

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 12, 2010

Present: Shirley Strange, Barb Dorzweiler, Nadine Miller, Marcia Hittle, Winnie Doxsie, Cindy Carter, Beth English, Marlys Fritzell

Absent: Sue Siltan, Vicky Olenski, Sara Companik

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

The minutes of the November 10, 2009 board meeting were approved. (The December meeting was cancelled due to severe weather.)

President Shirley Strange mentioned that she would be away on the date of the February board meeting, and Nadine Miller would preside in her absence.

The Treasurer's reports for November and January were received and filed.

Marlys Fritzell reported that Appleton assemblywoman, Penny Bernard-Schaber, is introducing a bill in the state legislature to establish a regional transit authority in the Fox Valley . This would make it possible to hold a referendum on whether to increase the local sales tax to support a transit system.

Barb Dorzweiler discussed the upcoming Lively Issues Meeting. She will send out an agenda. There should be a point person on each issue to answer questions. Beth English will cover local government; and Lesley Taylor, natural resources. Someone is needed to cover social policy; Winnie Doxsie will act as back up person for this issue.

Dorzweiler announced the dates for upcoming meetings. The LWV–Appleton Annual Meeting has been moved to Thursday, May 13. The LWV-WI State Meeting will be May 29-30 in LaCrosse. The National LWV Convention is scheduled for June 11, 2010.

Two subcommittees are being formed; one to plan the LWV 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It will meet on February 14. Barb invited ideas for celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup>. The other subcommittee concerns the 2010 Census. That group will meet January 18 at the Atlas Coffee Mill. A media blitz is planned for March 22-27. On March 24, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library, the League is co-sponsoring with the library a forum to discuss the influence of the census on reapportionment and other policy issues.

Bree Madison and Megan Kuehl are willing to join a state committee to study the judicial selection process for Supreme Court justices. However, at this time there are not enough volunteers, and a committee has not been formed. We will discuss this at the Lively Issues meeting.

Fifty-year member, Barbara Hoffman appeared before the board to present a special request. She has recently moved to the Heritage, and she would like to start an initiative there to register the residents to vote, and make them aware of upcoming elections and the candidates who are running for office. Winnie Doxsie moved that the League send members, who have qualified to register voters to the Heritage on January 20. Nadine Miller seconded the motion, which was then approved. (Doxsie, Dorzweiler, English, Strange, and Companik are qualified registrars.)

Beth English, Voters' Service Chair, announced that there will be a primary contest for the City Council in only one ward in Appleton . She is looking for a place to hold a candidates' meeting in that ward. There was a discussion of what action the League should plan in connection with the April spring election. Shirley will contact Dan Flannery at the Post-Crescent about co-ordination on writing, distributing and publishing candidates' questionnaires. For the November election we will try to co-ordinate events with LWV-GB.

Marlys Fritzell reported on the Observer Corps. Recent issues that have come up at governmental meetings are the police merger between Appleton and Grand Chute, and the distribution of Block Grant funds.

Nadine Miller announced that the local committee to study reducing energy use in governmental buildings has held an organizational meeting. Lesley Taylor will serve as chair. The LWV-Green Bay has asked us to sponsor a joint forum on climate change/ global warming legislation. Board members expressed concern that it would not be a balanced presentation, fairly representing all sides. Winnie Doxsie moved, and Barb Dorzweiler seconded a motion to "participate in a program that represents both sides of climate change." The motion passed.

Winnie Doxsie passed out the current roster for the LWV-Appleton. There are 45 members. Winnie will be away from January 25 until mid-March.

Shirley Strange asked Cindy Carter to set up a tour of the single stream recycling facility in the spring.

The deadlines for submitting articles for the next two monthly newsletters are January 29 and February 26.

The next board meeting will be March 9 at 6 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hittle, secretary