

League of Women Voters of Appleton
Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2008

Present: Carolyn Mewhorter, Shirley Strange, Cindy Carter, Winnie Doxsie, Vicki Olenski, Barb Dorzweiler, Corinne Goldgar.

Absent: Miriam Douglass, Shirley Adams, Stevie Schmidt, Nadine Miller, Sue Silton, Jan Quinlan, Jody VanDomelen.

Agenda:

Call to Order - President Mewhorter called meeting to order at 6:05PM.

Motion made by Carolyn Mewhorter to grant Corinne Goldgar permission to participate, seconded by Cindy Carter, carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the July 8th meeting were approved as published. Motion made by Shirley Strange, seconded by Vicki Olenski, carried unanimously.

President's Report –

- Cindy Carter will attend the Great Lakes Restoration Project Seminar on September 10, 2008. Motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to use \$22 for seminar registration fees from Conference funds.
- Winnie Doxsie has revised LWV-Appleton position papers. The Mental Health Care was added as article VII. Winnie will correct the papers to carry the updated date of 2008. Position papers will soon be available on the Appleton LWV website. Members present discussed the importance of a sub-committee to review our positions on a regular basis.
- Carolyn will ask at the next member meeting on Sept 16, 2008 if an emergency study could be done on the Appleton Public Library.
- Carolyn received 50 copies of the brochure 2008 Voting in Wisconsin.
- The LWV State Board asks if we are interested in working with the poll worker project. We will get more details from Appleton City Clerk.

Treasurer's Report -

- The Treasurer's report was accepted.
- Winnie Doxsie read a note from Treasurer Sue Silton: Jan Quinlan is arranging a meeting during the week of August 18th to discuss the finance drive. A report will be forthcoming.
- \$239.63 for the D2, State PMA is ¼ of our yearly obligation.
- The \$494.50 represents ½ of the yearly National PMP (D3) and includes the remaining \$132.81 from our Ed Fund monies and \$361.69 from our checking account.
- Note the 0 balance in our Asset Account.
- Members can email Sue Silton with questions.

Program –

- VP, Shirley Strange, reported The Appleton LWV and the Neenah-Menasha LWV have invited Justice Shirly Abrahamson to speak on the issue of Judicial

Independence. Her topic will be “An Impartial Judiciary”. The forum will take place at the Appleton Public Library, Oct 6, 7:00-8:30 pm. There will be time for questions following the presentation. James Alexander, Director of the Judicial Commission may join the presentation. Funding is provided in part by the Joyce Foundation.

- The Paper Valley Hotel has been reserved for the Holiday Brunch on December 6.

Action – No report.

Mental Health – Carolyn will arrange a meeting for Barbara Dorzweiler, Carolyn, and Debra Cronmiller to review the Mental Health Study.

Voter Service –

- Shirley Strange distributed a list of voter registration dates for Shirley Adams. The League banner will be used for voter registration tables. Contact persons should make arrangements with each other to obtain the banner.
- The Early Childhood Conference is charging a fee of \$25 for a registration table for the duration of the conference. Motion made by Shirley Strange to use \$25 from the Voter Service fund to pay this fee. Seconded by Vicki Olenski and approved unanimously.

Observer Corps – No report.

Membership –

- Winnie Doxsie has set a tentative date for a membership social for October 21, 2008.
- The bulletin should post the membership fee renewal date.

Natural Resources –

- Cindy Carter reports that the Great Lakes Compact was passed by all eight states.
- The White House is making noise about repealing the endangered species act.
- DNR is reintroducing an endangered snake to the southwest part of Wisconsin.

Bulletin –

- Vicki provided the following dates as the publishing deadlines for the monthly bulletin:

Aug 29

Oct 30

Sept 27

Nov 28

Dec 30

Jan 29, 2009

Feb 26, 2009

Around the Board –

- Should we submit a letter to the editor regarding the lack of participation by the candidates for the 57th Assembly forum? Discussion followed and Corinne Goldgar offered gracious and pertinent advice.
- Will we have an 8th Congressional District Forum?

Next meeting date is September 9, 6PM at the home of Shirley Strange.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Dorzweiler