

LWV BOARD MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 8, 2011

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

Absent: Sue Silton

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library

The minutes of the January board meeting were approved.

Shirley began her president's report by informing the board of a problem with robo calls from a group calling itself the "League of American Voters," which has been impersonating the LWV and telling people that the LWV is supporting Gov. Walker's budget.

Shirley announced two upcoming general membership meetings. There will be a "Behind the Scenes Tour" of the Appleton Public Library on March 22, guided by Colleen Rortvedt, the library director, and Liz Witek, the president of Friends of APL. In April there will be a tour of the riverfront and a meeting about the environmental challenges to the river.

Tomorrow evening there will be a special city council meeting with Deb Wetter, director of Valley Transit, to discuss the renewal of the present labor contract, in order to maintain Valley Transit's eligibility for federal grants for at least two more years.

Finally, Shirley urged all board members to serve as mentors to their successors.

The treasurer's report, which had been sent by Sue Silton, was received and filed.

Voters' Service chair, Beth English, reported that the forum for the Outagamie County clerk and executive candidates was very successful. The LWV partnership with other organizations worked out very smoothly.

Beth then explained the Vote 411 program. It is a national LWV computer software program, which would enable any voter to put in her name and get information about her voting district, etc. There is an annual fee of \$200 for a local League to participate by using the software to get local voting information onto the site. Beth advised against our League getting involved because she thought that there would be too much work involved in inputting our local voters' guide.

VP Barb Dorzweiler discussed preparations for the Annual Meeting. An organizational meeting to plan the agenda will be held on April 5. Marlys Fritzell volunteered to serve as parliamentarian.

Shirley presented the Bylaw changes and Articles of Incorporation on which the membership will be voting at the Annual Meeting. These items relate to the 501 c.3 status application of the LWV-WI. Winnie Doxsie moved and Marlys Fritzell seconded a motion to present the

amended bylaws to the membership. Marlys moved acceptance of the Articles of Incorporation, as written by the LWV-WI. Jan Quinlan seconded the motion, and it passed.

Marcia Hittle reported the nominating committee slate: President: Shirley Strange; VP-Program: Sara Companik; Secretary: Miriam Douglass; 2 year Directors: Barb Dorzweiler, Carolyn Mewhorter, Irene Stroben; 1 year Director: Leslie Taylor; 2012 Nominating Committee: Beth English, chair, Barbara Kelly, Marcia Hittle.

Jan Quinlan presented the budget for next year. She pointed out that the dues have not been raised. If the 501 c.3 status is approved, up to \$75 of members' dues will be tax deductible. The budget committee decided to keep the telephone answering service. The budget can be amended at any time to add funding for the 411 program, if we decide to participate. Beth English said that Voters Service was getting more expensive all the time. Winnie Doxsie made a motion to move \$500 from Workshops to Voters Service. Beth seconded and the motion passed.

Barb Dorzweiler presented the Internet Communications Policy. Jan moved acceptance, and Barb seconded. The motion passed.

Barb again discussed the need for Paypal. While the board felt that we need to have this capacity, we did not feel that we had all the information that we needed to commit to this program yet.

Jan reported that the finance committee (Jan, Shirley, Sue Kinde) had met and decided to:

1. send a letter to members and former members emphasizing the mentoring function of LWV.
2. invite Terry Bergen (History Museum) or Stacy Mara (Lawrence University) to discuss fund raising with the finance committee to
3. prepare for a non-member finance drive in the fall.

Marlys Fritzell reported from the observer corps that all the local units of government are very concerned about the budget repair bill.

Membership chair, Winnie Doxsie reported that we currently have 47 members, and about 10 potential members who have expressed interest.

Sara Companik suggested that we send information about the upcoming meetings about the library and the riverfront to potential members as part of our MRI.

The April board meeting will be re-scheduled from April 12 to April 19 to avoid a conflict with Legislative Day. We will meet at Shirley's house.

Around the Board:

- Sara: Spring meeting for ESTHER, March 24 on "Transportation Equity."
- Beth: April 7, "Redistricting" meeting at F.V. Tech.
- Shirley: attended Helen Nagler's meeting on redistricting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hittle, secretary