

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 14, 2010

Present: Shirley Strange, Barbara Dorzweiler, Jan Quinlan, Marcia Hittle, Sue Silton, Sara Companik, Beth English, Marlys Fritzell

Absent: Cindy Carter, Winnie Doxsie, Vicky Olenski

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library

The minutes of the August board meeting were approved as corrected: We are looking for a website administrator, not master. MRI stands for "Membership Recruitment Initiative." Our League has applied to be chosen to participate in the MRI; there is no grant connected with this project.

Shirley Strange began her president's report by declaring the Women's Equality Day Luncheon a success. The luncheon planning committee will be meeting next week to evaluate the process and make suggestions to be used when the League celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2020. Jan Quinlan is working on obtaining a printed version of Lieutenant-Governor Barbara Lawton's luncheon speech. Although the planning committee contacted the media before the luncheon, there was no coverage. After the event, Shirley wrote a letter about the luncheon to the editor of the Post-Crescent.

Shirley suggested that LWV members should have nametags to wear at meetings. She will check on the cost of plastic holders.

She announced the dates for several LWV events in the next year. The State Annual Meeting will be held on June 10-11 at Whitewater. The Issues Briefing will be on October 2. The new National LWV President, Elizabeth McNamara will be the featured speaker. Shirley and Sara Companik plan to attend. The State LWV is running a workshop to train LWV members to be election observers on October 20-22 in Madison .

The by-laws need some updating, and these changes must be completed in time for them to appear in the March newsletter, so that they can be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May.

Treasurer Sue Silton's report was received and filed. She reported some contributions were received at the Women's Equality Day luncheon. The finance drive letter will be sent out to luncheon attendees.

Program VP Barb Dorzweiler reported that she is still searching for a chairman for the local study committee. The speaker at the Christmas Brunch will be Karen Harkness, Appleton's Community Development Director.

Voters' Service Chair Beth English announced that there will be a Candidate Forum for the 8th Congressional District on October 27 at Fox Valley Lutheran High School . There are many co-sponsors for this event, including WBAY which will provide a news anchor to serve as moderator. There will also be a more informal meet and greet event at Harmony Café on October 19 for the 57th Assembly District candidates. Beth mentioned that the League is also planning a forum before the spring election for the candidates in the contest for County Executive .

Action VP Jan Quinlan met with the mayor and asked him about the budget survey that he sent to city council members. He characterized it as a "quasi-private, quasi-public" way of connecting with the aldermen about the city budget. It was "not a vote" and the "public was not cut out of the process." He described it as just getting a feeling for the council.

Marlys Fritzell reported that there are several members interested in observing. She will schedule a meeting to discuss how to observe, and then all attend a government meeting together.

In Membership Chair Winnie Doxsie's absence, it was announced that we have four new members.

Sara Companik reported that the film "Iron Jawed Angels" will be shown on September 29. Our League has been chosen to participate in the MRI project. Thirteen Leagues applied; six were chosen. Shirley and Sara will attend a training session in Madison on Oct. 1-2.

There is a new newsletter, "Splash," which will cover issues of interest to the Great Lakes Leagues.

The board had a preliminary discussion of updating the archives. What to include? In what form? Cost? We will decide at the October meeting. This project should be completed by the Annual Meeting in May.

In "Around the Board," Barb Dorzweiler mentioned the 10-10-10-Pledge on sustainability.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hittle, secretary