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Board Meeting Minutes - February 10, 2009

submitted by Miriam Douglas, Secretary

Present: Carolyn Mewhorter , Winnie Doxsie, Shirley Strange, Miriam Douglass, Cindy Carter, Barbara Dorzweiler, Nadine Miller, Vicki Olenski

Absent: Sue Silton, Jan Quinlan, Shirley Adams

Call to Order: President Carolyn Mewhorter, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Agenda: (A copy is attached to the archived minutes.) Because of the financial implications of a new website, discussion of the WEB was moved to the Treasurer's Report agenda item.

Minutes of the January 13, 2009 Board meeting were corrected - Website item, 3rd bullet point, delete "\$84/year to run" - and approved (motion by Shirley Strange, second by Cindy Carter).

President's Report: President Carolyn Mewhorter reported -

• The Nominating Committee provided the following slate for the 2009-11 program years (except where noted) to be presented for vote by the membership at the Annual Meeting:

Barbara Dorzweiler

President Shirley Strange

Vice President - Program

Directors Vicky Olenski, Cindy Carter, Beth English

Directors 2009-10 Sara Companic, Marlys Fritzell

Secretary Marcia Hittle

Nominating Committee Caroline Mewhorter – Chair, Miriam Douglass,

Stevie Schmidt

Vice President – Action Nadine Miller

Treasurer Sue Silton

Director Winnie Doxsie

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• The report of the Lively Issues group (attached to the archived minutes) was accepted (motion by Cindy Carter, second by Vicki Olenski).

Treasurer's Report:

The report (attached to the archived minutes), presented by Winnie Doxsie for Sue Silton, was approved (motion by Winnie Doxsie, second by Nadine Miller).

Account Balances as of 2/5/09

Bank Accounts		
CD 12231	\$ 5,	.000.000
CD 12232	\$ 5,	.000.00
Checking 2008-09	\$ 2,	,944.68
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 12	,944.68
Asset Accounts		
Monies kept by LWV	\$	0.00
Total Asset Accounts	\$	0.00
Overall Total	\$ 12	,944.68

Website:

- Barbara Dorzweiler and Vicki Olenski recommended that the League contract with WebCitz, LLC to build and maintain its website. Costs will be \$500.00 to build, an annual fee of \$59.40 to host and \$9.95 per year to register the domain name. (A copy of the proposal is attached to the archived minutes.)
- The lwvappleton.org domain name is registered to Carmen Shipper who built the first website. Barbara will get the username and password from Carmen.

A motion, made by Shirley Strange and seconded by Winnie Doxsie, to contract with WebCitz, LLC to design and host the website was approved.

Budget:

(A copy is attached to the archived minutes.) The budget was approved (motion by Vicki Olenski, second by Barb Dorzweiler).

VP Program:

Shirley Strange updated the calendar. (A copy is attached to the archived minutes.)

Two webcasts are scheduled: (1) Annual Sunshine Week National Dialogue on March 20, 12:00-1:30 PM and (2) LWVUS Council Meeting, June 13, beginning at 1 PM (EDT). Shirley will explore how to involve Appleton LWV members. Board members should have electronic versions of their reports for the Annual Meeting to Shirley by April 14.

VP Action:

Nadine Miller reported in the last Bulletin on the two Referendum Questions that will be considered by the voters in the Appleton Area School District on February 17.

Mental Health:

Commissioner and League member Helen Nagler will alert Barbara Dorzweiler when to make a statement to the Outagamie County Board asking for funding of improved mental health services in the county.

Voter Service:

Winnie Doxsie reported that the League has been asked by Tanya Rabec to provide a moderator for a February 16 debate among Districts 1 and 11 Aldermanic candidates. No action was taken due to lack of details and the short deadline.

Observer Corps:

No report.

Membership:

Winnie Doxsie distributed an updated membership list (a copy is attached to the archived minutes.). There are 32 individuals, 5 households, 2 National and 4 Honorary members, for a total of 43 – one less than last year.

Natural Resources:

Cindy Carter reported that the State DNR plans to use \$10 million to fund select trails on which no motorized vehicles are permitted.

Bulletin:

Vicki Olenski set deadlines of February 26 and March 28 for receipt of materials for the March and April Bulletins, respectively.

Around the Board:

Barbara Dorzweiler relayed a message from Helen Nagler who wants the Appleton LWV to spearhead an effort to determine how the 2010 census will be conducted, especially how to count undocumented persons, such as the homeless. The study group should include LWV members, community clerks, and other interested persons. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers and directors:

Officers (2009-2011):

President: Shirley Strange

Vice President (Program): Barbara Dorzweiler

Secretary: Marcia Hittle

Directors (2009-2011):

- 1. Vicky Olenski
- 2. Cindy Carter
- 3. Beth English

Directors (2009-2010):

- 1. Sara Companic
- 2. Marlys Fritzell

2010 Nominating Committee:

- 1. Carolyn Mewhorter, Chair
- 2. Miriam Douglass
- 3. Stevie Schmidt

Respectfully submitted,

Chair, Marlys Fritzell, Marcia Hittle, Helen Nagler, Barbara Dorzweiler, Cindy Carter

Continuing Board Members:

Vice President (Action): Nadine Miller

Treasurer: Sue Silton Directors: Winnie Doxsie

Lively Issues

The following recommendations for a local and state study resulted from the Lively Issues meeting January 19, 2009. They were approved by the Board of the Appleton LWV February 10, 2009.

Local Study

Recommended Program:

Policy to reduce energy consumption and cost in local government, schools, buildings, etc.

Non recommended Program:

- County funding of alcohol treatment and prevention mandated by the state.
- Green energy development with an emphasis on wind, solar and methane (both agricultural and landfill
- Alternative to a new jail
- Sustainable communities (partnership with local ECOS group)

Great Lakes as an issue for emphasis (partner with Great Lakes InterLeague).

State Study

The following recommendations for a state study were sent to the State League, February 25, 2009.

Adequate funding for dental care

Beer tax to be used for alcohol treatment and prevention programs

Good news!

Submitted by Cindy Carter-Natural Resources

President Obama signed the economic stimulus bill into law *with* the majority of the funding for clean energy and other key green initiatives intact.

This is truly good news for both our economy and our environment.

I want to thank you again for helping to make this possible. The www.SaveOurEnvironment.org community barraged its members of Congress with tens of thousands of emails in support of the green investments. The donations we received also enabled us to keep the pressure on Congress to protect the crucial green investments until the bitter end.

Here are a few more details on how the final economic stimulus bill will help bolster our economy while protecting our environment, reducing our dependence on foreign oil, and cutting global warming pollution.

- The **\$26.86 billion investment in energy efficiency** will help to kick-start the economy by creating more than half a million jobs and saving hundreds of billion of dollars in wasted energy costs;
- The \$18.95 billion it includes for green transportation, including public transit and high-speed rail projects, will put more than 300,000 people to work building the transportation solutions we need to cut greenhouse gas pollution; and

The **\$32.80 billion the bill includes for clean energy projects** will help significantly reduce global warming pollution and cut down on pollution to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters, making them safe for drinking water, swimming, and fishing.

This is an important first step towards rebuilding our economy while protecting our planet.

LWV Observer Corps

By Barb Dorzweiler

Our observer program is a structured way for individuals to exercise their right to know. It also provides a service to our community through education and information sharing.

This is a reminder that we have lots of opportunity to volunteer small amounts of our time. You are not obligated to a fixed schedule. In fact, if you are interested in just one meeting, please attend and report to bjdorz@yahoo.com. Meeting agendas are available online. See links below. Our observer program is a structured way for individuals to exercise their right to know. It also provides a service to our community through education and information sharing. An observer is an individual who attends a governmental meeting, notes what happens at the meeting, and reports back to the League. Reporting can be as easy as an email. The League also has short and quick guides for the new observer. Take a friend or neighbor with you! Contact Appleton League President Carolyn Mewhorter if you are interested.

You can be an Observer if:

You are a good listener and can summarize proceedings in a fair way

You are interested in local government

You can be an "ambassador" for the LWV

You are not working a personal or partisan agenda while serving as an observer

Meetings the LWV-Appleton observes:

Appleton Common Council

Call 832-6445 for info or www.appleton.org/departments/clerk/council/

Outagamie County Board

Call 832-5054 for info or www.co.outagamie.wi.us/county_clerk/services/ccmain.htm

Appleton Area School District Board

Call 832-6126 for info or www.aasd.k12.wi.us/Schoolboard/

March meetings

Wed, Mar 4, 2009	App Common Council	7:00 pm	City Center, College Ave
Mon, Mar 9, 2009	AASD Board	7:00 pm	122 E College Ave, Scullen Leadership Center
Tues, Mar 10, 2009	Outagamie Co Board	6:30 pm	County Building 410 S Walnut St Appleton
Wed, Mar 18, 2009	App Common Council	7:00 pm	City Center, College Ave
Mon, Mar 23, 2009	AASD Board	7:00 pm	Highlands Elementary School
Tues, Mar 24, 2009	Outagamie Co Board	6:30 pm	County Building 410 S Walnut St Appleton

OBSERVER CORPS



Sunshine Week March 15-21 2009

Source: From: LWVUS President Mary G. Wilson LEADERS' UPDATE: December 11, 2008

As the LWV Education Fund continues its work on **openness in government**, we will once again co-sponsor a panel discussion on this important topic in Washington, DC, during Sunshine Week. Scheduled for March 20, this year's event will include national policymakers and journalists. It will be web cast live.

also go to http://www.sunshineweek.org/ for more information



Sunshine Week Event

The Appleton League will host a viewing party at Harmony Café in honor of Sunshine Week. The LWVEF is cosponsoring a webcast event to highlight efforts toward transparency in government. A panel of experts from around the country will kick off a lively discussion from Washington, DC about open government, public engagement and participation. This is the Appleton League's first webcast as we continue in our efforts to educate the public about our government. It is a good way to use your lunch hour so please plan to attend. You will be able to order lunch at the café if you like. The event is open to the public.

Second Consensus Meeting

March 17, 6:30PM, Appleton Public Library, we will have a consensus meeting on the LWVUS National Popular Vote Study. Please mark your calendars.

For background information on the study please go to: www.lwv.org/NPV

Annual Meeting and Dinner

When: Thursday, April 30, 2009

Where: Red Ox Supper Club

2318 S. Oneida Street, Appleton

Time: 5:30 PM Social with cash bar

6:00 PM Dinner

6:45 PM Annual Meeting

Dinner Selections

Please check one entrée and one side dish Dinner includes salad, French bread and beverage

Self:7 oz Tenderloin	Chicken Kiev	Tuna Steak	Stuffed Haddock
Self:Baked Potato	Garlic Mashed	Rice Pilaf	Vegetable of the Day
Guest:7 oz Tenderloin	Chicken Kiev	Tuna Steak	Stuffed Haddock
Guest:Baked Potato	Garlic Mashed	Rice Pilaf	Vegetable of the Day

Please return your menu choices and check by <u>Tuesday, April 21</u> to Shirley Strange, W3435 Equestrian Trail, Appleton, WI 54913. Questions: Shirley Strange 730-8774

Please make check for \$18.00 (per person) payable to LWV-Appleton

March Calendar - 2009

Tuesday, March 10 6pm – 7:30pm	Board Meeting	Appleton Public Library Board Room
March 15 – 21	Sunshine Week	
Tuesday, March 17 6:30pm – 8pm	Consensus Meeting, National Popular Vote	Appleton Public Library, Lower level

Board Meetings

Location for meetings

Appleton Common Council 1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	Council Chamber, 6 th floor, City Building, 100 N. Appleton Street
Appleton Area School Board 2 nd & 4 th Mondays	Board Room, Thomas G. Scullen Leadership Center, 122 E. College Avenue, Suite 1A or a School
Outagamie County Board 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays	Board Room, 2 nd floor County Administration Building, 410 S. Walnut Street



2009 Program Calendar

April 2009

- ★ Tuesday, April 14, **Board Meeting**, 6PM-7:30PM
- ★ Thursday, April 30, Annual Dinner and Meeting, 5:30PM Red Ox Supper Club, 2318 Oneida Street

May 2009

★ Friday and Saturday, May 29-30, LWVWI Annual Meeting, Manitowoc

June 2009

- ★ 13th, 1:00PM EDT, LWVUS Council Meeting, Webcast**
- ★ 13th 15th LWVUS Council meeting, Washington, DC

- * The Appleton League invites you to the viewing of "Opening Doors: Finding the Keys to Open Government." A panel of experts will discuss federal openness policies. The Programming is co-sponsored by the LWVEF. The webcast will take place at Harmony Café where you can order lunch and eat while viewing the program. More information about the program at: www.openthegovernment.org
- **The LWVUS will have a virtual Council Meeting this year to reduce costs. They anticipate a four hour webcast beginning at 1:00PM EDT. We will look into the feasibility of participating.

For further information contact: shirleystrange@yahoo.com 920-730-8774



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TREATMENT INSTEAD of PRISON

Saving Money - Saving Communities - Saving Families

Community Forum

Monday, March 30th – 6:30 PM

St. Bernard Catholic Church 1617 W Pine St, Appleton Behind Xavier High School off of Prospect Ave

- How does drug and alcohol addiction impact our justice system?
- Will treatment make safer neighborhoods?
- Can Wisconsin afford to build additional prisons?
- What treatment options are available?

Get your questions answered at this forum with guest panelists including Outagamie Circuit Court Judge Nancy Krueger.

Sponsors Include: Family Services, Mooring House, NAMI, Theda Care

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