

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 9, 2010

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

Absent: 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 October board meeting were approved.

Shirley opened the president's report by thanking Beth English for her work in organizing two well-attended voters' forums before the November 2 election.

Nadine Miller participated in the LWV website training session on how to serve as an election observer. On Election Day, she performed this function at the polls. There was one complaint about the lack of handicap access.

Shirley presented the League statements at the budget hearings for both the City of Appleton and Outagamie County .

The local study committee met on November 8 at Corinne Goldgar's house. **Committee members are:** Attending the meeting were: Corinne Goldgar, Barbara Hoffman, Carolyn Mewhorter, Marlys Fritzell, Helen Nagler (**maybe**), Shirley Strange. Irene Strohbeen. The meeting included a discussion of how the study will proceed. There is a projected membership educational meeting on the transit system in February. The committee hopes to have Deborah Wetter as a speaker and to hold this meeting at the Valley Transit offices.

Shirley pointed out that some by-law changes are needed. She will present the proposed changes at the December board meeting.

She proposed that the League purchase name tag sleeves with both a clip and a pin on them, which members would wear at each LWV meeting. Sue Silton moved that we spend \$40 –\$60 to purchase the sleeves. Beth English seconded, and the motion passed.

Shirley also urged the board to consider whether to fill the vacant Natural Resources position; and whether, the board should consider adding a president-elect position. when a president–elect is chosen, she should attend board meetings to familiarize herself with her upcoming responsibilities.

Treasurer Sue Silton reported that she has made our PMP payment. Dues are coming in slowly. A non-member who attended the Women's Equality Day luncheon has given the League a generous \$200 contribution. On January 4 at 10 a.m. there will a meeting at Sue's house to set the LWV budget for 2011.

V.P. Jan Quinlan complimented President Shirley Strange on her presentation at the lengthy city budget hearing, which lasted until 8 p.m.

V.P. Barb Dorzweiler reported that invitations to the Holiday Brunch on December 11 have been sent out. Shirley plans to send invitations to our networking partners. At the Lively Issues meeting in January, members will participate in exercises to increase their familiarity with LWV positions.

Sara Companik called to the board's attention an Esther-sponsored community housing forum that will be held on November 30.

Voters' Service Chair, Beth English reported on the voters' forums. Despite record high winds, around 400 people attended the 8th District Congressional forum. The cost of the event went about \$1,000 over budget because of the extra overtime pay for security officers. The League will try to raise this amount from our partner organizations. Beth and Shirley gave an informative and entertaining report on the "behind the scenes" activities at the forum. The League will sponsor another forum before the February 4 primary election for the County Executive candidates.

Jan Quinlan is planning to send out a combination letter to Women's Equality Day attendees, thanking them for attending, inviting them to the Holiday Brunch and asking them to contribute. She mentioned again the importance of Paypal for the League to handle brunch payments and contributions effectively.

Observer Corps Chair, Marlys Fritzell reported that the city would be adopting its budget on November 10. Among the changes in this year's proposed budget are dropping the city diversity position, and transferring Valley Transit repairs to the city maintenance dept., "CEA" The Connector Service which gets workers to jobs beyond the range of Valley Transit has received a grant from United Way to keep it running. Valley Transit has recently completed a survey of bus ridership. This information will be made available to the LWV transit study.

Sara Companik discussed the MRI program again in relation to the Holiday Brunch.

Barb Dorzweiler gave an update on the LWV website. A website policy will be ready for presentation to the board for its approval at the December meeting.

Around the board:

Marlys: Thank you for putting the monthly calendar on the front page of the newsletter.

Beth: Thanks to all the members who worked so hard to make the forums a success.

Barb: Looking for ideas for the Lively Issues meeting.

Sara: Expressed admiration for how well Beth ran the forums.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hittle, secretary