

Minutes December 3, 2014
League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting
Wednesday @ 4:00 PM Appleton Public Library Room D

Dropbox 20141203 for Minutes and Board Meeting Reports

Call to Order: 4:05 pm

Agenda Changes: None

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

Approval of November, 2014 Minutes – Minutes in Dropbox

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

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Kelly

- It is expected that we will break even on the Holiday Brunch.
- Voter Services spent less than expected.
- The budget report is “quirky.” Although the bank’s balance and the treasurer’s balance agree, the treasurer’s report is \$200 off. Barb will check for accuracy of entries.

President's Report – Sara Companik

1) 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?

- It is desired to have only one document (the long version).
- Under **Board Members** 6: It is suggested that “sensitive positions” be identified as Board President, Vice President(s) and Voter Service Director. It is suggested that the phrase “in national and statewide elections” be eliminated.
- It is suggested that a statement regarding seeking Board advice be included in the long policy **Board Members** section (such as **General Members** 11. from long policy or final paragraph from short policy).
- It is suggested that the three “sensitive positions” also be excluded from activities listed under **Board Members** 7.
- Stephanie will send Andrea Kaminski a copy of our current policy, and will then call her to discuss it. She will also discuss use of social media with Andrea

2) FYI for Lively Issues State Program Packet – Current State Program and Program Planning for Next League Year www.lwvwi.org ; click on MEMBERS.; Last item is State Program Packet

- Refer to website.

Vice President of Program- Gayle Hardt

- Andrea Kaminski will speak at the Holiday Brunch. A donation to the State League will be made in her honor.
- Lively Issues is scheduled for January 24 at 10:30 am (APL).
- Human Trafficking will be in February, date to be determined. Irene will make another attempt to contact Lt. Elliott, and then will set the program date (APL).
- There will be two programs in March for Water Education Month. Professor Fermanich will speak on March 11. Dr. Muldoon’s presentation date is to be determined.
- Elizabeth Schmitt will speak on Differences in Public Opinion by Gender on April 13 at 4:00 pm (APL Room C).
- The Annual Meeting will be May 21 at 6:00 pm (Liberty Hall).

Membership Report- Stephanie Malaney

- Thirty-one members have not yet renewed. Mailings and e-mails have been sent.

Voter Services- Jaqueline Klimaszewski

- No report.

Legislative Director Report- Penny Robinson

- Committee meetings are occurring.

Local Study/ Human Trafficking Update-Irene Strohbeen

- Program will be scheduled for February, date/time to be determined.

Natural Resources and State Water Study Update- Karen Jansen

- Kevin Fermanich will speak on March 11. His topic is Hypoxia in Green Bay.
- Maureen Muldoon is tentatively scheduled to speak on March 30. Her topics are non-point sources of pollution in groundwater and the sustainable use of groundwater.

Observer Corps- Sarah Leet and Deb Werth

- Sarah and Deb have met to develop quarterly schedules and observer report forms. Sarah will begin to schedule volunteers for the first quarter of 2015.

Around the Board

- No reports.

Adjournment: Penny moved to adjourn, Stephanie seconded, meeting adjourned at 5:13.