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**Board Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2009**

*submitted by Miriam Douglas, Secretary*

**Present:** Carolyn Mewhorter , Shirley Strange, Miriam Douglass, Cindy Carter, Barbara Dorzweiler, Nadine Miller.

**Absent:** Sue Silton, Jan Quinlan, Shirley Adams, Winnie Doxsie, Vicky Olenski.

**Call to Order:** President Carolyn Mewhorter, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**Minutes** of the February 10, 2009 Board meeting were approved (motion by Cindy Carter, second by Shirley Strange).

**President's Report:**

Carolyn Mewhorter reported that several meetings have been arranged by Valley Transit for public input toward a 5-Year Public Transit Development Plan. Cindy Carter, Miriam Douglass and Carolyn Mewhorter plan to attend.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The report (attached to the archived minutes) was approved (motion by Barbara-Dorzweiler, second by Cindy Carter).

Account Balances as of 3/10/09

**Bank Accounts**

CD 12231	\$ 5,000.00
CD 12232	\$ 5,000.00
Checking 2008-09	\$ 2,731.98
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 12,731.98</b>

**Asset Accounts**

Monies kept by LWV	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Asset Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**Overall Total** \$ 12,731.98

**VP Program:** Shirley Strange reported.

- Shirley will prepare a separate mailing to members containing the recommended and non-recommended local items and the recommended State items for next year, an Annual Meeting reservation form and the budget.
- A webcast "Opening Doors: Finding the Keys to Open Government" broadcast

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from Washington, DC will be shown on March 20, 12:00 noon – 1:30 PM at the Harmony Cafe, which is sponsoring the event with the Appleton LWV. (A flier is attached to the archived minutes.)

- The consensus meeting on the National Popular Vote will be on March 17, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Appleton Public Library.

**VP Action:** Nadine Miller reported.

- City of Appleton Master Plan – Nadine will look for ways that the Appleton LWV can influence the plan as it develops.
- DC Voting Rights – The LWVUS will provide the lead for action.

**Voter Service:** No report.

**Observer Corps:** No report.

**Membership:** No report.

**Natural Resources:** Cindy Carter reported.

- On April 1 Bassett Mechanical will sponsor a daylong conference to educate businesses on how to operate in a green manner.
- The League of Conservation Voters, the LWV and other groups are supporting the election of the DNR Secretary, rather than appointment by the governor.
- There will be an Earth Week environmental series at Lawrence University April 22-24.

**Bulletin:** Barbara Dorzweiler will work with Vicki Olenski to design a new format for next year.

**Website:** – No update

**Around the Board:** Barbara Dorzweiler designed a Contribution Form that we will use next year. (A copy is attached to the archived minutes.) It is based on one from the LWVUS.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

## The phosphorus ban

*Submitted by Cindy Carter-Natural Resources*

The phosphorus ban passed the Senate and House and is awaiting Doyle's signature.

The Omnibus Public Land Management Act was passed by the federal government and signed by President Obama recently. The Omnibus Act is to protect over 2 million acres of lands, rivers and cultural sites. Here is how the voting went:

247 Democrats voted yes  
4 Democrats voted no  
38 Republicans voted yes  
136 Republicans voted no

The Omnibus bill also makes the National Landscape Conservation System official. The NLCS includes over 850 federally recognized areas and approximately 27 million acres of National Monuments, Wilderness areas and Wilderness Study areas, Wild and Scenic rivers and National Scenic and Historic trails to be protected from development, exploration and mining.

Also Tuesday, March 24 the EPA halted dozens of MTR (mountain top removal) permits. The EPA is to finally review these permits for this type of mining pending their impact on rivers, streams and the environment. And in conjunction with that I am asking that everyone write, email or call Pres. Obama urging him to install a Director at the Federal Office of Surface Mining to work with the EPA on controlling these permitting processes in the future.

I am hoping that you will check out a website: [www.epa.gov/tri/tridata/tri07/brochure/brochure.htm](http://www.epa.gov/tri/tridata/tri07/brochure/brochure.htm) (or goggle Toxic Release Inventory) The Toxics Release Inventory is an interesting fact gathering piece in information.

And finally I am asking you to contact your local and state legislators and the Governor regarding the (non-partisan) bills: AB 138 and SB 113, reinstating an Independent DNR Secretary.

## Consensus Meetings Summary

*Submitted by Shirley Strange*

I am sorry to report that our Appleton League was unable to submit a consensus report to the LWVWI on the Election Administration Study. The February 18th Consensus Meeting date turned out to be a very nasty, cold, snowy night. No one attended the meeting, and there was not sufficient time to offer an alternate date.

However, the consensus meeting, March 17 on the National Popular Vote brought five of us together. We had a lively discussion, and the Consensus Report will be submitted to the national League. Even though the National Position supports the abolishment of the Electoral College, it will be interesting to see if the National Popular Vote will have enough support to supplant the Electoral College. There are certainly pros and cons to the concept. It would be in our best interest to be informed on this issue. It is likely to be a topic of discussion in the future among our citizens. Your neighbors may turn to you as a League member for information.

## 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](mailto: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 Me-whorter 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/](http://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](http://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/](http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/Schoolboard/)

## 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

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### Dinner Selections

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

Self: <input type="checkbox"/> 7 oz Tenderloin	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Kiev	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuna Steak	<input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Haddock
Self: <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Potato	<input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Mashed	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice Pilaf	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable of the Day
Guest: <input type="checkbox"/> 7 oz Tenderloin	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Kiev	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuna Steak	<input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Haddock
Guest: <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Potato	<input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Mashed	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice Pilaf	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable of the Day

Please return your menu choices and check by **Tuesday, April 21** 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**

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## League of Women Voters of Appleton, WI 2008-2009

### April

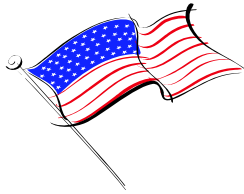
- ❖ Tuesday, 14, **Board Meeting**, 6PM-7:30PM
- ❖ Thursday, April 30, LWV Appleton, **Annual Dinner and Meeting**, 5:30PM, Red Ox Supper Club, 2318 S. Oneida Street

### May

- ❖ Friday and Saturday, May 29-30, **LWVWI Annual Meeting**, Manitowoc
- ❖ No Board Meeting

### June

- ❖ Tuesday, June 9, **Board Meeting**, 6PM-7:30PM, location TBA
- ❖ 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00PM EDT, LWVUS Council Meeting, Webcast



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