

MINUTES 20190501

May 1, 2019

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 4:30 pm

Present were: Jeanne R., Jacqui K., Karen B., Irene S., Cindy F., Elizabeth L., LouAnn G.

Agenda Changes

Treasurer's Report—in Dropbox

"Square" to accept credit cards is now set and ready to use. Will be available at Annual Meeting.

President's Report – in Dropbox

New Business –

Imagine Fox Cities – May 20 at Concordia

Gayle Hardt is the contact person for this visioning exercise to see how we can help future generations and assure their well-being. To be held at Concordia College from 4-6 pm.

Need for Newsletter editor

Jessica Thiel's last newsletter was this April/May 2019.

Suggestion that we also create marketing position for LWV-A to help expand, reach out, educate about the LWV-A

Old Business –

12000 Voices

HUGE SUCCESS! Maria Van Laanan from PAC enjoyed working with the LWV-A and would welcome the opportunity to work with us again.

Update on state's centennial celebration

Marti Hemwall is applying for a Community Foundation grant to help with the Centennial Celebration.

Presently the plan is: a celebration/program for February 2020 most likely to be run by the Deltas Sorority in conjunction with Black History Month

October 2020 Big program/celebration with Lawrence U. Very likely that LWV-A will partner with Lawrence and PAC. Both organizations would like a woman of color and most likely NOT an actress. Several other community organizations are also working with LWV-A

Several taglines suggested (one will be needed to be decided upon):

- 1.) Her Voice, Her Vote, Her Victory
- 2.) Women Celebrating the Power We've Earned Together
- 3.) 100 Years...Still Striving for Equality

Also would like an artist to work with LWV-A; artist's work commemorating the tagline chosen.

There will be a Women's Equality Day in August 2020

Memorial Day Parade

Would be nice to have a group of people make signs to carry in the Memorial Day Parade. Jeanne is waiting to hear about her application for LWV-A to be parade.

State Convention – Green Lake Conference Center – 06/08/2019

We (JEANNE) will be participating in a plenary session at state regarding membership ---LWV-A tiered membership and DEI (Diversity, Equality, Inclusion)

Bridging the Gap Years Display will be at state convention.

Keynote speaker will be Genevieve McBride – author of On Wisconsin Women

Reports -

Program – Irene Strohbeen

Annual Meeting Agenda in Dropbox

First Program Planning will take place in June. Let Irene know of ideas for topics.

Voter Services – Jacqui Klimaszewski

Delta Sorority would like to work more closely with LWV-A and voter services.

Juneteenth at City Park is set – our presence is usually from 11am-4pm. Trying to have individual groups/students take on more responsibility for voter registration/education. Jacqui would be in more of a supervising role.

Jacqui will step down from Voter Services and become a Director.

Membership – Elizabeth Laux (in Dropbox)

Elizabeth is trying to reach out to those who have not reinstated membership for this year; also those who contribute but choose not to become members. Fundraising letter coming out in May. In 2016 there was a huge spike in LWV membership (nationally), but when it came time to renew memberships, many leagues had members not rejoining.

Legislative Report– Cindy Fallona

Cindy reported that many Appleton LWV attended and testified at the Joint Finance Committee in Green Bay on April 24, 2019.

LWV Impact on Issues 2018-2020: A Guide to Public Policy Positions – Cindy has this handbook.

There is a 14 minute video on how to contact and talk to legislators put out by LWV-WI

Program/Social Media – Maren Peterson

Communication – Jessica Thiel

Fiscal/Fundraising – Sue Hopfensberger

Cindy reported for Sue that there will be a table with five (5) baskets on which to place silent auction bids at the Annual Meeting. Starting bids will vary for each basket.

Magnets and buttons will also be available for sale at Annual Meeting = \$5 each

Announcements –

If approved at Annual Meeting, Action V-P will be closely aligned with Legislative Director June 23 Dane County and LWV-WI will be hosting a celebration for WI 100th anniversary of Wisconsin's ratification of the 19th Amendment. Family friendly event. Could LWV-A charter a bus to attend this event? Irene will look into cost of chartered bus. Also in the Capitol Rotunda is an exhibit from the Wis. Historical Society, The Woman's Hour Has Struck, Wisconsin: The First State to Ratify the 19th Amendment.

Discussion that the exhibit would be nice to have in Appleton is it possible?

MLD Award – too cumbersome for the amount of money awarded (\$250) Jeanne explained this to Sara C. who will take this information to state. Suggestion came for the Board that Jeanne submit what she has completed regardless if complete or not.

Jeanne and Irene invited to a teleconference Wednesday, May 8 at 10 am regarding Wisconsin Bill #185

Adjournment - Jeanne adjourned meeting at 5:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

LouAnn Graf