

League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday @ 4:00 PM Appleton Public Library Room B
January 8, 2014

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Call to Order; 4:03PM

Present: Barbara Kelly, Miriam Douglass, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Lois Bressette, Irene Strohsbeen, Stephanie Malaney, Kim Wetzel, Karen Jansen.

Approval of December Minutes –
Motion by Barbara, second by Miriam, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Kelly – Report in Dropbox
Dues are being paid. Invoices need to be paid. Some overage from the holiday brunch.
Discussion on the grant applications for the Holiday Brunch and Voter Services.
Doing well on donations from members and non-members. Non-members donations need some work. Budget is on track. \$373.00 in-kind funds for operating expenses.

President's Report – Sara Companik-

- 1) Anniversary Committee -Invited Kevin Kennedy to be the speaker. Still waiting to hear from him. (Director of the GAB Board). Need to do some publicity around him. The Committee is considering being in the memorial day parade on May 26th.
- 2) Fox Valley Book Festival- Barbara Miner/ The City Wide PTA said they would co-sponsor Barbara but they want to find someone to speak in favor of vouchers. They want the presentations to be balanced, with one author in favor and one author opposed to school vouchers.
- 3) A Speakers' Bureau arose from the holiday brunch. Amy and Richard will speak on redistricting. Richard is putting together a 30 min and a 60 min presentation and the two of them will get together and create a presentation with Q &A and examples. Looking to the board for contacts for a presentation. Amy will coordinate the speakers bureau and is willing to schedule the presentations.
- 4) Budget Committee Barb, Shirley Strange, Sue Kindee, Sara, Miriam will meet on Feb 19 to work on the budget. By March 17, the slate of officers and the lively issues minutes will be sent to board to approve before being sent to the membership to vote on.
- 5) Democracy Award Report - Still working on the April deadline for nominations.
- 6) The Informed Voter- articles, deadline is January 19th.

Outagamie county is still working on getting something done with redistricting.

Membership Report – Stephanie Malaney- Working on getting members to renew. A number of people have donated but did not pay dues. Sent emails and will start reminder calls. Lost two members, gained one new member.

VP- Action Report- Irene Strohbeen- update in dropbox.

Met with mobilizers for the ACA. Counselors are still busy at the clinic and planning to be busy until March 31st. Need volunteers to help.

FML- Through co-chair of Leg. committee from Mid-day, there was a meeting with Sen. Ellis. Eight people attended the meeting. We learned that Ellis voted for the FML when it originally passed. He is supportive of keeping the WIFML and supports expanding FML (to include siblings, military leave). Push is to offer FML insurance.

Irene will write a letter to the editor on redistricting.

VP –Program Report- Kim Wetzel The Lively Issues meeting on January 18th has been moved to the Board Room. There will be coffee and refreshments. There was a great turnout for the Holiday Brunch.

Feb. 13th, will be the NAMI presentation about crisis intervention and law enforcement. Bring your own lunch. Time is 11:30 to 1PM. Karen Shiller will discuss NAMI and the training involved to handle a crisis that will affect the greater good.

Voter Services Report- Jacqui Klimaszewski-Currently going to schools to register students. Appleton West had 21 register and 11 completing paperwork. Want us to come back after the semester changes, on Feb. 22. Feb. 18 is the Primary. One ward has a Primary and a Referendum for the school district. Appleton East on Feb 21, North January 28th over lunch and UW Fox Valley 29th waiting to confirm. January 29th is the last day to mail registrations.

Vote 411.org: Information on the candidates running in current elections.

myvote.org: Voter information.

State League Convention /Democracy Award Report Gayle Hardt Coordinator- Gayle will be (absent).

Legislative Director Report- Penny Robinson (Absent)

Natural Resources and State Water Study Update- Karen Jansen Report in dropbox.

Ad-Hoc committee will submit their position by Feb 1 for the State Leagues' comment.

Local Study Committee Report- Miriam Douglass- (Consensus Meeting –Feb. 27, 2014)

Continuing to put out information on the countdown to consensus.

There is a meeting tomorrow to finalize the consensus questions by Jan 21.

Appleton City Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm-

Long Range Plans/Goals/Strategies -2014 - Open Discussion and Sharing Ideas

Around the Board

Sara- Reminder of Lively Issues on January 18th

Irene-Request from Mid-Day to use the paddles and stop watch to time the panel

discussion.

On March 18th, Mid-Day may be holding a Gov. candidate forum. Is the league willing to support this mid-day effort? May need a moderator from the league for this event.

Adjournment: 5:55pm