

**League of Women Voters of Appleton
Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2009**

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

Absent: Sue Siltan, Jan Quinlan

Call to Order: President Carolyn Mewhorter, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Agenda: (A copy is attached to the archived minutes.)

Minutes of the December 15, 2008 Board meeting were approved (motion by Shirley Strange, second by Vicki Olenski).

President's Report: President Carolyn Mewhorter had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: (attached to the archived minutes)

- Winnie Doxsie reported for Sue Siltan that all PMP's have been made.
- The 2009-2010 budget will be presented for Board approval at its next meeting.
- The revised "Convention, Conference and Workshop Attendance Guidelines" (attached) was distributed.
- Account Balances as of 1/8/09

Bank Accounts

CD 12231	\$ 5,000.00
CD 12232	\$ 5,000.00
Checking 2008-09	\$ 2,355.08
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 12,355.08

Asset Accounts

Monies kept by LWV	\$ 0.00
Total Asset Accounts	\$ 0.00

Overall Total **\$ 12,355.08**

VP Program: Shirley Strange updated the calendar.

- The Annual Dinner and Meeting will be on Thursday, April 30 at 5:30 PM at the Red Ox with an \$18.00 per plate charge.
- The LWVWI Annual Meeting will be held in Manitowoc, May 29-30.
- Consensus materials for the Election Administration State Study have been received. The deadline for our input to LWVWI is February 20. Shirley will arrange a meeting place.*

- Materials for the National Popular Vote Consensus have been received. Shirley will find out the deadline for our input to the LWVUS and a date and place for our meeting.*

VP Action:

- Nadine Miller reported that the main activity has been Barb Dorzweiler’s work on Mental Health (see below).
- On February 17 two Referendum Questions will be considered by the voters in the Appleton Area School District. The first question addresses smaller class sizes and preservation of course offerings (\$3,000,000) and updates of instructional materials (\$900,000). The second question deals with the security of school buildings (\$3,000,000) and of technology software and hardware (\$2,000,000). Nadine will explain the questions in the February Bulletin and cite relevant LWV positions.

Mental Health

- In the January Bulletin Barbara Dorzweiler provided a sample letter to the Outagamie County Board asking for funding of improved mental health services in the county. The mailing addresses of the County Executive and County Supervisors were also provided and League members were encouraged to join the letter-writing campaign. The letter will be attached to the February Bulletin as a Word document to facilitate editing by members to personalize their letters.

Voter Service:

- Shirley Adams reported that the February 17 primary election will have contests in Aldermanic Districts 1, 7 and 11 and for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and two AASD Referendum Questions.

Observer Corps: No report.

Membership: Winnie Doxsie is updating the LWVUS records.

Natural Resources – Cindy Carter reported that a Marine National Monument of 130,000 square miles has been established in Pacific regions.

Bulletin: Vicki Olenski set a January 27 deadline for receipt of February Bulletin materials.

Website

- To meet a primary purpose of informing the public, our League needs a new, better, user-friendly website.
- The current website is out of date. A motion to inactivate the site made by Winnie Doxie, seconded by Miriam Douglass, passed on a vote of 6-2. The site will show “Under Construction” until the current contract expires.
- Barbara Dorzweiler, Vicki Olenski, Sue Silton and Shirley Strange met with Chantelle Bray of All About You Custom Websites to explore contracting for a new website. Estimated costs were \$1700 to construct the new site, \$84/year to run and \$50/month to provide the host server and maintenance.

- Vicki will bring the names of other vendors to the February Board meeting.
- Funding possibilities are member contributions or use of funds in one of the CDs.

Around the Board: There were no additional comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary

* After the meeting the following information was received from Shirley Strange

- The consensus meeting for the Election Administration State Study will be on February 18, 6:30 PM, Appleton Public Library.
- The meeting for the National Popular Vote Consensus will be on March 17, 6:30 PM, Appleton Public Library.
- The deadline to submit the results of our meeting on the National Popular Vote Consensus is May 1.