

April 2, 2014
League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting
Wednesday @ 4:00 PM Appleton Public Library Room D

Dropbox 20140402 for Minutes and Board Meeting Reports

Call to Order; 4:03PM

Present: Sara Companik, Karen Jensen, Barbara Kelly, Stephanie Malaney, Penny Robinson, Gayle Hardt, Lois Bressette, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Irene Strohsbeen, Miriam Douglass.

Absent: Kim Wetzel

Agenda Changes: None

Approval of March Minutes – Minutes in Dropbox

Motion to by Barbara to approve the minutes, seconded by Stephanie. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Kelly – Report in Dropbox

Large budget items coming up are the Annual meeting and 75th Anniversary expenses. Non-member contributions remain low. The budget will not have AT&T charges for answering services because it is now free through a service in Green Bay.

President's Report – See President's Report Sara Companik

- 1) Fox Valley Book Festival- Barbara Minor will speak on Monday. Two members will be there to help.
- 2) 2014 Membership Annual Meeting Packet Reports: Meeting is on April 17th. Reports will be due on April 7th. Recap of the year activities.
- 3) Juneteenth- June 22 – Noon -5:00 pm **Volunteers needed** assist with Registering people to vote at this event.
- 4) State Email Action Alerts/FORWARD Notice from Lindsey- everyone should be getting the state league alerts.
- 5) 75th Anniversary Events- We have the league memories, finishing up for May. Would like someone to take a month, otherwise we will stop after May
- 6) Update on Anniversary Committee – Inactive member list was passed around for updates.
- 7) Registration for May 30 Dinner /State meeting. Sending letters to the presidents of leagues requesting they bring delegates as well as local elected officials.
- 8) LWV State Annual Meeting and National Convention Delegate- State wants us to fill out the registration on their website. Lindsey will then have all our information for the meeting. The three delegates from our area.

Attending: Irene, Sara, Miriam, Penny, Gayle, Lois, Karen, Stephanie, Barbara (dinner), Jacqui.

Motion that board members and delegates that go to the meeting be reimbursed \$54.00 for the Saturday meeting but not the Friday night dinner. Jacqui seconded. motion carried.

9) Parade: May 26 at 9AM. We need at least 15 people to participate.

10) National Convention: Appleton League can have President and 1 delegate because we have 60 members.

Sara as president and Irene as delegate are going to Dallas, TX on June 7th along with Shirley Strange who will use the voting credentials of the Winnebago League.

Be sure to read through the consensus. The national league is coming up with a new booklet on how to come up with a consensus with a study.

Membership Report – Stephanie Malaney- Current membership is 60. One new member.

Legislative Director Report- Penny Robinson-report in dropbox. The supreme court ruled that people can give as much as they can to a candidate. Today the Gov. signed seven bills that the league opposed. This legislative session was disappointing for voters. Looking for a co-sponsor for HR270 the Empowering Citizens Act to end super packs and repair outside spending to candidates. National League is appointing a redistricting task force.

VP- Action Report- Irene Strohbeen- Actively involved with creating a Family Medical Leave bill. Found out in [March](#) that another person has been working on a similar bill. However, Sandra Pope did not do as much research as 9-5 and COWS, so the bill (Irene) was working on will be integrated with Sandra's Bill probably in January. Sandra took the New Jersey Bill, changed a few things and introduced in WI. Keeping Families First is on hold because it is an election year and our legislation is in recess.

Natural Resources and State Water Study Update- Karen Jansen-Trying to find a reliable resource someone who knows what is going on with natural resource legislation. Penny will find out.

Penny Bernard-Shaber will help Karen with putting information together for our members. Working on a blueprint for putting together a coffee social to talk natural resources. Milwaukee league has an Annual meeting similar to what Karen would like to do. Will be looking for a person to speak about water and related issues, probably after our May meeting.

VP –Program Gayle is taking over for Kim.

Voter Services Report- Jacqui Klimaszewski- in dropbox

Two candidate forums in March.

One school board forum at [Roosvelt](#), the candidates who participated won their seat.

One Appleton city council forum.

411 - May need volunteers to help updating for the August primaries and Fall elections.

Would like to have a booth to help register students when they are registering for school.

Juneteenth-need volunteers to help.

Local Study Committee -Miriam Douglass-The position has been distributed to the membership and will be readied for the Archives. The position statement will be on the National clearinghouse. Penny suggested the consensus be distributed to the press. Sara would like it sent in as a Letter to the Editor.

State League Convention / Democracy Award Report Gayle Hardt Coordinator-
Still in communication with the state regarding the planning of the Annual meeting and 75th Anniversary. Gayle sent a reminder to the newspaper regarding nominations. Two people have been nominated so far.

Around the Board

April 14th Irene speaking to the Lions club about redistricting.

April 7 Equal Pay Unhappy Hour from 4:30-7PM at Osarios. Equal pay day recognition is April 8th.

April 24 Mid-day and [Women's Fund](#) is co-sponsoring a 9-5 workshop from 4:30-6 PM at Riverview Gardens on negotiating skills for pay.

Thank you for help with candidate forums from Jacqui.

Gayle- Bob [Salm from WHBY radio](#) will do an interview around the time of the 75th anniversary.

Penny-April 29th is the Esther 10th Anniversary celebration.

Sara- April 24 Appleton Public Library presentation "Walk in my Shoes" about trafficking.

April 17th annual meeting.

April 7th Barbara Minor speaking on Public Education.

Adjournment 5:37PM.

Appleton City Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm-