

League of Women Voters of Appleton
Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2008

Present: Carolyn Mewhorter, Shirley Strange, Sue Siltan, Miriam Douglass, Shirley Adams, Cindy Carter, Barbara Dorzweiler, Winnie Doxsie, Stevie Schmidt, Jody VanDomelen

Absent: Nadine Miller, Vicki Olenski

Agenda: “Mental Health Study Action” was added after the “Action” item.

Minutes of the May 13 Board meeting were approved after the following correction under the President’s Report – “The Joyce Foundation grant to fund a forum on Judicial Rights was obtained last year jointly with the Neenah-Menasha LWV.”

President’s Report – A possible merger requested by the LWV Neenah-Menasha and name change to LWV Fox Cities was discussed further.

- Reasons given by the LWV Neenah-Menasha were outlined by Julia Anseth of the Green Bay and State Leagues in a 2-9-08 email to Peggy Cox (LWV N-M) and include
 - Membership in the LWV Neenah-Menasha has been dropping,
 - Unification – align League with many other Fox Cities organizations,
 - Inclusiveness – a LWV Fox Cities would appeal to people who do not identify directly with either Appleton, Neenah or Menasha,
 - Financial support from businesses that identify with the whole region, not an individual town or city, and
 - Increased media coverage by radio and TV stations that refer to the area as the Fox Cities.
- The membership of the LWV Appleton must be involved in the discussion. Carolyn will include information in her next Bulletin report.
- **Motion** – “Study the request of the LWV Neenah-Menasha to merge with the LWV Appleton and to change the name to LWV Fox Cities.” The motion, made by Winnie Doxsie and seconded by Sue Siltan, carried unanimously.
- A group to study the pros and cons of a merger and name change and to get more details of the LWV Neenah-Menasha expectations was formed with members Winnie Doxsie (Chair), Shirley Strange, Stevie Schmidt and Carolyn Mewhorter.

Treasurer’ Report:

- Sue Siltan reported that in the 2007-08 Budget there were insufficient funds (\$100) to cover the expenses for the State Council meeting attended by Carolyn Mewhorter, Shirley Strange and Cindy Carter. There will be no delegate to the to the National Convention (\$1500 budgeted). **Motion** – “Move \$300 from Expenses item C.3. National Convention to item C.1. State Council.”. The motion, made by Winnie Doxsie and seconded by Cindy Carter, carried unanimously.

- The LWV Wisconsin estimates that the 501.c.3 status, making contributions to the LWV Appleton tax deductible, will not be awarded until next year. Our fund raising will proceed without it.

Bank Accounts

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| CD 12231 | \$5,000.00 |
| CD 12232 | \$5,000.00 |
| Checking 2007-08 | \$2,286.85 |
| Total Bank Accounts | \$12,286.85 |

Asset Accounts

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| Education Fund | \$132.81 |
| Total Asset Accounts | \$132.81 |

Overall Total **\$12,419.66**

VP Program

- Shirley Strange presented an updated 2008 Program Calendar. Board meetings will be held at 6:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the APL, lower level except that the September 9 meeting will be at Shirley’s home. Other meetings of note are Holiday Brunch (Saturday 12/6/08), Lively Issues (Saturday 1/24/09) and Annual Dinner and Meeting (Thursday 4/23/09). Shirley will use a Bulletin article to ask members for suggestions for a Holiday Brunch speaker.
- Shirley Strange, Carolyn Mewhorter and Cindy Carter were trained by the Government Accountability Board to be Special Registration Deputies and can register voters anywhere in the state of Wisconsin. Shirley Adams and Carolyn Mewhorter will discuss our intention to register voters with Cindy Hesse, Appleton City Clerk. Shirley Strange will attempt to get another training session in Appleton.

Voter Service – Shirley Adams reported that the primary election for Steve Weickert’s assembly seat is September 9. The League will sponsor a candidates’ forum at the Appleton Public Library the week of August 18. Carolyn Mewhorter will advertise the forum through Aware – Fox Cities. The Board was reminded that Board members should not install yard signs for specific candidates.

Natural Resources – Cindy Carter reported that Wisconsin has passed the Great Lakes Contract. It still requires approval by the states of MI, OH and PA and the US Congress.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary