

**League of Women Voters of Appleton  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2008**

**Present:** Carolyn Mewhorter , Winnie Doxsie , Shirley Strange, Sue Silton, Barbara Dorzweiler, Nadine Miller, Vicki Olenski

**Call to Order:** 6:05 p.m.

**Approval of October Minutes:** Shirley Strange offered a correction to the October minutes, in the second bullet under the Treasurer’s Report change *brochure to presentation*. So it will read “LWVWI will reimburse our Appleton League for the Abrahamson presentation.” The minutes were APPROVED AS CORRECTED

**President’s Report:** President Carolyn Mewhorter passed the program planning materials she received from LWVWI to Shirley Strange. Carolyn noted that she received many positive comments about the program we had at the Holiday Brunch. She thanked Shirley Strange for a job well done

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sue Silton reported:  
The finance drive was “underwhelming”, we received \$170 in unrestricted funds (listed in B3) and \$195 in restricted funds that were placed in the Ed Fund and used to pay our PMP (Per Member Payment for LWVUS) This shows up in D3. The computer program makes showing these monies difficult. When we are finally 501 (c )3 tracking will also be simpler. The request was sent to former members. A discussion followed about different approaches the Finance Drive Committee might consider for the future, some ideas are:

- Send the Bulletin to contributors
- Have requests for contributions in every Bulletin
- Create an e-mail list for contributors.
- Have an opportunity to contribute on our website

**Bank Accounts**

CD 12231	\$ 5,000.00
CD 12232	\$ 5,000.00
Checking 2008-09	\$ 2,514.39
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 12,514.39</b>

**Asset Accounts**

Monies kept by LWV	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Asset Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,514.39</b>

She feels we are doing okay, basically because we aren’t spending that much.  
The Budget Committee will meet before she goes to Florida.  
The Treasurers Report was APPROVED

**Program:** Shirley Strange distributed several documents, attached.

- The Holiday Brunch had 26 people attending
- Lively Issues will be January 24<sup>th</sup>, Beth English will facilitate the meeting.

- The Annual Meeting is April 30<sup>th</sup>. A timeline was distributed.
- Shirley proposed several ideas for programs in 2009/

**Action:** Nadine said things are really slow right now and asked if anyone else was getting alerts from LWV. She will start watching the local issues of the Library and the County Board jail discussion.

**Mental Health:** Barb asked for more discussion about the proposed letter writing campaign she is working on that will encourage the County Board to fund a mental health facility or services. She distributed 2 draft letters (attached) one member and one non-member. After much discussion Barb will rework the letters and send them to the Board for approval in time to get them in the January Bulletin.

**Voter Service:** No Report

**Observer Corps:** Barb Dorzweiler has volunteered to take over the Observer Corps. She hopes to have observers report to her and bring information back to the Board.

**Membership:** Winnie distributed a list of members who have renewed for 2009. She will be seeking the Boards help to bring in the last few members in January/

**Natural Resources:** No Report

**Bulletin:** Vicki said everything is fine

**WEB:** There was an extended discussion about the website. Vicki is attempting to take over as Webmaster and is finding it very overwhelming. Vicki and Jody are going to look into a hosting service that can also set us up with a website that is easy to maintain, possibly by program area chairs. The Board made several comments

- We need a professional website; we need to invest in our public face.
- Can we use National templates?
- Have a place that asks “Do you want to receive our newsletter?” as well as other improvements.
- It’s time to start from scratch.

Vicki will come to the January meeting with recommendations and advise the Budget Committee of any possible financial impact.

**Around the Board:**

- Winnie asked if the Board was interested in learning about WAES (Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools)and considering joining the school funding reform movement that LWV WI and several other League already belong to.
- Sue said we should call her on her cell phone while she is in Florida, from January 10 to May. The number is 1-920-850-7741

**Next Meeting:** January 13, 2009  
Appleton Public Library

Respectfully Submitted by Winnie Doxsie