

Minutes May 2, 2018
League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting
Wednesday @ 4:30 PM Appleton Public Library

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Call to Order

Agenda Changes

Treasurer's Report—in Dropbox

President's Report – in Dropbox

New Business -

LWV-US and LWV-WI are waiving the fees for students. All local Leagues can choose what we want to do. After much discussion a motion was made by Penny Robinson and seconded by Jacqui Klimaszewski to propose a bylaw change as follows:

Section 2. Types of Membership.

A. Voting Members – Persons at least sixteen years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS: (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join the League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

B. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

C. Second member in household. A second (or third) adult member at least eighteen years of age living in the same household as a voting member shall pay a reduced membership fee as determined by the membership committee with Board approval, and shall be a voting member.

*D. Student members. A high school or post secondary student shall pay a reduced membership fee as determined by the membership committee with Board approval. ~~Student members are not eligible to vote.~~ **Students aged 16 or 17 will not be charged a fee.***

The motion was passed unanimously.

Memorial Day Parade – we will be marching in the Memorial Day parade. A mailchimp will be sent out.

Old Business -

Remember to get your reports to Irene for the Annual Meeting Packet.

Questions about who presents at the Annual Meeting.

Diversity committee is almost formed – the goals of the diversity advisory committee are to make sure that we are reaching out to our diverse communities in Appleton and to make sure that we are being welcoming and inclusive to our diverse communities.

Reports -

Legislative Report/Newsletter – Penny Robinson indicated that LWV-WI voted unanimously to support the End Child Poverty Campaign and is asking for a vote of the LWV Appleton to do the same. This would not require any extra work on our part. It would be lending our name and credibility to the campaign. We would be asking individual members to join also. Cindy Fallona made a motion to join the campaign which was seconded by Elizabeth Laux. It was passed on a unanimous vote.

Voter Services – Jacqui Klimaszewski has started a Voter Services Team comprised of five LWV members which has met one time. There will be a voter table at the Circles of Life Conference in Appleton and Jacqui got several volunteers. We will also be having a table at Juneteenth this year. We continue working with the Willems' student marketing team and are looking at having a Voter Event at North High School which we hope to replicate next year at the other two public schools. Jacqui will not be able to attend this and so League member Brian Post and president Jeanne Roberts will be there.

Program – Irene Strohbeen – The most recent program on Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma Informed Care had to be rescheduled due to weather. The program was well-attended and well-received. The Annual Meeting is on Monday, May 21. Irene needs reports by May 10. The program committee will be meeting over the summer to make a schedule of monthly programs for next year. There is one more program for this year that needed to be rescheduled due to weather. The program The Science of Climate Change by Dr. Patricia Hallquist is scheduled for Monday, June 18 at Copper Rock. Maren reserved Copper Rock for the same day of the month for next year's programs.

Natural Resources – Barbara Dorzweiler, Jacqui Klimaszewski and Jeanne Roberts helped with a LWV Appleton table at Bubolz Nature Preserve for Earth Day. The table included interactive activities including coloring pictures, Future Voter stickers and an activity to sort out trash into recyclable, trash and compost. There was a lot of activity at the table and questions from families about the LWV. Barbara will not be on the Board next year but suggests an advisory committee instead.

Membership – Elizabeth Laux states that we have had an increase in membership of 30% and we are up to 81 members. There will be three member socials this summer for current and prospective members: 7/10 @ 4:30 at Shirley Strange's house and 7/18 & 7/26 @ 4:30 at Barbara Kelley's house. The Board suggested that a volunteer check list be made available on the membership form. It was also suggested that the student forms be made more creative with something like super heroes saying to join the LWV or to vote. The Membership Committee has also created a new and prospective member folder.

Program/Communication – Maren Peterson reserved Copper Rock for the same day of the month for next year's programs.

Announcements - Thank you Penny Robinson for her years of service to the Board. She will be serving on the Diversity Committee in the future. Thank you Barb Dorzweiler for serving as Natural Resources director.

Adjournment – Cindy Fallona made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Maren Peterson and unanimously voted to approve.

