

Minutes – LWV Appleton Board Meeting  
Gardens of the Fox Cities  
November 8, 2012

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

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the 10-4-2012 Board meeting were corrected to show [www.legis.wisconsin.gov/spotlight/index.htm](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/spotlight/index.htm) as the website given by John Keckhaver to the LWVWI Legislative Committee. This Legislative Fiscal Bureau site has reports and documents related to the state budget, and every two years papers on public policy topics. Motion to approve was made by Irene Strohbeen and seconded by Penny Robinson and the minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Report – Shirley Strange demonstrated how well the new projector works as she ran through the Power Point presentation she has used to explain the Appleton LWV's philosophy and activities to the Rotary Club, Arc of the Fox City and the Fox Valley Association of Insurance Professionals. The projector will be useful for other presentations and for sharing useful websites at Board meetings.

Shirley attended two budget meetings of the Appleton Common Council – November 3 when the Council questioned department representatives about their budget submissions and November 7 for the public hearing. Shirley's League statement spoke to Parks and Recreation, Library and Valley Transit.

In a workshop for the Board in January the Fundraising Committee (Jan Quinlan, Barb Dorzweiler, Kim Wetzal and Shirley Strange) will explain the strategies the League will use. Shirley will send a webinar for Board members to review.

Treasurer's Report – The report for the period 7-1-2012 through 11-6-2012 was presented by Barbara Kelly and received and filed.

Membership Report – Stephanie Melaney was absent.

Legislative Report – Penny Robinson said the LWVWI Legislative Committee did not meet in October.

Local Study – Miriam Douglass reported that the study of the Appleton Public Library will take place over 2 years and will include a review of current Appleton League positions (last updated in 1992), extensive information about past library planning processes and building studies, and how to create a 21<sup>st</sup> century library. Two important questions are “How many different ways to get information are there?” and “What do people look to the library to provide?”

Voter Service – Irene Strohbeen reported on the extensive activities she organized leading up to the November 6 election. Voter registration assistance was given to 132 people in 17 sessions at 10 locations (UW Fox Valley, Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton Public Library, Appleton East, West, North and Central High Schools, Community Medical Clinic, Community Dental Clinic and Loaves and Fishes at Trinity Lutheran Church). The Board thanked Irene for her magnificent efforts and success.

Several candidates' forums were sponsored by the League. Jacqui Klimaszewski has been successful in producing a Voter Video in English and is working to get Hmong and Spanish versions.

Observer Corps – Shirley Strange said that observers are needed in March and April for meetings of the Appleton Common Council, AASD Board and the Outagamie County Board.

Program Report – Sara Conpanik reported the following upcoming schedule - no meetings in November, the Holiday Brunch on December 8 and the Lively Issues meeting on January 19, 2013.

Communication Committee – Barb Dorzweiler announced the deadline for newsletter articles is November 16.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**Next Board Meeting - Thursday, December 6, 9-11 a.m. at the Gardens of the Fox Cities.**

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary