

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 11, 2009

**Present:** Shirley Strange, Nadine Miller, Barb Dorzweiler, Sue Silton, Beth English, Cindy Carter, Sara Companic, Marlys Fritzell, Bree Madison

**Absent:** Winnie Doxsie, Marcia Hittle

**Guest:** Donna Stammer

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Shirley Strange

**Minutes** of the October meeting were approved unanimously.

**President's report:** The Green Bay LWV is working to have citizen services expanded in northeast Wisconsin. They would like us to know about their efforts to assess and document obstacles to the naturalization process and to make recommendations.

The local study has been kicked off. The next meeting is Nov 12 at Nadine Miller's home.

Shirley spoke at both the Outagamie County and City of Appleton budget hearings. Thanks to Marlys for her help.

Leslie Taylor will make LWV buttons for us. She has access to a button maker. We discussed several options.

Shirley would like to have a new League banner that is portable, recognizable and reasonably priced. She is investigating options.

LWV of Boulder, Colorado is petitioning local Leagues to join them in asking the LWV-US to select Fair Elections Now Act as a top advocacy priority at their Jan meeting. Shirley will send us information via email.

Two upcoming webinars are Nov 18 at 1 pm on the 2010 census and Nov 18 at 2 pm on program planning. See Barb D for more details.

Shirley and Barb showed a video clip from Wisconsin Eye. It was an interview with Andrea Kaminsky, Exec Director of LWV-WI at the public hearing for rules petitions at the Wisconsin Supreme Court regarding campaign financing of State Supreme Court races. Cindy moved and Bree seconded a motion to link to Wisconsin Eye from our website. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The budget committee will meet Tues, Jan 5 at 10 am at Sue Silton's home.

Budget requests should be made by the Dec board meeting.

We received a \$50 gift with a 3:1 match from the donor's local employer. Sue will work with national LWV to accept the contribution correctly.

**Action Report:** Nadine discussed recent action alerts. There have been quite a few regarding Supreme Court, federal health reform, felons voting after serving their sentence.

Nadine, Shirley and Leslie Taylor met Nov 2 at Harmony Café to kick off the local study: Policy to reduce energy consumption and cost in local government, schools, buildings, etc. They are still looking for committee members. The next meeting is Nov 12 at Nadine's home.

**Program Report:** Barb reported that the Oct 22, Light's On After School program went well. They handed out coloring books. Pictures are posted on the website.

Barb is scheduling a general meeting on the Census in March and needs help planning the meeting.

Dec 12 is the Holiday brunch. The guest speaker is Betsy Rozelle. There is still time to sign up.

National Convention is June 11-15, 2010 in Atlanta, GA.

Lively Issues will be Jan 23 at 10:30 am. Location TBA.

February marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League of Women Voters. We should celebrate. Let Barb know if you have any ideas or would like to help plan the celebration.

**Guest speaker:** Donna Stammer, Community Relations Director of Appleton Retirement Community, spoke about retirement living in general and the services offered by her residential community.

**Position Summary:** The motion to adopt the summary of our positions was met with an amendment. The amendment moved to strike the section on Smart Growth. It also moved to add verbage (created by Bree) to the Public Transportation section. Both the motion to amend and the main motion passed. Vicky and Barb will see that the Position Summary is added to the website.

**Voters Service:** Beth submitted a list of dates of the 2010 elections as well as which offices will be up for reelection. It is too early to know which of the offices will be contested. Shirley would like to see us offer a Voter's Guide in the spring.

**Observer Corps:** Marlys had observers at both the County and City budget hearings. Shirley spoke at both public hearings. The County budget has been adopted. The city votes tomorrow night (Nov 11) on their budget.

Town of Grand Chute and Appleton are considering the merger of police departments. There is opportunity to encourage cooperation.

**Natural Resources:** The Governor is threatening to veto an independent secretary of the DNR. It is unclear whether or not there are enough votes to override the veto. This is an opportunity to lobby the Legislature.

Tour of single stream recycling at the Outagamie County Landfill will be Mon, Nov 16 at 2:30 pm. Due to the short notice, a small group will tour on Mon with the intention of scheduling a larger group in the spring if appropriate.

**Informed Voter:** Vicki is only sending 17 copies via mail. She will give Shirley the names to see if they can be encouraged to receive their copies via email.

Vicki distributed the new bookmarks. They look nice.

Nov 27 is the deadline for articles to be included in the Dec newsletter. Vicki will be in Columbia later in Dec.

**Website:** Discussed adding the new summary of positions under About League.

#### **Around the Board:**

Marlys reported that Karen DeYoung has moved to Door County and joined the League there.

A poster promoting the ESTHER banquet will be offered as a link under other news on the website.

A newly revised non-partisan policy was circulated and approved. The revised policy has an additional sentence and a revised date. (included with these minutes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth English (in place of Marcia Hittle, secretary)