

Minutes – LWV Appleton Board Meeting
Gardens of the Fox Cities
April 4, 2013

Present: 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 approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 3-7-2013 Board meeting was made by Barb Kelly and seconded by Irene Strohbeen. The minutes were approved as written.

President's Report – Shirley Strange thanked Irene Strohbeen for her outstanding Voters Service work citing candidates' forums, voter guides and ongoing voter registration assistance. The Board approved a motion to propose to the LWVWI that the Appleton League host the 2014 State annual meeting (motion by Irene Strohbeen, second by Stephanie Malaney). The LWVWI will set the date with the approval of our League. The value of Constant Contact was discussed. Shirley and Sara Companik will get more information for the Board to consider.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Kelly's report on finances as of April 2 was received and filed.

Membership Report – Stephanie Malaney learned from the LWVUS that National and State dues do not have to be paid for members who join a local League after January 31 when National and State dues for the next membership year are submitted. Any dues collected after that date remain with the local League. The names of members who join after January 31 are entered into the national database so that the new members can receive information. The following motion was made by Miriam Douglass and seconded by Stephanie Malaney: "Members of the Appleton LWV who join during February 1 – June 30 pay for a full-year membership for the current membership year. Members who join during July 1 - December 31 pay \$35 for the current membership year. Members who join during January pay dues for the next membership year February 1 – January 31." The motion carried.

RTA – Carolyn Mewhorter was absent.

Legislative Report – Penny Robinson brought attention to an LWVUS appeal to support Senate bill S.649 to curb gun violence and an LWVWI statement to all WI legislators on the state budget. She reviewed the background and action taken at the March 27 LWVWI Legislative Committee meeting on Redistricting, Election law/voting rights, Health Care/aging, Children & Families, Education, Consumer Protection, Corrections, Natural Resources, Regional Transit and Campaign Finance.

Local Study – Miriam Douglass reported that the study committee is continuing to participate in the APL Planning Process activities. For the April newsletter Barb Dorzweiller will describe two talks given in the Library Futures Series by Tony Nelessen, Urban Designer and Architect, and Gary Golden, Futurist. For the May newsletter Miriam will write an article on the Pew Research report "Library Services in the Digital Age".

Voter Service – Irene Strohbeen reported that the lead up to the April 2 spring elections was busy: 3 Voter Registration Assistance sessions held at the 3 Appleton high schools, 2 Candidate Forums, and assembling the Voters Guide for the 3 Aldermanic races plus AASD school board. However the value to voters was immeasurable, so it was all worth it! At Appleton North, the sponsor of the Hmong club stopped by to get a copy of the Hmong language form. Irene learned that working with those clubs in each school is the best way to help the Hmong students and will explore the existence of similar clubs in other schools where League provides VRA. Shirley Strange and Jacqui Klimeszewski are leading the effort to produce Spanish and Hmong instructional voting videos.

Shirley Strange provided a statement against restricting early voting hours at an OFA-organized press conference. Irene Strohbeen will attend the Voting Rights Lobby Day in Madison sponsored by the Election Protection Coalition on Wednesday, April 17.

Observer Corps – Shirley Strange reported that the Appleton Common Council approved construction of the skate board facility in Tellulah Park.

Program Report – The deadline for reports from Board members for the Annual Meeting Packet is May 2.

Anniversary Committee Report – Three meetings have been held. Plans will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Archives – Materials are due at the May 2 Board meeting.

Communication Committee – The deadline for newsletter articles is April 11 for publication on April 18.

Around the Board – Irene Strohbeen said that the Midday Women’s Alliance will highlight Equal Pay Day on April 9 with an Unhappy Hour at Fratello’s. Penny Robinson highlighted two ESTER-sponsored events. A panel discussion on “What our faith traditions say about Immigration” will be held on April 18. A 2-day leadership training “Leaders for Justice” will take place on May 3 & 4.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Next Board Meeting – May 2, Gardens of the Fox Cities

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary