

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 9, 2009

Present: Shirley Strange, Nadine Miller, Barb Dorzweiler, Sue Silton, Marcia Hittle, Beth English, Cindy Carter, Sara Companic

Absent: Winnie Doxsie, Marlys Fritzell

Guest: Megan Kuehl

The new board training and goal setting meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at President Shirley Strange's house.

The meeting was organized around a walk-through of the board training notebook, which the president had prepared for each board member. She asked each member to introduce herself and answer the question: "Why did you join the League?" Then the group discussed the mission statement, the nonpartisan policy, guidelines, board member responsibilities and position descriptions, and the Annual Meeting minutes.

Sue Silton handed out copies of the 2009 Budget and the financial account balance as of 6/3/2009, which totaled \$12,535.59. Sue explained the problems connected with the delay in government action on the LWV-WI application for 501.c3 status.

The walk-through of the board training book concluded with a discussion of consensus and concurrence, the convention workshop policy and the observer corps.

Barb Dorzweiler handed out the calendar for the 2009-10 League year. Dates were set for the Holiday Brunch (December 12), Lively Issues (January 23), and the Annual Meeting (May 11). Barb also notified the group of a series of meetings, called by the Outagamie County sheriff, to get public input on the issue of building a new jail. Shirley Strange will attend one of the meetings.

The current membership brochure was reviewed, and necessary changes were suggested. Winnie Doxsie will make the updates and decide how many copies to print. The local dues do not cover the national League PMP of \$29.20 plus the state League PMA of \$30. Local dues will be reviewed during the 2010 budget process.

Guest Megan Kuehl reported that she and Bree Madison, who are both interested in getting involved with League, will summarize the local support positions and present the summary at the August meeting for board approval.

The president then led a discussion of issues of concern for this year:

Nonpartisan Policy: Shirley Strange, Barb Dorzweiler, and Winnie Doxsie will review

Observer Corps: Shirley Strange – city; Beth English – county

Transit – Cindy Carter

Finance Drive

2010 Census – Barb Dorzweiler handed out partnership forms and information. Committee: Shirley Strange, Barb Dorzweiler, Sara Companic

Local Study of reducing energy consumption – a chair is needed

Around the Board:

Barb Dorzweiler feels that there is a need for a website training meeting for members. The League email is League.Appleton@yahoo.com.

Beth English addressed the issue of League's voter registration efforts during this electoral off-year. Possibilities include the Farmers' Market and 18-year-olds at the high schools. League members would need training to update their voter registration credentials to participate.

Cindy Carter reported on the Renewable Energy Fair at Custer on June 19-21, and the possibility of restoring passenger rail service from Green Bay to Chicago .

The next newsletter will be published in August. There will be no board meeting in July. The August meeting will be on August 11, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and board members then enjoyed refreshments served by the president.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hittle, secretary