

Minutes – LWV Appleton Board Meeting
Gardens of the Fox Cities
December 6, 2012

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

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

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the 11-8-2012 Board meeting were approved as written.

President's Report – Shirley Strange received Board approval to send letters to (1) Char Peterson, City Clerk, expressing our appreciation for speaking publically in support of same day registration and (2) the Post Crescent (Genia Lovett) for their coverage of same day registration and election coverage in general. In the second letter the League's strong position on voting should be emphasized. The Executive Committee will meet on January 3, 2013 to prepare a budget.

There was discussion of Bylaw Article IX. Financial Administration, Section 4. Budget Committee. It explicitly mentions a Finance Drive Chairman as a member of the Budget Committee. Frequently this position is not filled. The Executive Committee will decide on January 3 whether to propose to the membership a wording change for this bylaw.

Treasurer's Report – The report for the period 10-1-2012 through 12-3-2012 was presented by Barbara Kelly and received and filed. Discussion of the telephone answering service and the PO box reaffirmed the importance of both.

Membership Report – Stephanie Melaney was absent due to a full time job. Barb Kelly will keep the record of membership as dues are paid.

Legislative Report – Penny Robinson attended the LWVWI Legislative Committee meeting on November 28 which focused on the redistricting positions of the LWVWI and LWVUS. Penny will have an article in the next Voter on recommendations for action on redistricting and updates presented at the meeting of other portfolios on Lake Michigan, Lending/Consumer Protection, Healthcare/Aging, Voting/Elections and Regional Transportation.

Local Study – Miriam Douglass reported that the committee for the 2-year study of the Appleton Public Library is currently looking at extensive information from past library planning processes and building studies and how to create a 21st century library. She will give a brief review at the Holiday Brunch and invite others to join the committee.

Voter Service – Irene Strohbeen was absent.

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 reminded the Board of the upcoming Holiday Brunch on December 8 and the Lively Issues meeting on January 19, 2013. Kristine Stacker will speak about the Fox Cities Community Health Center at the Holiday Brunch. The Board decided to give a \$25 contribution to the Health Center instead of payment to the speaker.

Communication Committee – The deadline for newsletter articles is December 13 for publication on December 20.

Around the Board – Sara Conpanik reported that effective January 14, 2013 a birth certificate will be required to renew a driver's license in order to meet federal real ID requirements. Barb Kelly said that she is now President of the UW Fox Valley Foundation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Next Board Meeting, Fund Raising Workshop - Thursday, January 31, 9-12 a.m. at the Appleton Public Library

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary