

League of Women Voters of Appleton WI
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 12, 2008
Appleton Public Library – Lower Level

Present: Shirley Adams, Cindy Carter, Winnie Doxsie, Carolyn Mewhorter, Shirley Strange

Absent: Nadine Miller, Vicky Olenski, Sue Silton, Jody Van Domelen

Call to order by President Mewhorter at 6:04 PM.

Minutes of the February 12 Board meeting were corrected and approved.

Under Presidents Report in 2nd bullet - change Carolyn stated to there is concern

Under Program 6th bullet – the nominating committee is *this* year.

President’s Report - Carolyn:

- ✓ Shared information from the Joyce Foundation. We can get funds to hold a forum on: Campaign Finance, Election Law & Voting Rights or Government Ethics.
- ✓ Dick Sampson died. Carolyn sent a card and check from Appleton LWV.
- ✓ The State Annual Meeting is June 6 & 7. Shirley Strange and Carolyn are looking for individuals to go with them.
- ✓ The National Convention is June 13 – 17. Carolyn hopes someone from Appleton LWV can attend. Cindy Carter expressed interest.

Treasurer’s Report - Sue is on vacation - Winnie Doxsie gave the Treasurers Report

Bank Accounts – 3/8/08

CD 12231	5,000.00
CD 12232	5,000.00
LWV Checking	2,560.20
Total Bank Accounts	12, 560.20

Asset Accounts

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

Overall Total ***12,693.01***

Proposed Budget for 2008 / 2009 - The proposed budget for 2008 / 2009 was presented and approved unanimously. It will be published for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

Mental Health Study – The proposed language for the new position on mental health was approved. It will be prepared to publish in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE POSITION (2008)

LWV- Appleton supports:

A mental health care system which is community based and includes financial and geographic accessibility for residents of all ages. This system should include same day service availability and immediate care options for all. This system should be adequately staffed in both the in-patient and out-patient care arenas insuring that no person in need of services would be turned away or made to wait. Appropriate on-going, affordable treatment options for all persons should be available regardless of one's ability to pay.

A mental health system where care is coordinated between the providers of services to persons who are publicly insured, privately insured and uninsured. Coordination should exist between primary health providers, mental health providers, pharmaceutical providers and public and private insurers. Providers should share all treatment options with each individual and assure that each person understands his or her options for care.

A mental health system in which all providers have knowledge of the complete delivery system in the community so that all people get adequate treatment or are referred to other providers to receive appropriate care.

A mental health system in which referrals between private, non-profit and for-profit providers are utilized to ensure the best overall patient care and least duplication within the mental health delivery system.

A mental health crisis care system that is responsive, well staffed and adequately supported

Voter's Service -- Shirley Adams reported:

There will be two judge forums at the Harmony Café in March.

VP-Program - Shirley Strange distributed a Program Calendar and packet of materials in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

- ✓ The Annual Meeting will be May 15th at the Red Ox. (This is a date change.)
- ✓ **Annual Reports are due to Shirley by May 8th for inclusion in the program.**

Membership – Winnie Doxsie

- ✓ Announced we have 42 members

Natural Resources - Cindy Carter reported:

- ✓ SB81 passed the Senate but it is stuck in the Assembly
- ✓ The Great Lakes Compact passed the Senate but is also hung up in the Assembly. She suggested we should thank Senator Ellis and encourage Rep. Wieckert to support the bill.
- ✓ March 19 is the Governor's Global Task Force Meeting in Green Bay.
- ✓ On the Mental Health Parity Lobby Day she attended. More information is on Barb Lawton's website.

Bulletin - Articles are due March 25th.

Around the Board

The nominating committee needs to have 2 people appointed at the annual meeting.

Adjournment at 7:10 PM

Next meeting – Tuesday, April 8th at the Appleton Public Library

Respectfully submitted by Winnie Doxsie