

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 8, 2009

Present: Shirley Strange, Barb Dorzweiler, Beth English, Cindy Carter, Sara Companik, Marlys Fritzell, Vicky Olenski, Winnie Doxsie, Sue Silton, Nadine Miller

Absent: Bree Madison, Megan Kuehl

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library.

Approval of the minutes of the August 11, 2009 meeting was moved by Sue Silton and seconded by Beth English after correction of the spelling of Cindi Hesse's name. Minutes approved.

In her President's report, Shirley Strange mentioned to all members to send newsletter articles to Vicki Olenski with the word "newsletter" in the subject of the email.

- Please use Vicky's AASD email address.
- We will save all minutes and newsletters for the past two years and archive it to a read-only compact disc.
- Shirley also asked members to send email communications for the entire League to Shirley first. Shirley will then approve the communication and send it on to Vicky for distribution.

Sue Silton distributed the treasurer's report.

- Our certificate of deposit accounts were rolled into new cd's with a better return. They are now 20-month cd's.
- The budget line item for the newsletter should be corrected from "the Bulletin" to "newsletter".
- When we solicit donations, we should ask for checks to be made out to the LWV Education Fund. Half of our PMP (per member payment) can be paid from the LWV Ed Fund. We should make a point of informing benefactors of the tax deduction when donating to the LWV Ed Fund. This is being mentioned on this year's membership form.

Nadine Miller gave the Action report. Nadine is forwarding Action Alerts from the State and National LWV for email distribution to all members.

- Whenever able, the Action Alerts will be posted on the Appleton League website.
- In September the League urged members to contact their representatives on passing a health care reform bill.
- Nadine has joined Cindy Carter in serving on the State LWV Task force on sustainability.

Barb Dorzweiler gave the program report by sharing upcoming dates on the League calendar.

- Sept 9 the LWV 2010 Census subcommittee will speak at the Poverty Coalition meeting;
- Sept 16 open meeting to finalize the summaries of our positions;
- Sept 22 open meeting on the topic of the 2010 Census. Outagamie County Planner Mike Hendrick will be our speaker.
- Sept 28 is the newsletter deadline.
- We hope to have more open membership meetings, so please suggest topics of interest.

Beth English reported on Voter Service. The Milwaukee LWV provided the names of new US citizens in the past. This would be helpful information for our voter education and membership efforts.

- Other organizations that we might partner with are "Welcome Wagon", "Newcomers Club".
- October is Voter Education month.

Marlys Fritzell reported on the Observer Corps. She will hold a meeting on October 7 for all members to become (re)acquainted with the Observer Corps.

Winnie Doxsie distributed the updated membership list.

- Dues renewal is coming up next month.

Cindy Carter reported on the efforts of new bills in the State Assembly and Senate. They propose that the State secretary of natural resources shall be appointed by the natural resources board for a 4-year term instead of being nominated by the governor.

- Refer to Bills AB 138 and SB113.

Vicky Olenski introduced a bookmark that she designed with the purpose of distributing League information.

- The bookmark could be distributed at the Library used book sale and the AAUW book sale.
- Vicky also introduced the idea of mailing a postcard reminder to all members about upcoming activities. Cindy Carter moved to create bookmarks and postcards and have the LWV-Appleton pay for postage. This was seconded by Winnie Doxsie and unanimously approved.
- Vicky will send a hard copy of The Informed Voter to LWVUS members who are Appleton residents. Shirley Strange will include an introductory letter with the mailings.

#### Nonpartisan Policy Discussion

The proposed nonpartisan policy written in August 2009 was observed to be too restrictive. It will be reviewed and revised. Past versions of our nonpartisan policy were distributed.

Sarah Companik reported on Project Promise. It is a coalition of several local non-profit agencies with a goal of eliminating poverty in our communities. They are sponsoring the "Faith to Face Poverty Week" from October 9-15.

- Sarah moved that the LWV-Appleton become a supporting member of Project Promise for a one-time membership fee of \$25. Vicky Olenski seconded the motion. After brief review of our social positions, the motion was approved unanimously.

The next board meeting will be October 13 at 6 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Dorzweiler for Marcia Hittle, secretary