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## President's Corner

*By Carolyn Mewhorter*



Our Board is meeting over the summer months and will produce a July **Bulletin** for your information. Have a wonderful summer season.

Thank you,

*Carolyn Mewhorter*

## Appleton League of Women Voters Annual Meeting May 15, 2008



**T**he annual meeting was held at the Red Ox Supper Club with a 5:30 p.m. social hour and 6:00 p.m. dinner. Present were Miriam Douglas, Barbara Grant, Sue Eich, Vicky Olenski, Beth English, Barb Dorzweiler, Nadine Miller, Debra Cronmiller, Cindy Carter, Nancy Graham, Marlys Fritzell, Helen Nagler, Shirley Strange, Winnie Doxsie, and Carolyn Mewhorter.

President Carolyn Mewhorter called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Barbara Grant, Parliamentarian, explained some of Roberts Rules of Order, particularly in regard to motions and amendments.

Deb Cronmiller moved to adopt the agenda and Beth English seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Helen Nagler moved to

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# Future Needs Study Committee

The Appleton Area School District (AASD) asked a group of about 80 people to serve on the Future Needs Study Committee. Nadine Miller and I represented the Appleton League of Women Voters. The charge of the committee was to look at current practice, learn about research concerning learning and look at the future to help the District chart a course that will best serve the students of AASD in the future.

We had 6 meetings:

- An overview and student visioning process – what do we want education in AASD to look like?
- Presentations on facilities, security, technology and class size – feedback activity.
- Presentation on Birth to Five – feedback activity.
- Presentation on K – 6 Elementary Programs – feedback activity.
- Presentation on 7-8 Middle School and 9-12 High School – feedback activity.
- Review of information, presentation on budget, priority setting activity.

It was an interesting process, and I learned a lot. A few notes of interest:

- The AASD tax levy per \$1,000 had gone down for several years.
- The Appleton tax levy rate is one of the lowest in the Valley and among districts of this size.
- The research on the development of a child between birth and 5 years old is amazing – they grow and develop so much and there is such an opportunity to help them.
- Technology has changed so much, instead of overheads and reel to reel projectors we have PowerPoint presentations, Smart Boards (the speaker was able to surf the web by touching a screen that had the image of the web projected on it) and the use of electronic resources routinely in the classroom.
- We learned the value of smaller class size and the challenges in keeping classes at desired sizes at all levels.
- We learned from study groups at all grade levels about exciting opportunities for enhanced learning.

It is impossible to put 13 hours of activity into a few paragraphs but the process was very interesting and exciting. I understand that AASD plans on having similar “conversations” with the community in the future. The information and feed back given by this committee will be used to set goals and priorities at district planning retreats this summer.

**[If you have questions please contact me, Winnie Doxsie, at 739-7593.](#)**

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amend the agenda by putting a discussion of the proposed new jail under new business. Cindy Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed and the agenda was then adopted as amended.

Carolyn announced the committee to approve the minutes. This will consist of Nadine Miller, Winnie Doxsie, and Beth English.

Winnie presented the treasurer's report for Sue Silton and answered questions. The treasurer's report was received and filed.

Carolyn gave the president's report which is also in the packet of materials for the annual meeting. Helen complimented Carolyn on the report she had presented to the Outagamie County Board at the budget hearings.

Winnie gave the membership report. We currently have 42 members. A brief discussion followed on ways to recognize new members.

The budget was presented by Winnie and questions answered.

Miriam Douglas presented the slate of officers and board members for the coming year. They are as follows:

Vice President-Action Nadine Miller 2 yr. term

Treasurer Sue Silton 2 yr. term

Secretary Miriam Douglas 1 yr. term

Director Winnie Doxsie 2 yr. term

Director Jody Van Domelen 2 yr. term

Director Barbara Dorzweiler 2 yr. term

Continuing board members are Carolyn Mewhorter, President, Shirley Strange, Vice President-Program, Director Vicky Olenski and Director Cindy Carter. Helen Nagler moved that we unanimously accept the slate. Shirley seconded and the motion was approved.

Shirley presented the recommended program which is a result of the January 19 Lively Issues meeting. The recommendation was not to do a local study but rather to take action on the mental health 2 yr. study which was just concluded. Helen moved to accept this and Vicky seconded. Discussion followed and Barb Grant cautioned against focusing too much on one area and not to preclude other areas that are of interest to our members. Beth English called the question and the local study action was approved. The state study of election administration has another year and the national study will not be known until the convention this summer.

Deb Cronmiller gave a summary of the discussions that led to our new mental health position. Marlys moved to adopt the position, Vicky seconded and the motion was approved. Helen moved and Shirley seconded to affirm all of our other existing positions. The motion carried.

Helen moved and Cindy seconded to adopt the budget. Deb suggested that since we are in an election year that we do not have enough budgeted for voter service. She moved to increase non-member contributions to \$400 and move that money to voter service which would bring that total to \$600. Helen seconded and the motion passed. Cindy moved to eliminate our \$30 intro to League dues and keep the dues at \$55 for regular membership and \$75 for sustaining

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membership. Helen seconded and the motion passed. Helen moved approval of the budget as amended, Deb seconded and the budget was approved.

Under new business, Carolyn said the board will meet through the summer. We are planning a forum on Judicial Rights in conjunction with the Neenah- Menasha League. We received a grant from the Joyce Foundation to fund this program and we have invited Judge Shirley Abrahamson to be our speaker. Helen brought up the issue of the proposed new jail and said we need to evaluate the cost of a jail as opposed to a treatment center. Much discussion ensued. Cindy moved and Winnie seconded that the group as a whole direct the board to look at the proposed new jail and take action within our existing positions. The motion passed.

Directions to the board: Marlys asked to look at our library positions as developments occur with our library's study on how to expand. Deb proposed that we look seriously at a merger with the Neenah/Menasha League. She also asked the board for permission to represent our League positions on the Public Council that she will be on. Barb directed the board to be sure to provide service opportunities in action and on other committees to all members. Helen said we need to look at energy issues and in particular the windmill controversy. Also she said we need to strongly encourage women to run for office. Deb also proposed that we watch the riverfront development according to our positions.

Nadine moved to adjourn, Beth seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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