

Minutes
20161005
League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting
Wednesday at 4:30pm Appleton Public Library

Call to Order

Members Present: Stephanie Malaney, Cindy Fallona, Penny Robinson, Elizabeth Laux, Barb Kelly, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Gayle Hardt, Jeanne Roberts

Call to Order at 4:30pm by Stephanie Malaney

Treasurer's Report - Barbara Kelly presented. Accept as filed. Barb updated the results of the yearly fundraiser. Donations are coming in. It would add to the success of the endeavor if all board members contributed.

President's Report – Stephanie Malaney

- 10/6/16 City of Appleton mayor's budget will be available. League will review it to see what it contains that is critical to our positions.
- The City of Appleton has not yet filled the Diversity Coordinator opening. League members need to advocate to their alderpersons urging them to fill the Diversity Coordinator position.
- Penny Robinson moved that the League send out an email to members to encourage contacting alderpersons to fill this vital position. Advocacy will be done as individuals not on behalf of the League. Jeanne Roberts seconded and motion was passed unanimously.

Newsletter articles are due to Penny by 11/2/16.

Education position review committee

has had two meetings. Committee members are: Chair-Marti Hemwall, Jeanne Roberts, Gayle Hardt, Jim Bowman, Sharon Fenlon, and Miriam Douglas. The current position will be reviewed this year with the local study to be conducted in 2017.

Strategic Plan – Communications

The strategic plan called for an adhoc communication committee to be formed. Members are Penny Robinson, Jeanne Roberts, Shirley Strange, Stephanie Malaney, Miriam Douglas.

- Flow chart of communication positions is located in dropbox.
- Non-partisan policy adopted in 2015. All communication must be done in adherence with this non-partisan policy.
- Currently no one is in charge of publicity.
- No designated photographer for League events. Elizabeth volunteered to take photographs if she is at the event.

- Committee is grappling with the issue of driving all communications through the League website.
- Board will direct the committee as it brings items to the board.

Vice President of Program – Gayle Hardt reported on upcoming events.

1. Candidate forum on education, 10/6/16, at Einstein Middle School will be sponsored in conjunction with AAUW and the Fox Cities Advocates 4 Education.
2. Election program on the topic “Candidates, Substance and Personality”, featuring guest speaker. Arnold Schober of Lawrence University – 10/12/16 at the Appleton Public Library.
3. Candidate forum on all topics is tentatively planned for 10/19/16 if enough candidates are able to attend.
4. Presentation by the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust, 7pm, 11/2/16, at the Appleton Public Library. It follows our League board meeting.
5. State League of Women Voters issues briefing, 11/19/16, in Madison.

Land Use Planning Committee – Jeanne Roberts presented the revised version of the Land Use Planning in Appleton position. It was edited for clarification after input received at the League Consensus meeting. Motion to accept the local land use planning in Appleton study made by Jeanne Roberts, seconded by Jackie Klimaszewski. Passed unanimously.

Voter Services – Jackie Klimaszewski- Report in drop box.

Membership – Elizabeth Laux – Two new members Helen Nagler and Sue Waltman. The membership committee met on 10/4/16. Several ideas for increasing and retaining members were discussed. A social gathering for all members will be held on 11/3/16 at Shirley Strange’s home.

Approval of minutes from the September board meeting discussed. Correction to the minutes involved deleting the 9/20 forum. Motion to approve by Barbara Kelly with the second by Jeanne Roberts. Passed unanimously.

Scholarship – Membership committee directed to develop a process to address potential new members who are unable to pay the full cost of dues. Motion to cover membership dues for a new member with a hardship financial constraint beyond \$25 will come out of the scholarship fund made by Elizabeth Laux, seconded by Barbara Kelly. Passed unanimously. The committee will also review the membership by-laws to address dues for new members who join at the end of the League year.

Adjournment at 6:02 pm.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Fallona

