

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

**Present:** Carolyn Mewhorter, Vicky Olenski, Nadine Miller, Shirley Adams, Jody Van Domelen, Cindy Carter, Shirley Strange, Winnie Doxsie,

**Absent:** Sue Silton, Karon Sandberg

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Mewhorter at 6:00 pm.

Introductions were made.

**Announcements** – Carolyn announced

- National LWV Convention will be June 13 – 17 in Portland, Oregon. There is some money in the budget to send delegates.
- National League no longer needs hard copies of minutes and newsletters, the newsletters can be e-mailed.

**Minutes:** Shirley Adams moved to approve the September minutes. Jody seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bank Accounts – 9/30/2007

CD 12231	5,000.00
CD 12232	5,000.00
LWV Checking	<u>2,330.83</u>
Total Bank Accounts	12,330.83

Asset Accounts

Education Fund	<u>132.81</u>
Total Asset Accounts	132.81

***Overall Total*** ***12,463.64***

Sue's written report noted:

- An in-kind donation of \$30.83 was received in Voter Service. She will continue to track and report donations monthly.
- One certificate will be maturing in late October and will be rolled over.
- As of October 3<sup>rd</sup> there is \$1843.41 in checking after paying ¼ PMA, President's discretionary fund and AT&T.
- There is still no news about the change to 501c (3) from the State League.
- Carolyn noted she had checks if anyone needed money while Sue is gone.

**Mental Health:** Carolyn:

- Reminded the Board about the October 12 event. We can send 2 people from our League. If anyone is interested please contact Debra Cronmiller.
- Reminded the Board that the LWV of Appleton will sponsor a one hour panel discussion on the current mental health delivery system. The event will be October 22 in the Appleton Public Library Lower Level at 4:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Voter Service:** Shirley Adams reported she is not getting volunteers to attend the city and school board meetings. Three people have been going to the county board meetings. Winnie Doxsie reported on the Poll Worker Project. 17 businesses were approached about encouraging their employees to be Poll Workers by either modifying their Jury Duty policy or some type of release. Letters were sent and follow up phone calls were made by Shirley Adams and Strange. The results from the business contacts are very mixed.

Shirley Strange reported that she attended a workshop on Poll Workers at the League Democracy event. The way to have quality elections is to have enough poll workers that are well trained. That is the goal of this project.

Nadine suggested an editorial.

Cindy Carter suggested contacting WE Energies.

**Program/Action:**

Nadine will send out the Action Alerts in the future (Carolyn was doing this).

Shirley Strange distributed:

- A Calendar
- The Holiday Brunch Invitation – December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 – Paper Valley.
- A tentative plan for the Holiday Brunch – the program will be a presentation of Susan B. Anthony by Beverly and Stu Smith.

*We will recognize our 50 year members:* Barb Hoffmann and Corinne Goldgar. The Board wondered if Mary Cronmiller and Joy Povolny are also 50 years members. Sue and Winnie are asked to find out.

*Immigration Study* – is the first National Study in 15 years. Shirley S. reported that Oshkosh League is trying to get a forum together for November 12 but they are having trouble getting speakers. Carolyn suggested that Appleton League might consider not participating in the consensus process because we don't have enough people to staff a committee. We can only do so much with the active members we have.

**Membership:** Winnie distributed the list of 17 members who have joined for 2008.

Several Board members paid dues at the meeting. It was suggested that next meeting Board members be given the opportunity to call people they know who haven't remembered to send in their dues.

The membership event is October 11 at Winnie's. Board members were asked to attend.

**Natural Resources:** November 3 is the Sustainable Fox Valley workshop at the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. League is a sponsor. The cost is \$25 for the day.

Cindy is following the progress of SR81.

The National Coal Campaign is having a conference call on October 10 and Cindy asked if anyone on the Board was willing to participate.

**Bulletin:** Vicky Olenski announced the Bulletin *deadline is October 23*. The Board complimented her on the look and format of the Bulletin.

*Articles for the Bulletin should be sent to Vicky at her school e-address, she will be sending that to us, and copy Carolyn. Vicky's personal account has issues with messages not getting through*

The Board directed the President to write an article encouraging members to become more active.

This led to a discussion about what we offer members to do and the feeling was not much. The general feeling is we need to offer some type of social activity once a month. *November 19 was set as an Evening of Conversation*. We will meet at Cheyenne's in the back room for dinner for those who wish to eat and have an informal discussion about the information provided by National LWV in the immigration study. Board members took study papers to read and "report" on. The conversation can stay with immigration or wander to other topics - the goal is to give Leaguers social opportunities to get together and have interesting conversation. The Board felt we need to have something each month. December is the Brunch, January is Lively Issues. There will also be Mental Health activities to participate in. February will need a plan.

**Announcements:** Next month the meeting will be at the Library in a study room upstairs.

**Adjourn:** Nadine moved to adjourn. Shirley A. seconded.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

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Respectfully submitted,

Winnie Doxsie