

Minutes
March 4, 2015
League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting
Wednesday @ 4:00 PM Appleton Public Library

Dropbox 20150304 for Minutes and Board Meeting Reports

Call to Order
Agenda Changes

Call to order at 4:02 by Sara.

Proposal to Board from Nominating Committee-Nadine, Marty, Stephanie

Charge was to get 3 officers and 3 directors. We got 11 nos. The committee to look at some strategic planning and feedback from members who were asked to serve on the board. In going through the membership who were getting to very new members as possible candidates. Feedback of too commitments and other questioning why they were a member. We also reviewed the Bylaws.

3 Recommendations

Amend the Bylaws to read up to 11 directors not 11 directors.-currently not flexible in language .

Strategic Task Force-keeping members more engaged.

Smaller board would limit activities we would be involved in.-more flexibility in Bylaws

Nominating Committee

Will be looking for secretary

Gayle, Sara C. and Stephanie will be reviewing the Bylaws.

Irene is a director not VP. Penny is Action Director.

Approval of February 4, 2015 Minutes – Minutes in Dropbox Irene moved. Second. Barb. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Kelly –

President's Report – Sara Companik

- 1) **Newsletter -March/April The Informed Voter/ Articles due March 12 or sooner.**
- 2) **Upcoming Events Update and needed volunteers.**
 - March 11- Greeter, registration (3)
 - March 23-Greeter, Registration, Collecting and Sorting Questions, Timer (6-7)
 - March 25- Greeter, Registration, Collecting and Sorting Questions, Timer (6-7)
 - March 28- Human Trafficking Consensus Meeting
 - March 30- Greeter, Registration (3)
 - April Presentation has been cancelled.
- 3) **Nonpartisan Policy Vote-** Thank you to Barb Kelly for updating the Nonpartisan Policy. Irene moved to adopted policy. Second Deb W. Passed.
- 4) **Board Reports for Annual Meeting Packet due May 1 to Gayle.**
Each officer and director submits a short report for the year's activities.
- 5) Annual Meeting, Dinner at Liberty Hall Cost:\$20
- 6) **League meetings to be held in preparation for Annual Meeting on May 21**
Bylaws- State and Local- Gayle, Stephanie, Sara

Voter Services- Jaqueline Klimaszewski- Candidate Forum, March 25

Vice President of Program- Gayle Hardt- Upcoming Events Schedule attached. Annual Reports for Annual Meeting Packet due to Gayle, May 1.

Legislative Director Report- Penny Robinson Members received email to contact legislator about Bill 44. League instrumental in moving support to keep GAB as nonpartisan. Details on cuts to UW systems. Cuts to public schools. Penny encouraged everyone to call about Right to Work.

Making Democracy Award- Deb Werth. Have not met since last board meeting.

Local Study/ Human Trafficking Update-Irene Strohbeen Forum was a great success with 100 people in the seat with some officials present. Poor information from steering committee. Steering committee doing Action Research as well as strategic planning and work groups. Community Foundation Grant money for 3 years to support this work. Irene is suggesting that fall would be a good time to inform community. LWV can have a role. Schedule laid out with final information for April. Recommending to continue to track and get a member on their committee. Irene is working on drafting and legislation is covered in national position.

Membership Report- Stephanie Malaney- Report in drop box most current even with new member as of yesterday.

Observer Corp- Sarah Leet Looking for more members to be involve. Some discussion around what to write or give members as far as information.

Natural Resources and State Water Study Update- Karen Jansen

Sara shared the Downtown Appleton Update agenda.

Around the Board

Adjournment at 5:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Stephanie Malaney.

Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015	6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	D. J. Bordini Center, 5 N. Systems Drive, Grand Chute, Room BC103	“Understanding Human Trafficking in the Fox Valley – the Crime, the Victims, and the Community.” LWV study committee update. Local experts will share their experience and knowledge about sex trafficking in the area and what’s being done about it.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015	7:00 p.m.	Appleton Public Library, Room C	“Watershed Connections to Green Bay Water Quality and Hypoxia.” Kevin Fermanich, Professor, Geoscience and Environmental Science, UW-Green Bay
MONDAY,	6:30 to 8:00	Appleton Public	“Downtown Appleton Update.” Mayor Hanna, Colleen

MARCH 23, 2015	p.m.	Library, Rooms A, B and C	Rortved, Jennifer Stephany, and Dani Englebert will update citizens on vision, process, and answer, "Can we afford it?" for new projects in downtown Appleton.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Appleton Public Library, Rooms A, B and C	"Aldermanic Candidate Forum." In preparation for election on April 7, 2015.
Saturday, MARCH 28. 2015	9:30- 11:30 am	Appleton Public Library, Room C	Human Trafficking Consensus Meeting
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015	7:00 p.m.	Appleton Public Library, Room C	"Overview of Area Hydrogeology & Non-Point Source Pollution." Maureen Muldoon, Associate Professor, Hydrology and Environmental Geology, UW-Oshkosh.
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015	5:30 p.m. – Social, 6:00 p.m. - Dinner, 6:45 p.m. - Meeting	Liberty Hall, Kimberly, WI	LWV of Appleton Annual Meeting