Minutes **20160302**

League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting Wednesday at 5:00pm Appleton Public Library

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Call to Order

Members Present: Cindy Fallona, Stephanie Malaney, Irene Strohbeen, Jackie Klimazeski, Barbara Kelly, Gayle Hardt, Elizabeth Laux

Call to Order at 5:00pm by Stephanie Malaney

Approval of minutes January 6, 2016 board meeting – Minutes in dropbox (secretary did not record who moved and seconded)

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Kelly presented. Accept as filed.

President's Report – available in Dropbox

New Business – Budget

By laws state that the budget must be drawn up by committee two months prior to the 5/19/16 annual meeting, submitted to the board and then sent to our membership. The committee must consist of the president, treasurer, finance chair and two other members. Barbara will host the meeting at her home on a date to be determined.

Vice President of Program – Gayle Hardt – Tentative plans to hold two spring programs-

- Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust focus on water quality
- Judge Deslardins to speak on criminal justice

Our annual meeting will be held on 5/19 at Michael's Banquet Facility.

Urban Study – Irene Strohbeen – our urban study will be for 2 years. No chair for this committee yet so leadership is being shared. The City of Appleton is holding listening sessions on 3/14 and 3/16 for citizen input on updating the comprehensive plan. To date no location has been announced.

Irene sent in our feedback to the state and national league on Money in Politics.

Voter Services – Jackie Klimazeski – The League will sponsor Appleton candidate forums on March 15. Workers are needed. Another forum will be held at Lawrence University. The two candidates running for the seat in District 4 will participate. The University will co-sponsor. Date to be determined but most likely 3/30 or 3/31. The theme of the debate will be student issues i.e. inclusion, diversity etc.

There will be voter registration opportunities:

BABES will have us on site every 2-3 months.

Second week of March the League will assist new voters at Appleton West and North High Schools, Fox Valley Technical College, UW Fox Valley and Community Health and Dental.

Jackie met with a group of citizens from Unidos Por Un Futuro Mejor (United For A Better Future). On 3/13 the League will assist in voter registration for this group at Appleton Public Library.

New Voices (formerly White Heron Chorale) has asked the League to do a presentation on the importance of voting prior to one of their concerts.

Membership – Elizabeth Laux- working on contacting members who have not renewed their League membership by sending email reminders. Board will assist with phone calls if necessary.

Observercorp – no report.

Adjournment at 5:55pm.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Fallona