

Minutes – LWV Appleton Board Meeting
Gardens of the Fox Cities
November 1, 2011

Present: Sara Companik, Barb Dorzweiler, Miriam Douglass, Marlys Fritzell, Carolyn Mewhorter, Jan Quinlan, Shirley Strange, Irene Strohbeen

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. The agenda was approved with the correction of the name Stephanie Malaney.

The minutes of the 10-4-11 Board meeting were approved.

President's Report – Shirley Strange commended the committee that presented the National Education study background material for leading the members through complex and sometimes controversial material. The expertise of members attending the meeting led to excellent discussions as the group sought consensus.

Shirley has been asked by Richard Schoenbohn if he can partner with the LWV Appleton to write a series of articles for the Post Crescent to educate readers on the new Voter ID law. Because he may be a candidate for office Irene Strohbeen, who knows him, will explore his idea of partnering so that the Board can be assured of a non-partisan association before making a decision.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Silton's report was received electronically and filed.

Observer Corps – Marlys Fritzell reported that the Appleton Common Council will have a public hearing on the budget on November 2. The League will make statements on domestic partnerships for city employees, Voter ID, Valley Transit and renovations to Houdini Plaza. On November 7 the Outagamie County Board will discuss and adopt its budget. LWV observers at the AASD meeting on November 14 will gather for dinner at Cheyenne's before the meeting.

Natural Resources – No report.

Communications – Barbara Dorzweiler reported that the PayPal system to receive donations on the website is nearly complete. Payment of membership dues by PayPal is also possible but costs \$1.95/payment so traditional snail mail payment is preferred. A new Facebook page is accessible from one's own Facebook page at "leagueofwomenvotersofappleton".

Voter Service – Irene Strohbeen announced that a speaker from the Government Accountability Board will speak about the new Wisconsin Voter ID law the week after Thanksgiving. Names of people interested in being trained as Special Registration Deputy are wanted. Voter registration drives will be conducted in January in preparation for the spring primary in February.

Local Study RTA – Carolyn Mewhorter reported that the consensus meeting on a local Regional Transit Authority will be held on December 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library.

National Study – A draft of the consensus reached at the meeting on the Role of the Federal Government in Public Education preK-12 was revised and approved.

Program – Sara Companik updated the calendar and encouraged all to attend the Holiday Brunch on December 10, 10:30-12:30 at the Radisson Paper Valley. Leslie Taylor, Natural Resource Director for the Appleton League and President of Sustainable Fox Valley, will speak on “Sustainable Community Development in the Appleton Area”.

Fund Raising Committee – Jan Quinlan and Shirley Strange have prepared a mock-up of a donation envelope. Credit card donations can be made on-line through our website.

Membership Report – The appointment of Stephanie Malaney as Membership Director to replace Winnie Doxsie was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary