

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 10, 2010

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

Absent: Beth English, Marlys Fritzell, Vicky Olenski, Sue Silton

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at the Appleton Public Library at 6:06 p.m.

The minutes of the June board meeting were approved as corrected: the 2011 Annual Meeting will be held on May 12, not May 5.

In her President's report, Shirley Strange reflected on what an excellence experience she had had at the National LWV Convention in June. It increased her awareness and appreciation of the connection between the national and local Leagues. She reminded us all to keep in mind the National LWV motto: "Keep the League fun." She also attended the State LWV Annual Meeting with Sara Companik.

Shirley discussed the goals for our League in 2010-1. They include: website master, election forums, redistricting, MRI (Management Recruitment Initiative), observer corps, local study, and finance drive. Shirley, Sara Companik, and Winnie Doxsie will serve on the committee to implement the MRI, if we receive the grant for this project. The finance drive is being organized by Shirley, Jan Quinlan, and Sue Silton.

Treasurer Sue Silton was absent due to a death in her family. Shirley reported that Sue has been managing the reservations for the Women's Equality Day luncheon.

Vice-president Barb Dorzweiler presented the program report. The WED luncheon has received about 150 individual reservations, plus several entire tables. Shirley will send out an additional last-minute invitation to individual LWV members. Barb asked for ideas for a speaker for the Holiday Brunch. Possibilities suggested included: Karen Harkness, the Community Development Director for Appleton, or someone familiar with Regional Transit Authority issues. Barb is still looking for a chairman for the local RTA study; however, Carolyn Mewhorter would be willing to be a co-chair. It will definitely be a two-year study.

In the absence of voters' service chair Beth English, Shirley reported that an election forum has been set up for 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidates on October 27 at Fox Valley Lutheran High School at 7 p.m. It will be broadcast on WBAY – TV. The League is sponsoring this event as part of a coalition with other community groups, including the Post-Crescent, Appleton Public Library, Project Promise, Esther, Mid-day Women's Alliance, and the Wisconsin Alliance for the Retired. There will be a panel of questioners, and follow-up questions will be allowed. Additional forums may be organized for the contest in the 57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District and the County Executive in the spring.

The board discussed the possibility of sending an 18<sup>th</sup> birthday card to local students to remind them to vote. The idea was rejected as impractical and old-fashioned.

There will be a website policy meeting before the next board meeting in September. Shirley suggested the possibility of finding a young person to hire as an intern to manage the website.

Vice-president Jan Quinlan presented the action report. She discussed a recent survey sent by Mayor Hanna to the city council members, asking them to choose which areas of the city budget should be cut. Possibly this action could subvert the official city budget process and violate the state open meeting law. Jan will ask the mayor about this at his regular office hours.

Winnie Doxsie reported that we have a new member who joined as a result of connecting with the LWV on our website.

Barb Dorzweiler discussed the reasons why the League needs to add PayPal to our website to enable contributions and member dues to be paid electronically. We will continue consideration of this issue at the September board meeting. At that meeting we will also consider what material we want added to our archival records.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hittle, secretary