

**Minutes January 7, 2015**  
**League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday @ 4:00 PM Appleton Public Library Room A**

**Dropbox 20150204 for Minutes and Board Meeting Reports**

**Call to Order:** 4:05 by Sara Companik, president

**Agenda Changes:** None

**Present:** Sara Companik, Gayle, Hardt, Jacqueline Klimaszewski, Barb Kelly, Deb Werth: Karen Jansen, Irene Strohbeen. At adjournment Stephanie Malaney.

**Approval of December 3 , 2014 Minutes – Minutes in Dropbox**

- Gayle Hardt moved to approve the December minutes, Jacqueline Kimaezewskin seconded, MOTION PASSED

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

- January 4, 2015 Actual Income YTD \$8,173.29 and Actual Expenses YTD \$3,904.66
- Close to budget for Member Contributions, not Non-member contributions
- Holiday Brunch came out almost even, discussion on non-payment when people register without paying- policy needed.
- Discussion about Making Democracy Work Award Expense- Amount should be increased to \$200 in 2015 budget to cover cost of award.
- Voter Services and Lunch and Learn are below budget, which can cover other items
- Barb will call a 2015-16 Budget meeting in late February or March. (Budget is voted on by Board at the Bd. Meeting and sent to members in April.)

**President's Report – Sara Companik**

- 1) January/February The Informed Voter: Articles or announcements Due Wednesday, **January 14**
  - Gayle Hardt-Program ; Jacqueline Klimaszewski –Voter Services; Karen Jansen-Natural Resources; Irene Strohbeen- Local Study; Sara will contact Sarah Leet for Observer Corp and Penny Robinson for Legislative Report, Stephanie Malaney for Membership.
- 2) DISCUSSION - Rewritten Nonpartisan Policy- In Dropbox is the Changed Nonpartisan Policy The discussion prompted about being too restrictive at the local level. More discussion should go into the policy after changing language. ( The 2013 State policy added to Dropbox is the same policy used for discussion in December.) After revision the policy will be sent to the state for review. Suggestion that Board Policies: should be reviewed yearly, that the policy be included in the Annual Meeting packet.
- 3) Nominating Committee for 2015 –  
By March 21 - Slate to Board for approval to recommend to membership
- 4) DISCUSSION \_LWVWI Current Year State Program- In Dropbox- Proposed revisions to LWVWI Social Policy position, Sub-sections on Equal Rights, Sex Equity, Divorce Reform and Marital Property Reform – (State position is in Dropbox for review.) Discussion of the inclusiveness of the additions. Board Members will vote on the proposed changes.

**Equal Rights (includes Equal Rights, Sex Equity, Divorce Reform, Marital Property Reform)** – The State Board recommends the proposed updated positions on Social Policy (4 sub-sections) to local Leagues for discussion and recommendation.

The LWVWI Legislative Committee recommended the proposed revisions to these four subsections of the LWVWI Social Policy revisions.

**Your League's feedback** (check one):

- Agree** with State Board – revisions as proposed.
- Disagree** – please comment below

**Comments:**

**Agree:** Barb Kelly, Gayle Hardt, and Sara Companik

**Other Board members will email their feedback and comments.**

5) **Add to Agenda** - Water Issues Advocacy Letter to be sent to National League

- With the Appleton league holding 2 programs on water, the members present agreed that a letter should be send in support of making Water Issues a legislative priority for the national league.

**Vice President of Program-** Gayle Hardt

- Gayle asked for an evaluation of the Holiday Brunch. The food, portions, room setting, and service was discussed.
- League has been invited to speak at the Leadership Fox Cities Youth Program Government/Law Day on February 4, 2015. Board members agreed that this is a good opportunity. Jacqui Klimaszewski will check if she is available and Richard Schoenbohm will be asked.
- A packet of materials will be Emailed to members to prepare for Lively Issues. Gayle will prepare information for the packet.

**Membership Report** Stephanie Malaney

- Membership: There are a few members who have not responded.

**Voter Services-** Jaqueline Klimaszewski

- High Schools will be contacted for Voter Registration
- East HS January 21 and North HS January 28
- Election Primary is February 17 and Spring Election is April 7, 2015.  
District 9 has a primary election.  
Spring Election for Alderman Districts 1,3,5,9,11  
School Board Incumbents–Kay Eggert and Dr. Mielke have no opposition.

**Legislative Director Report-** Penny Robinson was Absent: Penny has submitted the Legislative Report to Dropbox for the Board members to read.

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

- Local Study on Human Trafficking program is February 11 @6:30-8:00 Location to be determined between Library and Bordine Center. The league program will have a panel. There will be discussion about services for the victims and what the community can do to solve the problem of sex trafficking.

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

- Discussion that water is just one of the environmental issues to be concerned about.
- Karen is Natural Resources Director so other topics can be addressed in the newsletter besides the water issue.
- Karen will update the members at Lively Issues on the Water position
- Karen is Natural Res

### **Around the Board**

**Adjourned at 5:45**

**Minutes Submitted by:  
Sara Companik**

### **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, January 24, 10:30 am Lively Issues     Appleton Public Library

Wednesday, February 11, Human Trafficking Study Committee Update Appleton Public Library