

League of Women Voters, Appleton
Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2011

In attendance: Shirley Strange, Carolyn Mewhorter, Sue Silton, Jan Quinlan, Barb Dorzweiler, Irene Strohbeen, Sara Companik, Leslie Taylor, Marlys Fritzell and Winnie Doxsie

The meeting was **called to order** at 11:40 in the home of Shirley Strange.

The **minutes** of the August meeting were approved.

Presidents Report – Shirley reported that:

- she is investigating a new location for Board meetings, The Gardens of the Fox Cities. The next meeting, Oct 4th at 11:30, will be there and a decision about a long term commitment will be made at that time.
- the National Study consensus, on the role of the Federal Government in K – 12 education, is due on November 30th. After discussion, Shirley will look for a committee to lead a consensus meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Sue stated that she would send out an updated financial report soon.

She believes the Women's Equality Day event will be cost neutral, due to grant monies and contributions.

LWV Wisconsin has finally received IRS approval to become a 501(c)3 organization. This will allow dues up to \$75 to be tax deductible. This change will require a few changes in book keeping and wording on brochures. She will be clarifying details like how to get a tax ID#. Discussed the best way to inform members.

Women's Equality Day - Irene reported that we had over 60 people attend. The Gardens of the Fox Cities was a nice location and the speaker was outstanding. The speech was recorded and she plans to post it on YouTube and link to our website. She thanked Sara for all her last minute help. She also thanked the ladies in the Silton office for help in printing. The wine was paid for by a number of Board members. Club Liquor was great to work with. Autumn Hill was our volunteer bartender.

- Follow up to the event is looking at the sign in sheet and asking attendees if they would like to join LWV.

Local Study – on RTA. October 13 is the informational meeting with a panel of experts to discuss the pros and cons of a Regional Transit Authority. This is open to the public. Nov 10 is the consensus meeting for League members only- the time is still being finalized. Carolyn thanked the committee.

Program – Sara is working on getting all dates and times correct and published.

Pay Pal – Jan is working on a date to meet, she expects to meet very soon.

Fund Raising – Jan plans to be meeting with the committee in late September.

Observer Corps – Marlys asked for help in hosting the three dinners in October 5, 10, 11.

Membership – Winnie reported that we have several new members, due to great programing. She announced that she is moving to Eau Claire.

Communications – Barb asked for any changes or dates that should be posted on the website.

Around the Board

Jan expressed concern about a request we received from an "activist" to help with Voter ID issue. Decision – while LWV has a stand on this issue we aren't comfortable stepping into this activity.

Sue asked if the library would use our program bookmarks.

Irene is working on "VOTE" window clings.

Sara distributed flyers for the September 20th program

Shirley noted that she was really pleased that membership brochures were not printed last week, now that League is 501 (c)3.

Meeting Adjourned – 1:09

Respectfully submitted,

Winnie Doxsie