

League of Women Voters – Appleton
Board of Directors Meeting
Appleton Public Library – Room D
September 4, 2013

Present: Sara Companik, Barbara Kelly, Kim Wetzel, Irene Strohbeen, Lois Bressette, Karen Jansen (late), Penny Robinson, Gayle Hardt, Jacqui Klimaszewski. Stephanie Malaney (late), Miriam Douglass.

President Sara Companik called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

The minutes from the May 2013 Board meeting and August 2013 Board meeting were discussed and called for approval. There needs to be a correction to the August minutes: change “League” to “Leave” in the President’s Report.

Motion by Barb Kelly, second by Miram Douglass to approve the May and August 2013 minutes, with a correction to the August meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda. Sara asked to move the President’s report to follow the Treasure’s report.

Motion by Barb Kelly to approve the agenda with the change. Second by Stephanie Malaney. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report (Barbara Kelly): Barb explained the Expense Report form and to use this form for in-kind contributions. There were two in-kind expenses submitted: Shirley Strange (Women’s Equality Day) and Lois Bressette (Annual Meeting). Donation for 75th Anniversary was received from Lois Bressette.

President’s Report (Sara Companik): Sara spoke about the State League briefing on October 6 in Madison. The cost is \$45.00 and the deadline to register is September 27th. Sara asked if anyone is interested in attending. Sara, Irene Strohbeen, and Gayle Hardt will attend. Penny Robinson and Miriam Douglass will consider. There was a discussion regarding the budgeted amount for travel. The total budget is \$500 for workshops.

Motion by Barb Kelly to not exceed a total of \$200.00 per conference or workshop. Second by Stephanie Malaney. Motion carried.

Membership (Stephanie Malaney): Board received an up-to-date membership list last month. All members on this list are paid members. Membership dues are up soon for next year. Stephanie will print off the list of inactive members and contact them to see if they are interested in renewing membership. Stephanie will ask committee to assist with a membership drive. Sara asked Stephanie to write something for the newsletter to recruit new members. Sara also suggested we work on the policy for membership scholarships.

VP-Action (Irene Strohbeen):

9 to 5: We are at a stand-still on joining the Families First coalition for FMLA/insurance. Emily Kitchin is willing to attend a future Board meeting (or a special Board meeting) to answer questions if necessary. There are different levels of support available, ranging from just signing the Letter of Endorsement to being part of the working committee. Irene recommended that we sign off on the Letter of Endorsement as a symbol of our support to FMLA/insurance.

LWV Webinar on ACA: LWV-WI is holding a webinar on Sept 19 from 4:00-5:30ish to discuss the Affordable Care Act and the implementation of the Health Insurance Marketplace in Wisconsin. Irene has approval to host a group at the APL to share one log-in since each League will be limited to 3 log-ins.

Voter Video: Lawrence University's video center is looking for topics to produce short documentaries as student projects. Their Technical Director, Kevin Summers, feels that our multi-lingual voter education video(s) would be ideal for students. Irene recommends we proceed since we have the grant to fund the production (which could be a donation to the LU Communications Center).

VP-Program (Kim Wetzel): Programs Update.

September 18, 6:00-8:00PM, Affordable Care Act Forum:

The Appleton Public Library is now co-sponsoring this event with us and will promote the event through their networks. Kim will give forum details to the local media. We will have three panelists attending from Madison who are very knowledgeable about ACA, and will be able to talk in great detail about the law and answer any questions. Originally, Carol Koby, the Madison talk show host of *For All About Living & Living Minutes*, was to be part of the panel; however, she now has a scheduling conflict. The three panelists are: Sara Finger, Executive Director, Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health; Michael Bare, Community Advocates, Public Policy Institute (particularly expertise on Affordable Care Act); Lisa Lamkins, Advocacy Director, AARP Wisconsin. We may have to pay travel expenses (gas) for one of the above panelists.

October 17, 6:30-8:30PM, Human Trafficking in Wisconsin:

The Appleton Public Library will also co-sponsor (and help promote) this event with us. We will have two speakers, one of whom is **Lyn Beyer**, Executive Director, REACH Counseling in Neenah. Lyn is part of a task force that is addressing this issue with other non-profit organizations, including ADVOCAP, Harbor House, and Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services. The other speaker will be someone from the task force. More details to follow.

Fundraising: (Sara Companik and Kim Wetzel): The Fund Raising Committee will send out fundraising letters to non-members in October/November. Irene suggested we fundraise at the 75th Anniversary event. Gayle will check with the State League about the Fundraising opportunities.

Voter Services (Jacqui Klimaszewski): National Voter Registration Day is September 24th. The following have scheduled registrations: Appleton North, Sept. 24 from 10:30-1:00PM. Appleton East on Sept. 25th. No response back from Appleton West or Appleton Central. Contact made to UW-Fox Valley. Community Health Center needs to set up a time. Will follow up. Checking with volunteers to help with events.

National Women's History Museum:

www.nwhm.org **Why is your support so critical at this time?**

To secure a prominent site in Washington, D.C., we will need the formal approval of several government agencies. The federal government, however, is not underwriting the cost of this museum with taxpayer dollars. Instead, the National Women's History Museum will have to raise no less than \$150 million to build this museum privately — through the support of the American people. Before approval is granted, we need to demonstrate to Congress that we have your support and we have the ability to raise our full budget for construction.

There are two walks based on AAUW Founders' Homes and Gravesites:

Monday, Sept. 16 at 1:00PM. Two hour walk through the City Park area of Appleton past homes of some of our founders as well as Edna Ferber's home. We'll begin at Nancy Samson's home and end near the YMCA. The route is two miles on flat sidewalks. We'll hear about founders' lives and families. Optional lunch at Mark's East Side. Rain date: Sept. 20

Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 11:00AM. One hour walk through Riverside Cemetery to view the final resting places of several of our founders. We'll learn about the women and their families as we take a mostly flat, paved walk through the oldest part of the cemetery. Optional lunch at Mark's East Side to follow. Rain date: Sept 27.

State League Convention/Democracy Award Report (Gayle Hardt): Gayle would like to form a small committee to give out the Democracy Award.

Motion by Jacqui Klimaszewski to form a committee to give out the Democracy Award. Second by Gayle Hardt. Motion carried.

Legislative Director Report (Penny Robinson): Report emailed to board members. Proposal to encourage members to support Regional Transit Authority (RTA) and call Senate Transportation Committee members to request a public hearing. Penny will send a letter to Sara to put on the website with a link.

Natural Resources and State Water Study Update (Karen Jansen): The meeting date for State Policy is a conference call on Sept. 25. Karen submitted two questions.

State Redistricting Update (Lois Bressette): Due to other prior commitments, Lois will not be able to work on State Redistricting.

Local Study Committee Report (Miriam Douglass): Committee meeting tomorrow on Appleton Library. May have to postpone the Consensus meeting to January.

Observer Corp: Sara passed out the sign up sheet to attend and observe Appleton City Council meetings.

Board Book Walk Through: Sara led the board through the Board Book. Board members should check the Archives responsibilities for their office. These job descriptions need to be updated. Each Board member should keep notes throughout the year on how their portfolio responsibly actually compares to what their office entailed.

Long Range Plans/Goals/Strategies: Next meeting.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014: Next meeting.

Around the Board: Several members made announcement.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Bressette, Secretary