

**League of Women Voters - Appleton
Appleton Public Library - Room D
Wednesday, February 5, 2014 @ 4:00PM
Board Meeting Minutes**

Dropbox 20140205 for Minutes and Board Meeting Reports

Call to Order; 4:07PM

Present: Barbara Kelly, Miriam Douglass, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Lois Bressette, Irene Strohsbeen, Kim Wetzel, Gayle Hardt, Sara Companik.

Absent: Stephanie Malaney, Karen Jansen (late), Penny Robinson.

Approval of Minutes - Motion by Irene, second by Barbara with following correction. Vote 411 is about the candidates and My vote is voter information. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Kelly – Report in Dropbox 1402

The last page in the report is the budget summary.

Contributions are less than what we had projected for this budget.

A \$1945.00 transfer is projected to make the budget balance if we spend the entire budget.

The non member contributions would have to be used to cover the expenses if we continue to be below our member contributions.

Part of the Holiday Brunch expenses were covered by the Joyce grant.

President's Report – Sara Companik-

- 1) Anniversary Committee -Listing of the events.
- 2) Fox Valley Book Festival- Have not heard back from the planners. Still working on a speaker on vouchers.
- 3) Speakers' Bureau- Organized and Amy is making a list of organizations for potential presentations.
- 4) Budget Committee- meets Feb. 20
- 5) Democracy Award Report - Gayle will report.
- 6) The Informed Voter-will be sent in Feb.

State is purchasing podium signs and will sell to local leagues for \$10.00 each. The sign has the state league website rather than the local league website. The board suggested Sara purchase one sign.

Motion by Barbara, second by Gayle to purchase one sign. motion carried.

State Redistricting. Asked Jim Mayham again about the resolution for Outagamie County. Carolyn Castore will be in Appleton tomorrow at the Harmony Cafe at 3PM if anyone wants to discuss redistricting.

Kim took the minutes at the Lively Issues meeting. We took the state positions and people were asked to give comment. Amy, Barbara, Sara and Gayle will work on the positions that were not addressed at the Lively Issues meeting.

Motion by Miriam, second by Jacqui to accept the recommendations we have from the Lively Issues meeting. Motion carried.

From the Lively Issues meeting, human trafficking has been recommended to the League for a study. The New Jersey league has just completed a study on human trafficking and come to consensus. The NJ League has asked all leagues to vote to concur with their position statement and sent to National League Convention to accept as a national study. Sara will email the NJ study to several people on a committee who will review the study and make a recommendation (Kathy Thompson, Stevie Schmitt, Amy Oberg, Irene Strohbeen and Karen Jansen) to the board. The board will make a decision by March 1.

Membership Report – Stephanie Malaney- (Absent) Reminder to renew membership.

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

ACA- partnership enrollment office is still rolling along and registering people. Irene has been the volunteer coordinator recruiting volunteers and several volunteers are league members. Dozens of organizations across the state are helping with enrollment.

FML- Irene was in Madison meeting with Mandy Wright. COWS is researching the details on how FML is going to work.

Andrea is looking for league members to be in Madison on Feb. 25 at 9:45AM. There is a court hearing on the voter ID lawsuit. Sara and Irene are going so far.

VP –Program Report- Kim Wetzel Report in dropbox.

Summary of Lively Issues and calling on people who volunteered to be on committees and to work on action items.

Lunch and Learn from 11:30 to 1PM on Feb. 13th on NAMI. A panel presentation of four people. The discussion is on crisis intervention, the mental health crisis and training police on how to handle these situations in a positive manner. Bring your own lunch. Library Room A.

Voter Services Report- Jacqui Klimaszewski- Report in Dropbox.

Registrations: One cancellation due to weather. One held at Fox Valley Tech.

YTD: 70 new voters: 32 have to finish up & ready to mail, 7 address changes and one absentee.

Jacqui is suggesting that we register students at the same time students are registering for fall semester at school. Although that would take many volunteers. Working with this particular population creates concern that they will be leaving for college and the possibility of them being absentee voters.

Currently working on candidate forums. In March would like to have at least the alderman for the Appleton City Council and school board candidate forum.

Voter Guide: getting involved with Voter 411. Been told all info has been entered. Basic info on each candidate. Enter your address to find out the candidate you would vote for along with responses to questions the alderman has been asked to respond to. Want to make sure if someone goes to Voter 411 they will be able to find their candidate and the candidate information.

State League Convention /Democracy Award Report-Gayle Hardt Coordinator-

Convention: Focused on the dinner. Tasting menu selections.

Democracy Award: Sara and Gayle met with Dan Flannery. The Post Crescent is partnering and is supportive on assisting with the publicity around the Democracy award. The nomination form will be distributed later this month with a return deadline of April 18th. Someone from the Post Crescent will be on the selection committee as well as at the dinner. There will be a press release with direction to the league website for more information on nominations.

Legislative Director Report- Penny Robinson (Absent) Report in Dropbox.

Natural Resources and State Water Study Update- Karen Jansen

Water position was approved by the state board for presentation to membership to be voted on at the state meeting.

Great Lakes Compact, Clean Water Act, monitoring water quality in WI. Amy Oberg has suggested a person from the WI-DNR to speak at the 75th Anniversary on water. Karen would like to build a network consisting of coffee meetings to find out what the issues are and is asking League members and prospective members to attend.

Local Study Committee Report- Miriam Douglass- (Consensus Meeting –Feb. 27, 2014)
Consensus questions and background information has been sent out.

Long Range Plans/Goals/Strategies -2014 - No action.

Open Discussion and Sharing Ideas Around the Board

Barbara: If you know of a campaign website send the link to Barbara.

Gayle Thank you for your help with Democracy Award info.

Irene: The Mid-Day February meeting is on human trafficking.

The March 19th Mid-Day meeting will be hosting Gov. Candidate Mary Burke. Contact Irene to pre-register.

Working with Women's Fund to host a 9 to 5 Speaker on equal pay. Requesting the League to work in combination with Mid-Day on this event.

Miriam: Impressed with all the hard work and reports that are given each month.

Adjournment: 5:55PM