

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 13, 2010

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

Absent: Sue Silton , Nadine Miller, Vicki Olenski

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library.

The March board minutes were accepted as corrected. There was only one contested seat in the primary election, not the spring election.

President Strange began her report by commenting on the new concurrence process being used by LWVUS to update the national arms control position. The issue was studied by an appointed committee of experts who compiled information to support the suggested changes. Marcia Hittle read the material and concurred for our League.

The Appleton League is still unsure about just what our role should be in the Project Promise “Lunch and Learn” event. The secretary for the project is also an aide to Congressman Kagan. The board expressed concern that it will be a partisan event. It is unclear just what the program will be. Is the goal to educate lawmakers about poverty? Or is it vice versa? Shirley Strange, Beth English and Marlys Fritzell will meet to discuss our participation.

We have declined the LWVWI invitation to be a satellite site for the state Annual Meeting. Shirley will be attending that meeting in LaCrosse on June 18-19. She will also be attending the National Convention in Atlanta on June 11 – 15. Marlys Fritzell moved that the board approve the expenditure of the \$1500 which is in the budget to send the president to the National Convention. Cindy Carter seconded, and the board approved.

Treasurer Sue Silton did not send a report because she did not receive the agenda. She is working with the LWVUS to get matching fund contributions.

Sara Companik reported that the Payday Lending bill passed the state legislature without any interest rate cap.

Barb Dorzweiler reminded everyone that the reports to be included in the Annual Meeting packet should be submitted by May 3. There should be reports from the subcommittees on the census and the 90th anniversary. Winnie Doxsie will be the parliamentarian. There will be a “dress rehearsal” for the Annual Meeting on May 10 at the Appleton Public Library at 10:30 a.m.

Stevie Schmidt is organizing our participation in the Flag Day parade. The Winnebago League may be interested in participating with us. Cindy Carter thinks that she can get a car for us to use in the parade.

The Census Meeting had only 22 attendees, but the five people who participated in the informational panel were excellent.

Beth English reported from voters' service that Shirley Strange, Sara Companik and Barb Dorzweiler are going to the high schools to register voters.

Marlys Fritzell reported from the observers' corps that Mayor Hanna has appointed a committee to study the need for a convention center. The school board has approved a new charter school: Montessori for grades 7 – 9.

Membership chair Winnie Doxsie reported that Marti Hemwall has rejoined the League.

The board voted to adopt the new local position on energy conservation in local governments and schools. It will be added as item “C.” in our position on energy conservation.

Around the Board: Beth English reported that LWVUS is eliminating the category of “National Member.” There was general consensus that this was a good thing.

Marlys Fritzell received a call from the imaging company which put the LWV-Appleton archives on disks. It is time to update the records because 5 years have passed. We will wait till the end of the year to do this. There is \$75 in the budget to maintain the archive.

Winnie Doxsie has found some materials relating to a 1950's LWV study of the need for a second hospital in Appleton . No present members remember this study.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hittle, secretary