

League of Women Voters of Appleton WI
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 2008
Appleton Public Library – Lower Level

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

Absent: Winnie Doxsie,

Call to order by President Mewhorter at 6:02 PM.

Minutes of the March 11 meeting were approved.

President's Report:

- Carolyn received a thank-you card from Alice Sampson for the \$50.00 contribution to Dick Sampson's memorial fund.
- Carolyn has received the Immigration Position from LWVUS and will send it to Jody to post it on the website.
- Lee Allinger, Appleton Area School District Superintendent, has invited the Appleton League to send a representative to sit on the "Future Needs Study Committee." Winnie Doxsie has agreed to accept the responsibility. Nadine Miller will support Winnie by serving either as a back-up for Winnie when she cannot attend meetings or partner with her in attending all meetings.
- State Study: Carolyn brought the book, From Registration to Recounts: The Election of Ecosystems of Five Midwestern States. This book was sent from the LWVWI as part of the background information for the state study. One of the authors, Daniel P. Tokaji is the opening keynote speaker for the State Annual Meeting.
- State Annual Meeting: Carolyn and Shirley Strange will be attending. Carolyn will post a notice to inform members that Shirley has room for two more people in her car if anyone is interested in attending the meeting.
- National Convention: June 13-17. Cindy Carter is interested in attending the National Convention in Oregon. There was a lengthy discussion about the feasibility of attending the Convention within the budget confines.

Motion

Shirley Strange moved that Cindy Carter represent the Appleton LWV at the National Convention in Portland, Oregon, June 13-17, 2008 keeping within our budget of \$1500. Vicky Olenski seconded. The motion carried.

Cindy and Jody Van Domelen will search the internet and check with AAA to research the cost of the trip.

Treasurer's Report: Sue stated that activity was minimal.

- The 4th payment of the PMA was made. Next year the PMA goes up \$1.20.
- There was discussion about the \$30.00 trial membership. Sue stated that this membership category puts additional costs on the local league. One person joined under this category. After much discussion a motion was made.

Motion

Nadine Miller moved to eliminate the \$30.00 "Look at League" category. Cindy Carter seconded. The motion carried.

- Sue brought up a discussion about whether or not we need to keep the telephone answering machine. The arguments for retaining the phone line included, new people wanting information on membership, and that it is a symbol of good-will. Retaining it was challenged due to the cost of \$25.00 per month and limited calls received. This year, Carolyn has received 2-3 calls per month. The matter was tabled in the interest of time. There will be further discussion at the next Board meeting.

Jody Van Domelen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Shirley Adams seconded. Motion carried.

Bank Accounts

CD 12231	5,000.00
CD 12232	5,000.00
Checking 2007-08	2,295.18
Total Bank Accounts	12,295.18

Asset Accounts

Education Fund	132.81
Total Asset Accounts	132.81
Overall Total	12,427.99

Mental Health Study: Shirley Adams reported that United Way is supporting a project partnering with other services to provide counseling for youth in three Menasha schools.

Voter's Service: Shirley Adams stated that she was not called to serve as a poll worker in the primary election.

- The Observer Corps is in need of volunteers. It was agreed that we will ask members at the annual meeting to act as observers for the city, county and school board meetings. Cindy Carter agreed to set up a schedule.

Program: Shirley Strange reminded Board members to complete their annual reports and submit them by May 8th. Calendar is completed through June.

- Shirley asked for volunteers to report out on various aspects of the state study for the meeting on April 15. Shirley stated that she also sent a request for volunteers to several League members.
- Shirley stated that Carolyn had received an invitation from JoAnn Hunse, Community Relations Director of the Appleton Retirement Community for the League to use rooms in their facility for our meetings. Shirley has made contact and will visit the site and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Nadine reported that there is very little action at this time.

- Nadine will write an article for the Bulletin with information about contacting our legislators.
- It was decided that we will plan a workshop to teach people how to contact their representatives. It was suggested that we invite our representatives to be present at this meeting. This workshop could also serve to invite new members to join League.

Membership: Winnie was not present, but has distributed the new membership list and sent her report which follows:

Membership Report for April 2008
Winnie Doxsie

Attached to this report is the most current membership information. There are a few address changes from the January document so please replace it with the April 2008 version.

We have had a request for information about our Poll Worker Project from Myrna Loehrlein in the Iowa League. I talked to her and sent her documents we have developed. I will also be sending her a copy of are PSA.

Natural Resources – Cindy reported that the Great Lakes Compact could still get passed.

Bulletin: Vicky reported that all is going well.

- Sue wrote a check to Vicky for the 12 monthly mailings of the Bulletin. There was also discussion about purchasing Forever stamps for Bulletin mailings for the remainder of the year since postage is going up May 1.

Motion

Cindy moved that Sue write a check for \$41.00 to Vicky to purchase Forever Stamps. Shirley Adams seconded. Motion carried

- The deadline for submitting Bulletin entries is April 26th.

Website: Jody will be updating the website this week.

- Vicky is interested in learning more about the operations of Appleton League website and will be working with Jody on this.
- There was discusión again about putting the Board Minutes on the website. Nadine voiced some concern about privacy. After some discusión, the Board agreed to post the minutes on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange