

Minutes – LWV Appleton Board Meeting  
Gardens of the Fox Cities  
May 1, 2012

Present: Sara Companik, Barb Dorzweiler, Miriam Douglass, Marlys Fritzell, Carolyn Mewhorter, Jan Quinlan, Sue Siltan, Shirley Strange, Irene Strohbeen and Leslie Taylor

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the 4-3-12 Board meeting recorded by Barb Dorzweiler were approved.

President's Report – Shirley Strange relayed Rep. Penny Bernard-Schaber's thanks the League for speaking in Madison in support of the RTA bill. Shirley, Sara Companik and Irene Strohbeen will attend the LWVWI annual meeting in Wausau, June 1-2. Shirley and Sara will also attend the LWVUS convention June 8-12.

Treasurer's Report was received from Sue Siltan and filed.

Action – No report.

Natural Resources/Sustainability – Twenty one people attended the Food for Thought luncheon on sustainability "Neighborhoods as the Heart and Soul of Community Development and Civic Engagement".

Membership – No report.

Voter Service – FVTC contacted Irene Strohbeen to provide voter education in a voting and community involvement class to students studying for citizenship. Irene will arrange sessions in the Appleton and Oshkosh centers. Irene will arrange to place a card table for voter registration assistance at the Farmers Market. The LWVWI was recognized by Common Cause for its successful opposition to the Voter ID Law.

Local Study RTA – Carolyn Mewhorter spoke at the WI Transportation Finance and Policy Commission meeting to give positive support for public transit.

Program – Sara Companik reported that 12 people contributed to a substantive discussion at the Privatization consensus meeting. A key emphasis was that a transparent process is essential whenever privatization is considered.

Sara learned from Ellie Olson of the Appleton AAUW that the national organization has launched a campaign "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard", a nonpartisan voter education and turnout effort aimed at maximizing the electoral power of women in the 2012 election. Ellie asked if the LWV would join AAUW in this effort and on issues of student loans, wage discrepancy and violence against women. Before committing we must assure that we have positions to support these efforts.

Marlys Fritzell will serve as parliamentarian at the Annual Meeting. A quorum will be 15% of our 55 members.

Communications – Barbara Dorzweiler is now editor of The Informed Voter after the resignation of Vicki Olenski. She will follow Vicki's format with the addition of a Table of Contents. Barbara reviewed the deadline and content for the next issue.

Observer Corps – Marlys Fritzell reported on key issues. The Appleton Common Council is considering a \$1.2 million purchase of 96-gal recycling bins and approved a \$50,000 annual contingency fund for Valley Transit for renewable for 5 years. The Outagamie County Board has a new chair and 11 new members. The issue of the reading list remains before the AASD board. Public opposition will continue.

Women's Equality Day – Shirley Strange announced that this will occur on August 22. The planning committee will meet in May.

Around the Board – Irene Strohbeen is co-chair of the legislative committee of the Midday Women's Alliance which supports equal pay for women. Marlys Fritzell thanked Shirley Strange for her good leadership and encourages the League to reinstate evaluations of our public meetings. Leslie Taylor announced that tomorrow at Goodwill Ken Taylor from the WI Council of Women and Family will offer a nonpartisan look at issues affecting women and family. Barb Dorzweiler thanked Marlys Fritzell, Jan Quinlan and Sue Silton whose Board terms are ending. Jan Quinlan said that the fundraising letter, being written by her, Barb and Shirley, will tout League accomplishments. Sue Silton has had a pleasurable experience on the Board. Shirley Strange thanked the whole Board for a fantastic year.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary