

**League of Women Voters of Appleton
Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2008**

Present: Shirley Strange, Sue Silton, Miriam Douglass, Shirley Adams, Cindy Carter, Barbara Dorzweiler, Vicki Olenski

Absent: Carolyn Mewhorter, Nadine Miller, Winnie Doxsie, Stevie Schmidt, Jan Quinlan, Jody VanDomelen

Call to Order: In the absence of President Carolyn Mewhorter, Vice President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Minutes of the August 12 Board meeting were approved (motion by Cindy Carter, second by Vicki Olenski).

President's Report – No report.

Treasurer' Report:

- Sue Silton distributed the budget comparison and made one correction to INCOME item D.3. Miscellaneous – Transfer from LWV Ed Fund: the \$132.81 budgeted has been received making the 6/30/2009 Difference \$0.00 for that line and the TOTAL INCOME 9/7/2008 Actual \$201.37 and the 6/30/2009 Difference -\$6050.63

Finance Drive – Sue distributed Jan Quinlan's draft letter to potential contributors. The Board suggested a more concise list of unique aspects of our League. Contributions to the LWV Appleton (much-needed) are not tax deductible and contributions to the LWVUS Ed Fund are tax deductible. The Appleton LWV can use the Ed Fund money for grants for education and to pay a portion of our PMP to LWVUS. The Board directed the Finance Committee to decide which, if either, type of contribution to emphasize in the

VP Program

- Shirley Strange reminded the Board that the Judicial Independence Forum, cosponsored by the LWV Appleton and the LWV Neenah-Menasha, will take place Monday, October 6, 7:00 PM at the Appleton Public Library.
- Close to 50 people have been registered to vote by our members.

VP Action – No report.

Membership – No report.

Voter Service – Shirley Adams reported that she is waiting to hear from the Green Bay League which is attempting to schedule a Kagen-Gard debate. Our League will work with them.

Observer Corps – No report. Stevie Schmidt may resign from the Board.

Natural Resources –

- Cindy Carter reported the cost for her to attend the Great Lakes Conference is \$180 for registration and \$65 for room. Our League has covered \$22. Carolyn Mewhorter will be

asked if there is money in the President's expense budget to help defray more of Cindy's cost. Next year the membership will be asked to budget for conference expenses.

- Sue Siltan reminded the Board that a Conservation Listening Session, sponsored by the WI League of Conservation Voters Institute, will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 6:30-8:00 PM at Harmony Cafe.

Mental Health – No report.

Around the Board

- Barbara Dorzweiler asked what type of conference might our League fund. She mentioned as examples an upcoming conference sponsored by the WI Coalition on Domestic Violence and a gathering to announce the WI Stateswoman of the Year, both to be held in Madison. Ideas discussed were the need for relevancy to our purpose and positions and follow-up education of our membership by Bulletin articles, meetings, etc.
- Shirley Strange will attend the LWVWI conference in Stevens Point on Making Democracy Work.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary