

Minutes – LWV Appleton Board Meeting
Appleton Public Library
October 4, 2012

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

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The agenda was changed to move Sara Companik's Program Report to follow the Treasurer's Report. Board consent to the agenda was given upon a motion by Barbara Kelly and second by Sara Companik.

The minutes of the 9-6-2012 Board meeting were approved (motion by Stephanie Malaney, second by Sara Companik).

President's Report – The presentation on the LWV given to the Rotary Club by Shirley Strange and Irene Strohbeen was well received. Shirley will present to the Fox Valley Association of Insurance Professionals on October 8. The Power Point presentation has been sent to the State LWV for use by other leagues.

On September 19 a forum "Discussion on the importance of civic engagement and making the effort to become informed on issues" was held at UW Fox Valley. Insights were shared by Justin Nickels, Mayor of Manitowoc and Jay Heck, Executive Director of Common Cause of Wisconsin. Time Warner Cable TV will air the forum on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. during October. Shirley has a DVD of the forum.

Barbara Kelly discovered that the LWV archives were missing from the material archived from the Fox Valley Memory Project (www.FoxValleyMemory.org). She was able to retrieve the LWV material using The Way Back machine. Shirley Strange reported that a DVD copy of the LWV archives is kept in the President's files.

Treasurer's Report – The report for the period 7-1-2012 through 10-1-2012 presented by Barbara Kelly was received and filed.

Program Report – Sara Companik reported that 22 people attended the presentation of the movie "Iron Jawed Angels" The Director of Community Health Services will speak at the Holiday Brunch on December 8. Lunch and Learn programs will be held at the Radisson at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays February 5, March 5 and April 2, 2013.

Computer Projector Findings – Barbara Kelly's research showed that a computer projector suitable for presentations costs about \$400. A motion to purchase a projector costing \$500 or less was made by Miriam Douglass, seconded by Barb Dorzweiler and passed unanimously.

Membership – Stephanie Malaney distributed an updated membership list for the current 57 members. Annual dues are payable on October 1 and a member who fails to pay by January 1 will be dropped from the rolls. A letter confirming receipt of dues will be sent for tax deduction records.

Legislative Action – Penny Robinson attended the state League’s Legislative Committee meeting at which John Keckhaver described the year-long process of preparing the biennial state budget. Andrea Kaminski, Executive Director of the LWVWI Education Network, invited Penny to be a member of the committee. Penny suggested the library’s quick reference link for useful government information – www.apl.org/quick.

RTA Progress – Shirley Strange relayed Carolyn Mewhorter’s report on meetings of the Fox Cities Transit Commission held on August 22 and September 26. Several options for the structure of a regional transit authority were presented and discussed. The Commission is leaning toward a 19 seat population-based model with all municipalities represented.

Local Study – Miriam Douglass reported that the APL study committee has seven members. Colleen Rortvedt and Jan Quinlan - the APL Director and President of the Friends of the APL, respectively - will serve as consultants rather than committee members to avoid any conflict of interest issues. At the first meeting Colleen, Jan and Barbara Kelly described important issues relating to the creation of a 21st century library and provided valuable study resources.

Voter Service – Irene Strohbeen reported that 9 of the 16 voter registration assistance events planned have resulted in 66 people completing their registration or absentee ballot request forms. A candidates’ forum for the 56th assembly district will be held on October 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the FVTC Bordini Center. The incumbent candidates for assembly districts 3 and 5 have not agreed to participate in forums. Shirley Strange will communicate that it is their responsibility to communicate their positions to the public.

Observer Corps – Shirley Strange attended the last meeting of the Common Council which voted to remove the 3-day delay before worker’s compensation is paid to non-union city employees. The Mayor’s veto was overridden.

Communication Committee – Barb Dorzweiler announced that the next newsletter will be published on October 18. Articles are due to her by October 11. The November newsletter will be published on November 21 with articles due to Barb by November 15

Next Board Meeting - Thursday, November 8, 9-11 a.m. at the Gardens of the Fox Cities.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary