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League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 @ 4:30 PM Appleton Public Library

Dropbox for Minutes and Board Meeting Reports

Present: Jeanne R., Irene S., Cindy F., Barbara D., Maren P., Elizabeth L., Karen B., LouAnn G.

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

Agenda Changes

Treasurer's Report—in Dropbox

As of 04/03/18 \$19,294.23 in checking; \$5,000 CD. Major expense has been new website for \$600 Budget will remain as is for 2018-19

President's Report – in Dropbox

Please read report. It contains a wealth of information.

New Business -

President's Call

Several points highlighted by Jeanne: National wants to choose the topics of study. National want to make LWV a 'top down' rather than grassroots organization. National also wants dues collected at national level then distributed to state and local chapters. National sees this as way to increase membership. LWV-Appleton had discussion on and disagreement with these ideas from National.

Annual Meeting May 21, 2018 Elizabeth Laux will be recording secretary that night since LouAnn will not be present.

Please get reports in so we can include them in the Annual Meeting Packet. Keep information short.

Sign up for Wisconsin Annual Meeting in Oshkosh Dates are June 8-9

Delegates for State convention will be: Jeanne, Irene, Shirley S., Sara C, and Cindy F.

Old Business -

MLD Award

Jeanne will start collecting information of member names, number of participants, % of members participating etc. for MLD award. Many statistics are required for this award.

Sign up for National Convention

Motion made by Elizabeth for Irene to be a delegate at National. Second by Cindy. Motion passed unanimously. Jeanne and Jacqui will be voting members attending convention.

Convention will be in Chicago June 28-29

Reports -

Program – Irene Strohbeen

Suggestion from Irene about contacting family and friends to ask them to vote; a "relational voter program" where people are more likely and interested in voting when there is a personal contact. Also encourage more women to vote.

Motion from Irene: I move that LWV-Appleton form a committee to study "Youth Advocacy and Justice" to update the current "Juveniles at Risk" position.

Second by Elizabeth. Motion passed. (This study will be in addition to the current 2-year study to update our education position.)

Helen Nagler will chair this. Irene will present this at Annual Meeting.

Program/Communication – Maren Peterson

Maren explained how to “share” using drop down menu on Facebook to share with friends about LWV-A and to invite to events.

Maren will include an event notice on FB about the Annual Meeting.

Maren will get an application for the LWV-A to have a booth at the Appleton Farmer’s Market.

Voter Services – Jacqui Klimaszewski in Dropbox

May 6 is exactly six months before the national election for young voters to register who will turn 18 by November.

Legislative Report/Newsletter – Penny Robinson

*As a result of encouragement by Sara Companik and myself, the LWVWI board decided unanimously at March 27 meeting to join the End Childhood Poverty campaign at the state level. The League is considering a breakout session on this campaign at the Annual Meeting in June. More information can be found at www.endchildpovertywi.org

*Penny was attending Hands Around the Courthouse during our board meeting.

*May 1 News articles due to Penny. This will be Penny’s last newsletter.

Natural Resources – Barbara Dorzweiler

Highlights from Barbara’s report:

*Friday, April 6 at Atlas Café from 6:30-7:30 pm speaker Rear Admiral David Titley will present about climate change and national security risks.

*Saturday, April 21 Fox Wolf Watershed Clean-up Day

*Earth Day April 22 Activities and speaker at Bubolz Nature Center. Motion made by Irene to support a booth at Bubolz that day to promote and hand out information about LWV-A. Second by Jeanne. Cost is \$100. Barb will see if there is still availability for a booth.

*June 27 in Chicago LWVLMR holds annual meeting. This is the day before the LWV National Convention in Chicago.

Membership – Elizabeth Laux

Current membership at 79. Three summer socials – all in July- will be open to all members- perspective, new, inactive, active. Invite will come through Mail Chimp.

Announcements – *Jeanne has completed application for LWV-A to be in Memorial Day Parade.

*Members should let Jeanne know of anyone who would like to be a member of Diversity Committee. LWV-A needs to be attentive to diversity, reaching out to all.

*LWV-A received a Thank You from Leah Olson, AASD school board member up for election, for hosting the forum.

* Gallagher Town Hall – Green Bay, Saturday, April 7, 2018 Gallagher has been invited but has not responded. It would be an ‘empty chair’ town hall if Gallagher does not attend. Opponent has been invited and will attend. Green Bay high schoolers will also attend. Jacqui or Jeanne will forward to LWV-GB to make sure they aware of the event. Appleton will help out as/if needed.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Irene. Second by Elizabeth. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

LouAnn Graf