health Study. Cindy seconded. Motion carried.

Debra will call a first meeting through the Bulletin. Deb will seek permission for League members to be invited to "Plunge" Day presented by the Community Health Action Team. This would be a day of in-depth study on Mental Health issues and would serve as the kick-off for the League study. If this does not work out, Deb and the Mental Health Committee will arrange a forum, a panel of speakers on the topic. Plunge Day takes place October 12. The forum, if necessary, would also be scheduled in October. Unit study groups would be scheduled for November and January with Consensus in February. Deb will write a notice for the Bulletin to inform members.

**President's Report:** Carolyn asked that the job description revisions be put on hold and that we look at them in January. We need to write a paragraph for the Bulletin telling about the work done in Voter Service last year by Shirley Adams, Winnie Doxsie and Shirley Strange. We will aim for the October Bulletin. Shirley S. will contact Winnie and Shirley A. on this.

Jody Van Domelen is struggling with some health issues. Shirley S. will write her a note on behalf of the Board.

Karon Sandberg is enrolled in the Ministry program, (in Minnesota) and she will not be able to attend the League Board meetings. However, she will continue working in Publicity. Carolyn will take Karon's place at the AWARE meetings.

Carolyn and Shirley S. will write a paragraph for the Bulletin alerting members of the Immigration questions and provide a link to information from the LWVUS website.

**VP-Action:** Nadine will send out Action Alerts and offer the choice for members to sign up to receive them directly from LWWI.

**VP-Program:** Shirley Strange presented the calendar through February 2008. The Holiday Brunch will be Dec. 8 at the Radisson Paper Valley. We will honor and celebrate the 50-year members. Bev Smith from Green Bay has been invited to present her program on Susan B. Anthony. The cost of her program is \$50.00.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue has received \$730.00 in dues and contributions to date. It was suggested that the Expense/Contribution Record be put on the website for easy accessibility. Sue reported that the ball is rolling on the 501C3 status. She suggested that when this is completed, a note be put in the Bulletin announcing Marion Ming's memorial donation to the League. Sue recommended to the Board that the Budget include a line item for President's Discretionary Fund. She suggested an amount of \$50.00 per month which would provide \$450.00 per year for the President to use for League expenses.

#### **Motion**

Cindy moved that we add the President Discretionary Fund to the Board and Committees Expenses at \$50.00 per month and add \$450.00 to the income under Member Contributions. Nadine seconded and the motion carried.

#### Bank Accounts

CD 12231	5,000.00
CD 12232	5,000.00
Checking 2007-08	<u>1,251.55</u>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>11,251.55</b>

#### Asset Accounts

Education Fund	<u>748.41</u>
Total Asset Accounts	748.41

**Overall Total** **11,999.96**

**Voter Service:** Shirley Strange reported that Shirley Adams is still looking for people to observe at City Council Meetings and School Board Meetings.

**Membership:** Winnie submitted a report. There are 13 paid memberships as of September 11. Her written report states that, with the exception of one, all paid memberships are Sustaining Memberships. Several contributions have come in with dues checks. No one has used the one-time \$30.00, "Look at League".

**Bulletin:** Vicky will reformulate the Bulletin to reduce white space. Bulletin deadline is September 24.

**Announcements:** Cindy made several announcements with regard to upcoming Environmental meetings. It was decided that we will not publish meeting dates unless they are League sponsored activities. Cindy will write a paragraph for the Bulletin to provide a link for members to get information on the various environmental meetings.

**Adjournment:** Nadine moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange