League of Women Voters of Appleton Board August 5, 2015 Meeting Notes FREEA Dropbox 08152015

Members Present: Stephanie Malaney, Gayle Hardt, J. Klimaszewski, Penny Robinson, Barb Kelly, Irene Strohbeen

Call to Order: 4:10 Due to a lack of quorum, items and information were shared but not formally approved.

April, 2015 Minutes: Penny Robinson amended minutes to insert "state" in "proposed budget" in the Legislative Director Report.

Treasurer's Report from Barbary Kelly. The final report is into the state. The \$250 insurance has been paid (this protects the League at events). She has received more reservations for Women's Equality Day.

President's Report: Board meetings will be the first Wednesday of each month at the Appleton Public Library. Penny Robinson has agreed to the newsletter. The deadline for the newsletter will be the week after board meetings. The newsletter will preview new board members, Voter Registration efforts and the President Vision and Goals.

Women's Equality Day: Updates on Women's Equality Day were shared.

Last Year's Local Study – Human Trafficking: Irene Strohbeen reported that the committee is not meeting as the study has been adopted. There will be a community-wide forum. Irene indicated that she is a liaison to the state/national study committee on campaign financing reform and the process for amending the constitution.

Vice President of Program: Gayle Hardt shared planning information and we agreed that county information is important.

Voter Services: J. Klimaszewski reported on Juneteenth participation and the registration assistance being provided at the Appleton High Schools. The need to start a drive to assist individuals to acquire a government issued ID suitable for voting was discussed.

Legislative Director Report: Penny Robinson shared the GAB report and talked about the need to defend the non-partisan focus of the GAB.

Membership Report: Elizabeth Laux was not present.

Observer Corp: Sarah Leet was not present.

Strategic Priorities: (suggestions from Around the Board)

- Update the job descriptions
- Review non-partisan policy
- Policy and By-Law review
- Review website
- Newsletter inclusions:
 - o Preview new board members
 - o Voter registration information
 - President—vision and goals
 - Deadline to Penny Robinson (<u>pennyrobinson1@gmail.com</u>) by one week week after each board meeting
- Access and visibility to policies (such as the Mayor/City Council vs. City Manager question that was studied at an earlier date)
- How do we educate ourselves on positions?

Submitted by Jacqueline Klimaszewski