

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

Dropbox 20140305 for March 5 , Minutes and Board Meeting Reports

Call to Order; 4:02PM

Present: Sara Companik, Irene Strohbeen, Lois Bressette, Barbara Kelly, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Penny Robinson, Karen Jansen, Miriam Douglass.

Absent: Kim Wetzell, Gayle Hardt and Stephanie Malaney.

Approval of February Minutes – Minutes in Dropbox

Motion by Irene, seconded by Barbara to approve the February minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Kelly – Report in Dropbox

In-kind contributions continue to be submitted. Always submit in-kind expenses so we know our actual expenses.

State Annual Meeting and National convention expenses may be submitted.

Expenses are currently below income, but next year the budget will be more tight.

President's Report – Sara Companik

- 1) **State Program Making**-Will be emailing the state program positions out to everyone.
- 2) **State Redistricting Committee**-Outagamie County voted 28-3. Jim Mayheim/Kathy Groat spoke at the meeting.
- 3) **Fox Valley Book Festival**- Barbara Minor will speak. League will be her volunteers. April 7@6:30PM at the APL.
- 4) **Approval of 2014-15 Proposed Budget**- (Discussion) This budget is a more conservative budget. Since this coming year is a special anniversary year, we may gain more members/donations that will be a one time income boost. The proposed budget has a lower income than our current budget. Fundraising is closer to what we have spent this year so far. We cut back on the state annual meeting and cut out the national conference because there is no national meeting next year. Funds are still available for anyone who would like to attend the annual meeting.

Education: made corrections to reflect money for our local study.

Requesting permission from Andrea to extend the deadline for the voter services video grant from the Joyce Fund. Not budgeting money for grants, if we get one, it will go into appropriate budget lines.

Telephone answering service is \$350.00. Someone answers the phone and sends an email to Sara. To save the money ATT is charging us to answer the

phone, we need to go through a couple of steps process. If this doesn't work, we will still discuss an answering service as we all feel this is needed. Barbara will take the \$350.00 out of the expenses/budget if we are able to save the money.

Since the Democracy award is going to be annual, we need to add as an expense. Sara suggested \$100. Irene suggested the Democracy Award be a line item. This year the Democracy award is part of the 75th Anniversary next year it will be "Democracy Award Presentation" expense.

Motion by Jacqui seconded by Irene to approve the budget with \$100.00 for democracy award and \$350.00 for answering phone services, with the possibility of removing the \$350.00 if we can have that expense eliminated for the phone service. Roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5) **Approval of 2014-15 Recommended and Non recommended Program-** Discussion from the Lively Issues meeting included human trafficking and public transportation/non transportation issues like parking, bike lanes. Human sex trafficking will be discussed at the national level. We may do as a local study.

Motion by Irene, seconded by Penny, to accept the recommended study and add as an action item. Motion carried.

- 6) **Approval of 2014-15 Slate of Officers and Directors-** Discussion

Nominating committee recommends:

VP Action	Jacqueline Klimaszewski
VP Program	1 year Gayle Hardt (remainder of Kim Wetzel's term)
Treasurer	Barbara Kelly
Director 2 year	Irene Strohbeen
Director 2 year	Stephanie Malaney
Director 2 year	Penny Robinson
Director 1 year	Deb Werth

Continuing Board Members

(Year 2 of 2)

President	Sara Companik
Secretary	Lois Bressette
Director	Karen Jansen

Motion by Barbara, second by Karen to submit the names to the annual membership for approval. Motion carried.

- 7) **2014 Membership Annual Meeting** Packet Reports due April 7 or earlier.
- 8) Summary report of your activities for the year.

9) March 24th deadline for newsletter articles.

Local Study Committee Report- Miriam Douglass- Board Vote

20 people showed up for the consensus meeting.

Motion by Jacqui, seconded by Karen to accept the Leagues's position statement on the APL based on the consensus reached by those from the membership at the Feb. 27 meeting. With additions to the report. (Item #8 from 1975-1992 -2014). Two abstain. Motion carried.

Membership Report – Stephanie Malaney- absent

Several people had their membership paid for by a LWV member.

VP- Action Report- Irene Strohbeen- In dropbox

VP –Program Report- Kim Wetzel absent

Voter Services Report- Jacqui Klimaszewski

Need volunteers for the March 11th and March 18th candidate forums.

Appleton School Board candidate forum will be at Roosevelt at 7pm.

Appleton City council candidate forum will be at the APL at 7:30pm.

The voter video will be put on hold for now.

vote411.org a couple of the candidates responses to the questionnaire.

State League Convention /Democracy Award Report Gayle Hardt Coordinator-
Gayle will be absent. Report in Dropbox

Legislative Director Report- Penny Robinson

Call Sen. Ellis ask him to wait on several bills via Andrea.

Natural Resources and State Water Study Update- Karen Jansen

Still would like to investigate having community group discussions over Coffee.

Would like to have a speaker from the DNR.

Appleton City Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm-

Around the Board: No announcements.

Adjournment: 6:20PM