

**LWV-APPLETON
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 13, 2007, 6:00—7:30 pm
Appleton Public Library study room-upstairs**

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

Absent: Karon Sandberg, Sue Silton

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Carolyn Mewhorter.

Minutes: Shirley Adams moved to approve the October minutes. Shirley Strange seconded. The minutes were approved.

President's Report: Carolyn Mewhorter:

- Highlighted the Moderator Training available on December 15th at the State Office in Madison. Anyone interested is asked to contact her for details and to register.
- Announced that Dick Sampson had a stroke and is now in Val Haven in Neenah. His wife hopes he will be home by Thanksgiving. Carolyn sent him a note from LWV Appleton wishing him well.
- Met with Corinne Goldgar to evaluate the Appleton Budget
- Spoke at the Appleton Budget Day, complimented them for the Valley Transit night service and spoke in favor of the expansion of the library.
- Met with Helen Nagler to review the County Board budget
- Spoke on the County budget, used much of the language from last years comments.
- Announced that Thursday, November 15, there will be a Seminar titled "Run for Office... Who Me?" at Lawrence, Science Hall, Room 102 at 6:30
- Announced that Karon Sandburg has resigned. Her schedule traveling to Minneapolis every week for seminary has become too much. She will be missed. We need to figure out how to replace her.
- The Board asked Carolyn to contact Karon and ask for help with contact information for the media and AWARE. Nadine may be able to help.
- Mentioned that she and Winnie made a presentation on League Monday the 11th, that went well.

Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's Report was read and handouts distributed showing month by month expenses from July to October as well as a cash flow report for the period of July 1, 2007 to October 27.
- Members of the Board felt they would also like to see a report that told us how we were doing compared to the budget and or at the same time in previous years. Winnie will explain to Sue.

Bank Accounts – 9/30/2007	
CD 12231	5,000.00
CD 12232	5,000.00
LWV Checking	<u>2,473.50</u>
Total Bank Accounts	12,473.50

Asset Accounts	
Education Fund	<u>132.81</u>
Total Asset Accounts	132.81
Overall Total	12,606.31

The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Study: Mental Health Study

- Carolyn asked Shirley Strange to get the unit meeting dates set as soon as possible.

Voters’ Service

- Winnie reported that LWV received a grant from Time Warner Cable to develop a Public Service Announcement encouraging individuals to become poll workers. The PSA will run through November 2008.

Program/Action

Programs – Shirley Strange announced:

- She had attended the Oshkosh forum on the Immigration Study that was held 11/12. She said it was very interesting and is finding the information from National LWV interesting and worth while reading.
- The “Conversation with League” meeting on the 19th will be focusing on the information in the Immigration Study. Shirley distributed information on some of the study topics to those interested in reading and reporting. She encouraged everyone to read the information.
- The Holiday Brunch will honor, Barb Hoffman, Joy Povolny, Donna Weis and Corinne Goldgar as 50-year members of League. Marlis Fritzell and Marsha Hittle have prepared presentations to honor these ladies. Marlis, Marsha and Sue Kinde are 40 year members. Shirley shared the invitation she sent to the guests of honor.

Action – Nadine Miller:

- Asked Vicki for the e-mail list of members so she could do e-communication on action items.
- Carolyn reminded everyone to send e-mails to the general membership using the “blind copy” to keep address confidential.
- Nadine talked about the bill deregulating cable and how it might negatively impact activities like the Time Warner Cable opportunities to produce candidate forums.
- She felt there would be little action in the legislatures until 2008.

Membership/Visibility

- Winnie reported that we had 26 members who have sent in dues for 2008

- After discussion she will send out e-mail reminders and follow up with phone calls.
- We have 3 new members. They were assigned to a mentor.
 - Nadine will contact Vickie Milde
 - Carolyn will contact Maureen Motschman
 - Winnie will contact Sharron Huss

Natural Resources

Cindy Carter reported:

- She attended James Kunstler's presentation "A Slap in the Face with the Hand of Reality" and found it very worth while.
- There is a coal fired plant in Madison the will either close or have to install scrubbers.
- She hopes to participate in a "call in" on Wednesday.
- The Sustainable Fox Cities event – talking about how to create "green communities" was held and she understood that Appleton was not represented. This was a concern.

Bulletin

- Deadline for the next bulletin is November 30th.
- Vicki needs new member information
- When sending articles to Vicki the Board is reminded to copy Carolyn.

Website

Shirley Strange suggested Jody add the VOTE411 link to our site.
Jody welcomes ideas and content suggestions.

Around the Board

- Put League activities on the Community Calendar in the Post Crescent –
- Discussed whether we should answer the consensus questions for the Immigration Study – the decision will be made after Monday's meeting.
- We should have an activity to celebrate LWV's birthday on February 14. Cindy suggested participating in Death by Chocolate on the Avenue.
- Carolyn thanked everyone for their hard work

Adjourn

The meeting ended at 7:15

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2007
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Respectfully Submitted
Winnie Doxsie