

Minutes – LWV Appleton Board Meeting
Gardens of the Fox Cities
December 6, 2011

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

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

The minutes of the 11-1-11 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Silton reported that PayPal is operational on our lwvappleton.org website. There will be a budget committee meeting at 10 a.m. on January 3, 2012.

Observer Corps – Marlys Fritzell thanked Shirley Strange for presenting three Appleton LWV statements during budget hearings held by the AASD School Board, the Appleton Common Council and the Outagamie County Board. Marlys commented that the Appleton Common Council's process for budget hearings is flawed because the budget meeting was too long (finished at 3 a.m.), big things can happen under the radar and there is a lack of public information. Under the new budget the Department of Parks and Recreation is eliminated. Positions of the Appleton LWV support both a Parks Director and a Recreation Department. Now both are gone. Funding for Houdini Plaza renovation, the Exhibition Center, the Diversity Coordinator position and domestic partner benefits was retained in the budget.

Natural Resources – Leslie Taylor will speak on Sustainable Community Development in the Appleton Area at the LWV Holiday Brunch. She was asked to define sustainability during her presentation.

Communications – Website: Barbara Dorzweiler asked to be copied on communications regarding program and activities so that the calendar on the website can be updated. The LWVUS has a new website with links to Facebook and Twitter. Newsletter: Barbara requested a board meeting agenda item on proposed submissions to the newsletter so that Editor Vicki Olenski knows what to expect. Each month the Board meeting is the 1st Tuesday, articles are due to Vicki by the 2nd Tuesday and the newsletter is published on the 3rd Tuesday.

Voter Service – Irene Strohbeen reported that the presentation by the Government Accountability Board representative on the new Wisconsin Voter Photo ID Law was very thorough. About 35 people attended. Irene distributed the LWV Voter Registration 2012 Planning Document which outlined the schedule for information gathering, formation and activities of a Voter Registration Committee, and registration drives.

Program – Sara Companik reviewed three upcoming meetings: the Holiday Brunch on December 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, the Lively Issues Meeting on January 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Appleton Public Library and an Education Forum on How to Run for Office on February 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library.

Fund Raising Committee – Jan Quinlan is working on the design of the donation envelope.

Membership Report –Stephanie Malaney has learned the duties of the Membership Director from Winnie Doxsie.

Around the Board – Jan Quinlan has to leave Board meetings at 12:15, so future meetings will begin at 11:00 a.m. Sue Silton asked for input for next year's budget.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary