

**League of Women Voters of Appleton
Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2008**

Present: Carolyn Mewhorter , Winnie Doxsie , Shirley Strange, Sue Silton, Miriam Douglass, Shirley Adams, Cindy Carter, Barbara Dorzweiler, Nadine Miller, Vicki Olenski

Absent: Jan Quinlan, Jody VanDomelen

Call to Order: President Carolyn Mewhorter, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Agenda: (A copy is attached to the archived minutes.) A report on the Finance Drive will be given with the Treasurer's report.

Minutes of the September 9 Board meeting were approved (motion by Sue Silton, second by Vicki Olenski).

President's Report:

- The answering service is working well. Recently there have been two requests for speaking engagements and 15 people expressing interest in joining the League.
- Olena Bogden, a Lawrence student from Russia, has volunteered to work 20 hours for our League. Board members are encouraged to find ways to use her services.
- The Board book, including "League Basics", needs to be updated. Board members are asked to review their job descriptions for the November 11 Board meeting. After Thanksgiving a committee of Shirley Strange, Winnie Doxsie, Barbara Dorzweiler and Miriam Douglass will update the book.
- No Letters to the Editor submitted by our League to the Post Crescent have been published. Carolyn Mewhorter and Shirley Strange will talk with Ed Flannery, Managing Editor to ascertain the reason.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sue Silton will email the Budget Comparison to Board members prior to the monthly Board meetings.
- LWVWI will reimburse our Appleton League for the Abrahamson brochure.
- A draft of the Convention, Conference and Workshop Attendance Guidelines prepared by Winnie Doxsie, Sue Silton and Marcia Hittle was discussed. Winnie will incorporate suggestions of Board members and present the revised version at the next Board meeting.
- **Finance Drive** – Sue distributed the final version of Jan Quinlan's letter to potential contributors (attached to the archived copy of these minutes).

- **Bank Accounts**

CD 12231	\$ 5,000.00
CD 12232	\$ 5,000.00
Checking 2008-09	\$ 801.96
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 10,801.96

Asset Accounts

Monies kept by LWV	\$ 0.00
Total Asset Accounts	\$ 0.00
Overall Total	\$ 10,801.96

VP Program

- Shirley Strange reported that Rev. Dottie Mathews will speak on Rachel Carson at the Holiday Brunch on December 6. She will be paid \$50. Shirley recommended that \$125 be included in next year’s budget for this purpose.
- Shirley reported on the LWVWI conference on “Making Democracy Work” that she and Shirley Adams attended on October 4. (A copy is attached to the archived minutes.)
- Cindy Carter and Barbara Dorzweiler were appointed as Board representatives to the Nominating Committee.
- The date of the Annual Meeting has been changed to April 30, 2009.

VP Action

- Nadine Miller reported that Terry Dawson, Director of the Appleton Public Library, will speak at a general membership meeting on October 16 on the need and plans for library expansion. His talk will be followed by a discussion among LWV members of what action our League will take based on our library positions.
- At the City Council meeting on the proposed budget on November 15 Nadine Miller will present our League response to the budget and Barbara Dorzweiler will speak about our Mental Health position.

Mental Health

- Barbara Dorzweiler attended a conference on October 1 with keynote presentation by Dennis Freeman, “Integrating Behavioral and Primary Care”.
- On November 17 the Appleton League and the Appleton Public Library will cosponsor a presentation by Sherry Oja, Executive Director of NAMI Appleton. She will describe what mental health services are available in our area. The public is invited.

Voter Service

- Shirley Adams reported that she has sent about 120 voter registrations to the state Government Accountability Board. Submissions by other Appleton League members will increase the total.
- On October 30 the Appleton League and the Appleton Public Library will cosponsor a debate between 57th Assembly District candidates Penny Bernard Schaber and Jo Englehoff. Carolyn Mewhorter will be the moderator. Shirley distributed a worksheet that outlined the debate format, questions for candidates and the need for volunteers to provide publicity, host the candidates, greet and usher the public, time the debate and provide League recruitment material. All positions were filled.
- Carolyn has moderated two debates sponsored by the WI Alliance for Retired Americans – one between 57th Assembly District candidates Penny Bernard Schaber and Jo Englehoff on September 22 and the second between US House of Representative candidates Steve Kagen and John Gard on October 6.

Observer Corps – no report.

Membership

- Winnie Doxsie reminded the Board about the meeting at her house on October 21 for current and prospective members.
- The membership dues category “Look At League” has been dropped.

Natural Resources – Cindy Carter reported that the Great Lakes Compact is now law.

Bulletin

- Vicky Olenski announced the following deadlines for submission of Bulletin material: October 26, November 26, December 26, January 27 and February 27.
- Miriam Douglass will proofread the Bulletin before distribution.

Website

- Jody VanDomelen is currently unable to maintain the website. Vicky Olenski will temporarily take over the responsibility.

Around the Board

- There were 54 people in attendance at the October 6 presentation by Justice Shirley Abrahamson on “An Impartial Judiciary”.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary