

**Minutes November 6 , 2014**  
**League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday @ 4:00 PM Appleton Public Library Room D**

**Dropbox 20141001 for Minutes and Board Meeting Reports**

**Call to Order:** 4:04 pm

**Agenda Changes:** Reports from Voter Services, Membership, and Natural Resources and State Water Study moved to front of agenda.

**Present:** Sara Companik, Gayle Hardt, Karen Jansen, Barbara Kelly, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Stephanie Malaney, Penny Robinson, Irene Strohbeen, Deb Werth

**Voter Services Report-** and Candidate Forum Evaluations- - Jacqui Klimaszewski

Voter Register Oct. 16- Chris Klein and Amanda Stuck; Candidate Forum on Public Education Oct. 22; Roger Roth and Penny Bernard Schaber Oct. 23

- A committee will be formed to review and update our policies and procedures. Jacqui will put the state guidelines for debates and forums in Dropbox for committee members to review.
- There was a good response from forum attendees.
- It is suggested that the candidate who responds first at the forum start should be the person who responds last at the forum end.
- The Forum on Public Education was interesting; this was the first time a forum was held on a specific topic.
- It is suggested that the moderator state up front that candidates should not engage the audience or ask them for responses.

**Membership Report-** Stephanie Malaney

- Dues for 2015 are coming in slowly. A reminder will be included in the newsletter.
- Barb will get demographic information to Stephanie regarding a new member with missing information.

**Natural Resources and State Water Study Update-** Karen Jansen

- Refer to report in Dropbox.
- Kevin Ferminich (UWGB) and Maureen Muldoon (UWO) have agreed to do presentations in March. Gayle will secure venues.
- Dubear Kroenig (UW-Fox) is suggested as another potential speaker.
- The Winnebago League is sponsoring a Fracking presentation at Zuppa's in Neenah on November 12.

**Approval of October 1, 2014 Minutes –** Minutes in Dropbox

- Stephanie moved to approve the October minutes, Gayle seconded, motion carried.

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

- Member and non-member contributions are doing well.
- Barb will discuss expense/reimbursement for anniversary cakes, then will correct the 6-30-14 budget.

**President's Report –** Sara Companik

- 1) Lois Bressette is running for Clintonville City Councilwoman. She has resigned as secretary. The League encourages its members to seek public office. Members of the League are not eligible to serve on the Board of Directors while seeking or holding public office.
  - Deb Werth will take minutes for November and December. Are there others who would take a month?

- 2) November/December The Informed Voter : Articles Due Wednesday, November 12, or SOONER if possible. If you have written a report for this meeting, it can be used for your article. WHO is planning to have a report for the newsletter?
  - Karen, Stephanie, Jacqui will submit articles.
  - A flyer for the Holiday Brunch and a dues reminder will be included.
- 3) I have appointed Sarah Leet to the LWV of Appleton Board as Director of the Observer Corp. Deb Werth is also on the Observer Corp. Please sign up to attend at least one meeting of the City Council, School Board, or County Board./and (Health and Human Services Department @ 4:45 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays.)
  - A sign-up sheet was circulated.
- 4) State Program Packet – Current State Program and Program Planning for Next League Year [www.lwvwi.org](http://www.lwvwi.org) ; click on MEMBERS,; Last item is State Program Packet
  - Gayle and Sara will work on Lively Issues.
- 5) Committee to discuss Candidate Forum Policies. VOLUNTEERS Needed. Jacqueline with chair the discussion.
  - Irene Strohbeen, Gayle Hardt, Sara Companik and Jacqui Klimaszewski volunteered as committee members.
- 6) DISCUSSION - Nonpartisan Policy- In Dropbox is the Appleton Nonpartisan Policy( long and short version) and the Winnebago County policy. Do we need to revise our policy?
  - All Board members are asked to read through these documents to prepare for discussion at the next meeting.
- 7) Update on Membership Personal contact. (New sign in sheet for events.)
  - Sara emailed the five people who indicated on event sign-up sheets that they are interested in membership. No responses have been received. Sara will follow-up with phone calls.
  - Individual contacts with potential members were discussed.
  - Future event sign-in sheets will include an “Interested in League Membership” column.

**Vice President of Program- Gayle Hardt**

- Members are encouraged to sign up for the Holiday Brunch, and to invite others to also sign-up.
- Lively Issues is scheduled for January 24. This will be publicized in the newsletter.

**Legislative Director Report- Penny Robinson**

- Penny attended the Transit Commission meeting. Two people spoke, both against the proposed rate increase. Sara will speak at the meeting tonight in support of the rate increase.

**Local Study/ Human Trafficking Update-Irene Strohbeen**

- Refer to report in Dropbox.
- The committee met has with Outagamie County HHS consultant Jonathon Cloud.
- Jonathan Cloud has been invited to speak at the February educational forum. Four potential dates have been identified.
- Irene will do a presentation to the Women’s Fund Board in December.

**Around the Board**

- No additional discussion.

**Adjournment: 5:50 pm**

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