

**December 4, 2013**  
**League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday @ 4:00 PM Appleton Public Library Room D**

**Dropbox 20131206 for December 6, Board Meeting Reports**

Call to Order; 4:03PM

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

Approval of November Minutes – Motion to approve by Gayle, Second by Stephanie. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Kelly – Report in DropBox. We are starting to get in membership renewals. Contributions are being made from non-members based on the mailing a couple of weeks ago, \$695 donations so far. Waiting for payments for the holiday brunch to add to the budget.

President's Report – Sara Companik-

- 1) **State Legislative Redistricting Committee:** Presentation at the holiday brunch. Jim Mayhem is asking for a resolution for Outagamie County. Jim thinks this is possible through the committee. Members will be asked to help with this effort, if needed. The Wood County resolution was passed around so everyone could see an example.
- 2) **Holiday Brunch:** Kim applied for a grant from the Joyce Foundation and received \$300 for expenses.
- 3) **Anniversary committee:** will make an announcement at the holiday brunch.
- 4) **Public Education:** New group called the Fox Cities Advocates for Public Education. Their goal is to build bi-partisan education. The group is going to try to advocate to get out the vote. Sara told them the league can help out with an educational forum. Kim would like to have them at an event. Jacqui, Kim and Sara will work with this new group. More to follow. Jim Bauman is involved with this group.
- 5) **Fund Raising Committee:** Sent out over 200 letters, \$695 collected. 8 non-members contributed. Committee will send out another mailing as needed. May be possible to send out the next mailing about the upcoming anniversary in February.
- 6) The league will have a table with a display at the Bourdini Center on January 22 from 1-3 pm during the retired teachers meeting.

**Membership Report** – Stephanie Malaney- The updated list is in dropbox. Renewal letters will be sent out. Currently 60 active members. New members are included in the updated list. Two life members. Inactive file contains incorrect addresses of members. Friends list is of people who signed up at events for LWV.

**VP- Action Report-** Irene Strohbeen- Quiet month for action. ACA/Health Care:

The key to enrollment is through the certified application staff. The office is at 500 W Franklin where people can go for help to sign up. Staff would like help with streamlining people who show up for help. When more info becomes available, Irene will send out an email for volunteers. Cathy Thompson will email Irene with volunteer information.

FML- close to scheduling a meeting with Sen Ellis, but he canceled at the last minute. Koles meeting will be scheduled soon. Still looking for business owners to fill out a survey about the ACA. Look for link in Irene's report in dropbox.

**VP –Program Report-** Kim Wetzel 28 people signed up for the holiday brunch so far. Sent an email to Carolyn to see if she needs anything more for her presentation at the brunch. Lois will help with registration. Anniversary committee will make an announcement. Irene will talk about volunteers, Jacqui will ask for volunteers for January events. Miriram will speak about the Library Concensus meeting on Feb 27.

**Fund Raising Committee Report/ Anniversary Committee** - Update in President's Report

**Voter Services Report-** Jacqui Klimeszewski, Report in drop box. Stephanie, Gayle and Miriam will help on December 11 at North High School. Voter registration assistance is on the schedule for January 8 at West High School. National Voter Registration Day statistics are in drop box fyi. Another email will be sent out for volunteers.

**State League Convention /Democracy Award** -Gayle Hardt Coordinator Report in drop box. The committee on making democracy work met over lunch. Would like to recognize a woman. Currently screening the nomination form and making progress. Will present the award during the anniversary celebration dinner. Remarks/review at 6:30pm. The state league will take over at 7pm with key note speaker. Recommending Kevin Kennedy from the GAB. National league is targeting Great Lakes water quality and the national deficit for Saturday. Key note suggestions are being accepted for Friday night. Grant money is available for Saturday speakers. Gayle will check on a speaker about redistricting.

**Legislative Director Report** Penny Robinson-Sen. Petrowski's office has announced a Senate public hearing on Thursday, Dec 19th on Fox Cities Regional Transit Authority at the Capital building, room 330 Southwest at 9am. Sara is being asked to testify on behalf of LWV. There is another bill about returning 17 year olds into the juvenile justice system.

**Natural Resources and State Water Study Update-** Karen Jansen Please see info in dropbox. From the water positions committee for the state league; the rough draft is in drop box to review and comment. The sub group statement is to take the sub points out and summarize what they are and focus on reaffirming the Great Lakes compact and funding for testing and oversight. The committee will submit to the state board to update the current position and recommend a study. The meeting is next week. Karen will finalize a draft of the position with a paragraph with recommendations. She is suggesting a presentation on water quality for the anniversary meeting. The state league will be voting on the state league water quality position in June.

**Local Study Committee Report-** Miriam Douglass- (Consensus Meeting –Feb. 27, 2014) In the countdown phase to the Consensus meeting. The information being distributed is called “Countdown to Consensus”. The book “Expect More” is a good resource for libraries. The committee is trying to get the information out to the public on the future of libraries. The library study has been very interesting in regard to modern libraries. The goal is to have everybody come to the discussion in Feb well informed. Time now will be spent on the consensus questions which will be distributed in January. More information is coming. There is a link to the presentations made by Appleton Library staff.

**Appleton City Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm-**

Long Range Plans/Goals/Strategies -2014 - Open Discussion and Sharing Ideas  
Increase membership. What do we want to promote to get others to join?  
How do we bring people in? Stephanie will chair this committee and will continue to work on this effort.

Around the Board

Penny- Tomorrow, (Thursday) there is a big push to contact John Boehner’s office to ask him to bring up immigration reform. Penny will email the info Sara to email everyone.

We will see everyone at the holiday brunch.

Adjournment at 5:26PM.

Next month the meeting will be in Room B.