

20180207 Minutes

League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting
Wednesday @ 4:30 PM Appleton Public Library

Dropbox for Minutes and Board Meeting Reports

Call to Order: Jeanne called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

Present were Jeanne R., Irene S., Elizabeth L., Maren P., Penny R., Barbara D., Cindy F., and me.

Agenda Changes:

Correction to minutes regarding the price of postcards:

25- \$13.50, 50-\$18.00, 100-\$26.00, 150- \$30.00, 500-\$76.00

Motion to accept minutes made by Cindy, second by Elizabeth

Treasurer's Report—in Dropbox

President's Report – in Dropbox

Survey from State LWV re: Enhanced Diversity will be submitted by Jeanne

LWV-Illinois is proposing that the LWVUW position on abolishment of the Electoral College become a part of the 2018-2020 program of Making Democracy Work. As part of this, we will be having a special meeting regarding the Electoral College in March. A program survey for the national convention needs to be completed regarding this by March 1. Our local president, Jeanne, will complete the survey in support of the LWV-Illinois proposal to elevate Abolishment of Electoral College as part of Making Democracy Work for 2018-2020 biennium.

Motion to accept by Irene, second by Barbara

New Business -

State program questionnaire – a copy is included in dropbox.

Consideration of new Board and committee positions

Old Business -

New website – MyLO : Motion to approve new website start up by Maren, second by Elizabeth

Budget issues: Jeanne asked for any budget request: Barbara asked for money towards Natural Resources; Penny requested approval to purchase 200 postcards for next LWV meeting on Monday, February 19. Motion made by Cindy to order more postcards than needed for Monday's meeting. Second by Maren.

Electoral college: See above

Reports -

Natural Resources – Barbara Dorzweiler in Dropbox

Barbara requested money be given towards fundraising project for Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Spring Cleanup April 21. Tabled until next meeting when we should know our budget better.

Membership – Elizabeth Laux in Dropbox

On-line vote taken which approved new nametags and plastic sleeves for LWV gatherings. Elizabeth has ordered. Membership at 72. Talk of a new member social gathering...which will most likely be coordinated by Shirley Strange and Sara Companik. Elizabeth wants to put together a new member folder; is asking for ideas for what should be included. Memorial Day Parade....recruit as many members as possible to participate.

Legislative Report/Newsletter – Penny Robinson in Dropbox

March/April newsletter - get articles to Penny as early as possible so newsletter can go out early in month.

Highlights of Legislative proposal and Legislative Report - Keep Families First Coalition which is a bad bill. State LWV protests the bill.

Penny requests that LWV-A join the local End Childhood Poverty Coalition. Nancy Jones was also present to give information. After much discussion it was suggested that Penny bring this to Andrea at state LWV levels for feedback. Penny can then bring back to local board.

Observer Corps – Cindy Fallona

Shirley Strange will be taking over Observer Corps for the next year.

Voter Services – Jacqui Klimaszewski in Dropbox

Communication – Maren Peterson

News sent to Maren is listed on LWV-Appleton Facebook page

Program – Irene Strohbeen in Dropbox

Minutes from Lively Issues in Dropbox – these minutes will be part of the Annual Meeting in May. Six top issues were highlighted.

February 19 program on climate change all things in place.

March 14 Pi Day Electoral College special meeting 6-8 pm. Feel free to bring pie.

March 19 Meeting will include a game and some fun activities as a way to educate about League process.

Announcements –

Update about Historical Museum: The museum is planning to do a display regarding what divides and what connects us. As part of this, they have asked us to moderate a discussion between conservative and progressive citizens of the Fox Valley. Penny Bernard Schaber has agreed to participate and to find conservative citizens to participate also.

Long-time members are impressed with what LWV-Appleton is doing and has accomplished this year. Thank you Board and Jeanne!

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Irene, second by Penny.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

LouAnn Graf

