

League of Women Voters Appleton
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 3, 2012
11:00- 12:30
Gardens of the Fox Cities

In attendance: Stephanie Malaney, Shirley Strange, Marlys Fritzell, Irene Strohbeen, Carolyn Mewhorter, Barb Dorzweiler, Leslie Taylor, Jan Quinlan

Call to order at 11:10 am

Consent of agenda: move by Stephanie, second by Jan, all approved.

Approval of March minutes: move by Jan, second by Irene, all approved.

President's report:

- Vicky will resign as newsletter director. Vicky will remain a League member.
- LWVUS 50th National convention is June 8-12 in Washington D.C. \$320 fee covers all materials, training sessions and banquet. Shirley is planning to attend and would love other members to join her. Registration after May 21 will include an additional \$50 late fee.
- Diversity Circles sponsored by Fox Cities Rotary: discussion groups and facilitator training available. Two sessions on April 10 and May 9. Contact Shirley for more information.
 - *Quick Look:*
 - What: Circle Opportunity
 - When: Tuesday, April 10 and Wednesday, May 9, 2012
5:30-8:30 p.m.
 - Where: Lawrence University's Diversity Center
Office of Multicultural Affairs
207 S. Meade St., Appleton, WI.
- National Privatization Study: see list of topics and website attached to minutes. Please consider choosing a topic of interest and report on at our April 26th meeting. Meeting April 26, 1:30 pm at Harmony Café. Contact Sara Companik for more information.
- The LWV Connecticut is challenging the required Per Member Payment (PMP) and the current financial structure. Please refer to information in email forwarded by Shirley from the LWV Connecticut. Their memo to LWVUS will be discussed at our May Board meeting in advance of the national convention.

Treasurer's report received and filed. Additional expenses and contributions yet to be recorded from Voters Services

Action: no report

Natural Resources/Sustainability: Leslie reported a surprise move by the City Council to approve \$10,000 for the Sustainable Fox Valley neighborhoods initiative. The council was persuaded by attendance and input at the meeting from Leslie and many other concerned citizens.

Membership: Stephanie is updating the membership list for the annual meeting. She is also working on a photo board to display at meetings. The Board discussed a scholarship membership for one year to Amy Oberg who spoke at our first Food For Thought luncheon.

Voter Service:

- Irene reported on the completion of vigorous voter registration assistance in the recent election cycle. More than 160 voters were assisted with the help of the League at various locations. This effort included the help of several people who are not League members.
- Irene also reported on a successful mayoral candidate debate. 138 people attended the AASD candidate debate and 97 attended the mayoral debate.
- Irene is investigating a LWV voter registration assistance booth at the Appleton downtown farmers market.
- Irene is speaking June 19th at the Rotary.

Local Study: Carolyn reported the US Senate passed a bill that allows a 2 year extension on funding for mass transit. The House has not voted on this yet, but House members are advocating a 5 year extension. Penny Bernard Schaber will reintroduce an RTA bill in the State assembly when the State legislature resumes.

Program: In Sara's absence, Shirley reports that the deadline for annual reports from Board members is April 17. All required information for members (Proposed Budget, Nominees, and Recommended Program) was sent in the April newsletter.

Communications: Barb will submit mockups for a new newsletter at the next Board meeting. A table of contents for the newsletter will be included in the email.

Observer Corps: Marlys reports the dates for May Observer Corps, but the dinners will not be scheduled in May.

Women's Equality Day 2012: Shirley met with Terry Bergen of the Appleton History Museum. The maximum capacity is 60 people at the museum. The committee has been formed but more help is needed. Please contact Shirley for more information.

Around the Board:

- Board members whose term is expiring should bring their portfolio notebooks to the annual meeting to turn in.
- Board terms expire at the annual meeting.
- Our fiscal year ends on June 30.
- The League will have no comment on the issue of reporters signing the recall petition.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday May 1, 2012. 11:00am to 12:30pm at the Gardens of the Fox Cities.

Adjourned at 12:30pm

See attachment

LWVUS NATIONAL STUDY: PRIVATIZATION-2012
CONSENSUS DUE MAY 1st, 2012
Meeting April 26th
1:30 pm Harmony Cafe
<http://www.lwv.org/member-resources/privatization>

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

HISTORY OF ECONOMICS, GOVERNMENT AND THE MARKET

FEDERAL PRIVATIZATION: THE RYAN PLAN

SURVEYING STATE LAWS ADDRESSING PRIVATIZATION

THE PUBLIC POLICY DEBATE

STATE LEVEL PRIVATIZATION

PUBLIC LIBRARY PRIVATIZATION-A CASE STUDY

STRATEGIES FOR BEST PRACTICE

SUBCONTRACTING PUBLIC EDUCATION

PRIVATIZATION OF PRISONS

PRIVATIZATION OF A PUBLICLY OWNED WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

DEREGULATION OF RAILROADS

THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN CONTEXT OF
PRIVATIZATION

LWV STUDIES: EDUCATION AND PRIVATIZATION

Please consider choosing an article of interest to read and report out on at our April 26th meeting. This will be informal. Privatization is a topic league members should be informed about.

Contact Sara Companik with your choice. It's all right if more than one person is interested in the same topic.

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