

Minutes – LWV Appleton Board Meeting
Appleton Public Library
September 6, 2012

Present: Sara Companik, Barbara Dorzweiler, Miriam Douglass, Barbara Kelly, Stephanie Malaney, Carolyn Mewhorter, Penny Robinson, Shirley Strange and Irene Strohbeen

Vice-President Sara Companik called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

The minutes of the 7-12-12 Board meeting were approved.

The agenda was amended to add reports on the Local Study by Miriam Douglass and Legislative Action by Penny Robinson.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Kelly explained that the report reflects all expenses – actual and in-kind. Active accounts are the checking and the CD. The remaining money in the Ed Fund account was spent for the Women's Equality Day celebration. The fund is no longer needed because of the League's non-profit status. The income and expenses for In-kind Donations balance out and are included in the report to give a more accurate record of expenses and to inform the budget process.

Membership – Stephanie Malaney will recreate the membership form which along with the membership board created for the Women's Equality Day celebration will be present at all meetings.

Local Study – Miriam Douglass reported that she will discuss the upcoming study with library personnel and League members Jan Quinlan, Colleen Rortvedt and Barbara Kelly to learn about changes in libraries since the Appleton League's 1992 consensus and some resources the committee might use in its study. Miriam will also email members before scheduling the first meeting to learn of those interested in working on the committee.

Legislative Action – Penny Robinson has been invited to attend the state League's Legislative Committee meetings by Andrea Kaminski, Executive Director of the LWVWI Education Network. Penny asked for direction from the Board for how much and what information to distribute to members. What alerts are sent to all members from State and National has to be clarified. Penny will explore how other local Leagues and other organizations such as AAUW get advocacy information to members. Before Penny joined the League her perception was that the organization was only concerned with voting issues. She recommended that we publicize our advocacy activities.

President's Report – Shirley Strange reported that the Women's Equality Day event was successful with about 75 attendees. She recommends budgeting for the event next year.

An Executive Committee is being formed to deal with matters between meetings of the full Board. The bylaws Article V. Section 5 direct the Board to appoint four of its members and the President to the Committee. The Board appointed the two Vice Presidents, the Secretary and a Board member whose responsibilities relate to a topic of the meeting.

The 75th anniversary of the Appleton LWV will occur in 2014 (the first Board meeting minutes are from May 15, 1939). Shirley will announce this in the next newsletter and ask for celebration ideas and potential committee members.

Shirley's wish list for items to assist with League activities includes a projector for presentations, a table cover with a skirt that displays the League name, a Scholarship Fund and a video production for new voters, especial minority groups. Barbara Kelly will research the cost of a projector. Jacqui Klimaszewski is working on the voter video.

Stevie Schmidt has resigned her position on the Board.

Fund Raising – Shirley Strange reported that the next step after the appeal to membership is to approach friends of the LWV Appleton. Shirley, Kim Wetzel, Barb Dorzweiler and Jan Quinlan will meet October 10 to plan an approach.

Voter Service – Irene Strohbeen described voter registration assistance events held this summer and upcoming collaboration with AAUW, UW-Fox and FVTC. The Community Health Center and Community Dental Center have requested voter registration assistance once each week. These are good locations to assist low income voters. A candidates' forum for the 56th assembly district is planned. Irene will send out dates of future registration assistance events.

Observer Corps – Shirley Strange requested that Board members cover meetings of the Appleton Common Council since Stevie Schmidt's resignation has left no Observer Corps Chair. Volunteers came forward for October, December and January meetings. League members Sharon Fenlon and Helen Nagler are on the School Board and Outagamie County Council Board, respectively, and will be asked to alert the Shirley to important issues.

Program – Sara Companik distributed updated bookmark calendars showing a variety of League programs during 2012-13, some to be cosponsored with AAUW, UW-Fox, FVTC and/or the Appleton Public Library. Women's health issues are covered on September 12 in a discussion of Fox Valley Women's Health Issues and on December 8 at the Holiday Brunch in a presentation on Women's Access to Health Care. Lunch and Learn events are scheduled for February 5, March 5 and April 2. Voter education and registration assistance activities are described above.

Communication Committee – Barb Dorzweiler announced that the next Voter will be published on September 20. Articles are due to her by September 13.

Around the Board – Carolyn Mewhorter reported that Federal money for public transit will continue to be allocated to states for the next two years.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next Board Meeting - Thursday, October 4, 9-11 a.m. at place TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary