

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 8, 2010

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

Absent: Sue Silton, Vicky Olenski

The first meeting of the new board was called to order at 6:40 p.m. at President Shirley Strange's house.

The minutes of the April board meeting were approved.

In her President's report, Shirley discussed the Project Promise invitation to have a LWV volunteer at the Project Promise table on June 19 in the City Center . The board felt that this event was not a good match for the League, and no board members were available to register voters that day, so we will decline the invitation.

Jan Quinlan and Marcia Hittle were appointed to serve as board representatives on the nominating committee. They will serve with the elected members who were chosen at the Annual Meeting: Helen Nagler, Chair, Nadine Miller, and Sue Eich

Plans are moving ahead for the Women's Equality Day Luncheon on August 26. Wisconsin Lieutenant-governor, Barbara Lawton will be the speaker. Three hundred invitations are being sent out to women, who have served in elected or appointed offices in Outagamie County. Electronic invitations will go out to networking organizations like the Girl Scouts, AAUW, Community Foundation's Women's Fund, Business and Professional Women. Some of these organizations have purchased whole tables. These "hostess seats" will be offered to the Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs and YMCA to get young people to attend and recognize the importance of public service. Three hundred LWV brochures have been ordered to be distributed at the luncheon.

Fold-over-and-Seal fund raising envelopes will be ordered for use during the next finance drive. Bower Printing will print 500 envelopes for \$231.50.

Treasurer Sue Silton was absent from the meeting, but she sent a message that "We have money."

Program VP Barb Dorzweiler announced some of the dates for events during the upcoming year: Dec. 11 - Holiday Brunch; Jan. 22 – Lively Issues; May 5 – Annual Meeting Dinner.

Barb handed out a Program Planning Calendar Guide along with a Two-Year Study Calendar. These will provide a schedule for the local committee to follow when carrying out a study. This year's committee to study the implications of an RTA is now being formed. Barb Dorzweiler, Cindy Carter, Corinne Goldgar, and Barb Hoffman have volunteered to serve on the committee. A committee chair is still needed, and the president is actively searching for one. The chair will be appointed to the board.

Barb raised the question of having an official website policy. She is doing most of the updating of the website, and deciding what qualifies to be on it. There is an issue of protecting the privacy of members' names and addresses. Each member should have the ability to opt out via email. Barb would like to have an official webmaster appointed.

The LWV will not have an entry in the Flag Day Parade because no members were interested and/or available.

Beth English gave the Voters' Service report. Beth has met with Shirley Strange, Nadine Miller, and Jan Quinlan to brainstorm about planning events for the fall elections. We will try to find other non-profit organizations to join us in sponsoring a forum for 8th District candidates in October. The LWV-Green Bay will have a forum before the September 14 Primary Election. Beth will contact the Republican and Democratic clubs at Lawrence University , UW-Fox Valley , and F.V. Technical College about partnering with us.

The LWV has received a letter from the company that put our archival records on DVD, reminding us that five years have gone by, and it is time to update our archives. In the fall, Marlys Fritzell and Marcia Hittle will gather and organize material and decide what items should be archived.

The board discussed long range plans for the next year. A committee (Sue Silton, Shirley Strange, Marlys Fritzell, Jan Quinlan, Sue Kinde) has been formed to organize a finance drive. We have a residual list of names of past contributors which will be updated with names from the August 26 luncheon. Winnie Doxsie asked, "What are we going to do with the additional money?"

Marlys Fritzell reported that it was hard to recruit people for the Observer Corps. She suggested that we have more general meetings for the membership, featuring speakers on topics that we are studying or on which we are taking action. Sara Companik and Cindy Carter will work on planning a "general membership activity committee."

Winnie Doxsie will be away in August and September, so someone else will be needed to plan a membership meeting. She suggested that showing the film "Iron-jawed Angels" might be a good program for such a meeting. Another possible meeting topic would be a demonstration of our website.

Cindy Carter will be representing the LWV at a symposium of the New Wilderness Alliance in Green Bay on June 15.

Jan Quinlan apologized for not attending the LWV Annual Meeting in May. She had recently been appointed as the executive director of FOAL, and that organization held its annual meeting on the same evening.

As in the past, board meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be August 10, 6 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Board members then socialized while they enjoyed delicious refreshments served by the president, our hostess.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hittle, secretary

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