League of Women Voters of Appleton WI Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 11, 2007 Appleton Public Library – Lower Level

Present: Carolyn Mewhorter, Shirley Strange, N Miller, S Silton, C Carter, S Adams

Absent: Winnie Doxsie, Jody Van Domelen, Vicky Olenski

Call to order by President Mewhorter at 6PM.

Minutes of the November 13 Board meeting were approved.

President's Report

- ✓ The Holiday Brunch was a great success. 50 year members appreciated the honor. The public service announcement on poll worker recruitment was debuted.
- ✓ The Mental Health Study Group met recently and established meeting dates of January 3, February 7 and March 6 at 11:30AM at Harmony Café. All members are encouraged to participate in these meetings.
- ✓ Per Winnie there are presently 35 paid members.
- ✓ June 6 and 7 are the dates for the LWV-WI annual meeting.
- ✓ There is a Conservation League Forum in Madison on January 30th.
- ✓ There is a Family Care Forum the evening of January 30th at the Thompson Center

Treasurer's Report

Nadine moved, Carolyn seconded a motion to approve the report. Total income to date is \$2960.27, total expenses to date are \$3,004.31 and there is \$12,519.34 in the bank and asset accounts.

Voter's Service

The spring primary is Feb. 19 and the spring election is April 1. Half the city council, all the county board and a number of county circuit judges will be on the ballot. Need for a primary is yet unknown. Discussion included the value of candidate interviews on public access channel, collaboration with the local Bar Association, value of neighborhood candidate meetings, resources to accomplish this service. It was agreed to continue this discussion on January 8 after the Immigration Study Consensus meeting and before the board meeting with the general membership in attendance.

VP-Program, Shirley Strange reported that:

- ✓ Beth English has been asked to conduct the Lively Issues session.
- \checkmark The annual meeting of the Appleton League will be May 1st.
- \checkmark There is a request for a speaker on the League's education positions in 9/08.
- ✓ The Sustainable Workshop planning group thanked us for the \$100 contribution.
- ✓ An unsolicited \$50 donation was received from the Galloway Company.

Natural Resources

Cindy Carter reported officials were meeting today regarding motorized vehicles on a nearby trail. The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce is lobbying to defeat SB 81, clean air and carbon emissions standards.

Bulletin

Send articles to Vicky by 12/28 for the January bulletin. Include an article on upcoming, local election activity. Consensus was that Vicky is doing an outstanding job with the bulletin.

Website

Concern was expressed for Jody's health. The board is pleased with the website and encourages a link to the Vote 411 site.

Adjournment at 7:20PM

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at the Appleton Public Library