

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

**Dropbox 20150304 for Minutes and Board Meeting Reports**

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

**Present:** Gayle Hardt, Barb Kelly, Deb Werth, Karen Jansen, Irene Strobeen, Penny Robinson, Sarah Leet, Sara Companik

**Absent:** Jacqueline Klimaszewski, Stephanie Manlaney

**Agenda Change:** Companik added: Candidate Forum Policy revision

**Approval of January 7, 2015 Minutes** – Minutes in Dropbox- Barb Kelly moved to approve the January Minutes, Irene Strobeen seconded. MOTION PASSED

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

- February Actual YTD Income \$8,860.85 and Actual Expenses \$5,068.31.
- Last minute dues have come in.
- Ahead on member and nonmember contributions with conservative projections
- Irene Strobeen questioned that no Travel Expenses have been reported. Expenses should be reported even if it is an In-kind expense so it gets reported. No expense or in-kind has been reported for the October state Issues Briefing. **If a board member attended send an expense report to Barb.**

**President's Report** – Sara Companik

**1) DISCUSSION** - Barb Kelly has made additions/changes to the currentExE Nonpartisan proposed policy.

- Add a line to review the policy yearly for changes and new board members understanding
- Additional comment for 7. A Board Member May: Express political opinions as an individual, but not as a representative of the League
- Barb Kelly will rewrite the policy as amended, put it into Drop box for a vote.

**2) Volunteers and Publicity for February 11, Human Trafficking Panel.** One table for registration. Other league brochures and signs. Volunteers for registration are Penny and Gayle. Publicity was discussed. Irene will run program. .

**3)DISCUSSION: Lively Issues on January 24, 2015-** Lively Issues Minutes in Drop Box – Recommended and Non recommended 2015-16 program: Discussion of Proposed Study or Update of a Position

- . Members at Lively Issues voted:
  - Efficacy of Alternative Courts- 9 Votes – Non-recommended Study
  - Study to Update Land Use Planning- 13 Votes - Recommended Study
- Action item to send a letter about the transparency of the police chief hiring: That letter would go to the Police and Fire Commission who hire the Police Chief. The mayor or council does not hire the police chief. Penny Robinson and Sara Companik will research the process before sending a letter.

Irene Stohbeen moved and seconded by Barb Kelly to accept the Recommended Study –Study to Update Land Use Planning and Non-recommended Study to Study the Efficacy of Outagamie Alternative Courts MOTION PASSED

**4) Reminder of League meetings to be held in preparation for Annual Meeting on May 21 and Board Director reports.**

**Meetings:**

**Bylaws- State and Local-** Gayle, Stephanie, Sara

**Budget 2015-2016/** Barb, Shirley, Sue Kinde, Miram Douglass, Sara

**Nominating Committee-** Nadine Miller

**Consensus Meeting-** Irene Strohbeen and Cathy Thompson

**Reports:**

**Annual Meeting Board Director/Committee Reports –**

Due to Gayle Hardt by May 1 for the packet which is handed out to Members on May 21.

President- Sara Companik

Treasurer- Barb Kelly

Membership-Stephanie Malaney

Voter Services-Jacqueline Klimaszewski

Program V.P.- Gayle Hardt

Legislative Director- Penny Robinson

Natural Resources- Karen Janse

Local Study- Irene Strohbeen

Observer Corp- Sarah Leet

Making Democracy Work Award-Committee- Marti Hemwall

Nominating Committee- Nadine Miller

Fund Raising Committee- Shirley Strange

**5) DISCUSSION: Revised Candidate Forum Policy**

Voter Services VP Jacqueline Klimaszewski had asked for a vote so she can send the policy to the Aldermanic Candidates for the upcoming forum on March 25. Change the title to League of Women Voters of Appleton and eliminates Branch.

Irene Strohbeen moved and Gayle seconded to accept the revised Candidate Forum Policy.

MOTION PASSED

**6) Membership Report-** Stephanie Malaney- Updated January 31, 2015 Membership List is in Dropbox

**7) Observer Corps-** Sara Leet

- Sarah has attended City Council and Outagamie County meetings in January.
- Discussion of Sarah sending a letter to the council and Outagamie County that the league has an observer corps now observing.
- Post Crescent may not be attending City Council meetings.

**8) Making Democracy Work Award-** Deb Werth reported on the committee meeting.

- Nomination form will be revised
- Nominations can be made for men and women again this year
- Nominations for individuals and not groups this year
- What about nominations for people who are in a paid position
- Should we have the PC be a Co-sponsor again

**Vice President of Program-** Gayle Hardt - Upcoming Events schedule to Dropbox

**Legislative Director Report-** Penny Robinson

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

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

**Around the Board**

**Adjournment**

**Upcoming Events**

**Understanding Human Trafficking in the Fox Valley—  
the Crime, the Victims and the Community.”**

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Bordini Center

5 Systems Drive, Appleton

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**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY February 17**

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**Watershed Connections to Green Bay Water Quality and Hypoxia”**

Kevin Fermanich, Professor,  
Geoscience and Environmental Science

Wednesday, MARCH 11, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Appleton Public Library, Meeting Room C

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**Appleton Downtown Update Panel**

Monday, March 23

6:30 -8:00 PM

Appleton Public Library Room A-C

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**Aldermanic Districts 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15 Candidate Forum**

Wednesday, March 25

6:30-8:00 PM

Appleton Public Library

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**“Overview of Area Hydrogeology  
& Non-Point Source Pollution”**

Maureen Muldoon,  
Associate Professor of Hydrology and Environmental Geology  
University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh

**Monday, MARCH 30, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Appleton Public Library, Meeting Room C**