

League of Women Voters of Appleton
Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2009

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

Absent: Sue Silton, Jan Quinlan

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

Minutes of the March 10, 2009 Board meeting were approved (motion by Shirley Strange second by Barbara Dorzweiler).

President's Report: President Carolyn Mewhorter reported.

- The Annual Meeting of the LWVWI will be May 29-30 in Manitowoc. Shirley Strange will attend.
- Steve Bailey has asked our League to cosponsor an event with the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign on May 20, 7:00 PM at Harmony Café. It will be a town hall forum on the influence of third party interest groups in state Supreme Court elections. After discussion no action was taken.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Strange relayed information from Sue Silton that the only transaction last month was payment of a \$29.09 telephone bill.

VP Program: Shirley Strange has prepared a packet of LWV of Appleton Positions as of May 2006. A printing date will be included for future clarity. Vicki Oleski will attach a spiral binding.

VP Action: Nadine Miller reported that everything is on hold because of the budget crunch for local and state governments. There are no action items listed on the LWVWI website.

Mental Health:

- Shirley Strange reported that the E.S.T.E.R.-sponsored meeting on treatment instead of prison was well-organized, well-attended and closely related to our positions. The Director of Correction presented criteria for early release of offenders based on behavior and treatment.
- Barb Dorzweiler will watch for opportunities to take action on our Mental Health positions and communicate with E.S.T.E.R. regarding possible collaboration.

Voter Service: No report.

Observer Corps: No report.

Membership: Winnie Doxsie reported that there are two new members of our League, Dottie Mathews and Rosie Geiser. The 5 national LWV members in our area will be given copies of our Annual Report and invited to the Holiday Brunch.

Bylaws Review: A committee (Marlys Fritzell, Winnie Doxsie and Shirley Strange) reviewed the bylaws and made adjustments to bring them in line with state and national recommendations. This is a housekeeping, not formal, change and does not require membership approval.

Natural Resources: Cindy Carter reported on various national and local environmental events.

Bulletin: The Board discussed a motion by Winnie Doxsie (second by Shirley Strange) to name our bulletin “The Informed Voter” and attach the tagline “Serving the citizens of the Appleton area”. Nadine Miller (second by Shirley Strange) proposed an amendment to the tagline which would read “Serving the citizens of the Appleton area and Outagamie County”. The amendment and the amended motion passed.

Website – Barbara Dorzweiler described the new website which has been launched. She asked for help in building the pages.

Around the Board: Barbara Dorzweiler will attend the LWVWI convention.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary