

League of Women Voters

Annual Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2018

Social Hour 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm, Business Meeting 6:45 pm

Presiding: Jeanne Roberts Recorder: Elizabeth Laux

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Jeanne Roberts |
| 2. Introduction of Parliamentary | Jeanne Roberts |
| 3. Remarks from the Parliamentary | TBD |
| 4. Adoption of Agenda | Jeanne Roberts |
| 5. Acceptance of Minutes (2017 Annual Meeting) | Jeanne Roberts |
| 6. Appointment of Readers (2018 Annual Meeting Minutes) | Jeanne Roberts |
| 7. President's Report | Jeanne Roberts |
| 8. Treasurer's Report | Karen Bachhuber |
| 9. Budget Presentation | Karen Bachhuber |
| 10. Membership Report | Elizabeth Laux |
| 11. Re-adoption of Local Positions | Jeanne Roberts |
| 12. Local Study Program | |
| Report on 2017-2018 Local Education Study | Stephanie Malaney |
| Report on 2017-2018 Juvenile Justice Review | Helen Nagler |
| Presentation of Board- Recommended Programs | Irene Strohbeen |
| Adoption of Recommended Programs for 2018-2019 | Jeanne Roberts |
| 13. Adoption of Budget | Jeanne Roberts |
| 14. Presentation of Slate of Officers, Directors,
Nominating Committee | Shirley Strange |
| 15. Nominations from the Floor | Jeanne Roberts |
| 16. Election of Officers, Directors, Nominating Committee | Jeanne Roberts |
| 17. Other Business | Jeanne Roberts |
| 18. Advice to the Board | Jeanne Roberts |
| 19. Announcements | Jeanne Roberts |
| Women's Equality Day | |
| Thursday, August 23 | |
| Membership Socials <i>July</i> | |
| Tuesday, ~~June~~ 10 – Shirley Strange's House | |
| Wednesday, ~~June~~ 18 – Barbara Kelley's House | |
| Thursday, ~~June~~ 26 – Barbara Kelley's House | |
| Special Election – Senate District 1 – Tuesday, June 12 | |
| 20. Motion to Adjourn | Jeanne Roberts |

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League of Women Voters of Appleton Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2017 – Grand Meridian, Appleton

Members present :Cindy Fallona, Gayle Hardt, Martha Hemwall, Barbara Kelly, Stephanie Malaney, Helen Nagler, Jan Quinlan, Jeanne Roberts, Penny Robinson, Shirley Strange, Beth English, Colleen Rortvedt, Jackie Klimaszewski, Irene Strohbeen, Sara Companik, Susan Eich.....

The **meeting was called to order** by President Stephanie Malaney at 6:45pm. There was a quorum sufficient for all action items.

Beth English was introduced as our **Parliamentarian**. She indicated that we would be following Roberts' Rules of Order.

Marti Hemwall moved and Irene Strohbeen seconded the **adoption of the agenda** as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The **minutes of the May 19, 2016** annual meeting were read by a committee and filed. Gayle Hardt moved and Jan Quinlan seconded the approval of the 2016 minutes. The motion passed unanimously. President Malaney appointed Shirley Strange, Colleen Rortvedt and Marti Hemwall as Readers for the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes.

In the **President's Report**, Stephanie Malaney highlighted elements of the written report, page 11. She thanked Jackie for her work for voter services which was extremely active with the election year. Stephanie also thanked and acknowledged Elizabeth Laux for membership, Gayle Hardt for programming, Penny Robinson for legislative matters, Shirley Strange for the nominating committee, Jeanne Roberts for our Facebook page, Marcia Engen for chairing the Democracy Award committee and Marti Hemwall for chairing the review of the Education position.

Barbara Kelly presented the **Treasurer's Report** (pg. 12) which was accepted.

Cindy Fallona shared **the Membership Report** (pp. 12-15) which was accepted. Our membership is 69 which is up by 9 members from last year.

Jeanne Roberts presented **proposed revisions in the by-law** (pp 17-23). Discussion and amendments to the proposed changes are:

Article 4 -section 5, The Treasurer

Motion by Barbara Kelly and seconded by Colleen Rortvedt that "The books of the treasurer shall be reviewed in odd number years by a Board appointed committee of

two or more members, not including the treasurer or any member who has check signing or approval responsibility”.

Article 5 -Section 2, Board of Directors

Motion by Irene Strohbeen and seconded by Helen Nagler that “Elected officials may not serve on the Board. And further, Board members must conform to the adopted non-partisan policy.”

Article 6-Section 1, Meetings

Motion by Beth English seconded by Jan Quinlan to remove the sentence “A membership meeting is one in which members vote on issues.”

Article 8-Section 2-subsection C, Program

Motion by Irene Strohbeen and seconded by Jan Quinlan that “Program recommendations submitted to the Board at least two months before the Annual Meeting but proposed by the Board may be considered by the Annual Meeting, provided that the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a vote and shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.”

Barbara ~~Miller~~
Kelly presented the **proposed budget**.

Stephanie Malaney presented the re-adoption of **Local Positions**. Shirley Strange moved and Marti Hemwall seconded to re-adopt our current local positions. The motion passed unanimously.

Marti Hemwall presented an overview of the **2016-2017 Review of Education Position**. Motion by Gayle Hardt seconded by Jackie Klimaszewski that the Local Position on Education should be a recommended program for 2017-2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Gayle Hardt presented the non-recommended item for study, Review of **Position on Local Juvenile Justice System**. Discussion that this is a relevant topic and League should review our old position and determine what items need to updated. Motion by Helen Nagler seconded by Shirley Strange that review of our Position on Local Juvenile Justice System be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

Local program of **Land Use Planning** (pp 24-25) presented by Shirley Strange. Motion by Jan Quinlan and seconded by Helen Nagler that the the League adopt the local Program of Land Use Planning. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeanne Roberts moved and was seconded by Sara Companik to adopt the recommended Bylaw changes with 4 amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Klimaszewski moved and Susan Eich to adopt the 2017-2018 budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Shirley Strange, chair of the **Nominating Committee**, presented the slate of officers, director and nominating committee for 2017-2018. (pg 26)

Nominated for 2 year terms-

President -Jeanne Roberts
First Vice President-Voter Services - Jacqui Klimaszewski
Second Vice President- (1 year) Irene Strohbeen
Treasurer-(1 year)-Karen Bachhuber
Secretary-Lou Ann Graff
Director-Observer Corps-Cindy Fallona
Director-Program-Marti Hemwall

To be elected to one year term:
Director-Natural Resources- Barbara Dorzweiler

Nominating Committee (1 year term)
Chair-Shirley Strange
Member -at-large-Sue Eich
Member-at-large-Sara Companik

Continuing Board Members
Director-Membership-Elizabeth Laux
Director-Legislative Services

Shirley Strange asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations. Jan Quinlan moved and Helen Nagler seconded that the Nominating Committee slate of officers be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Fallona

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President's Report
Jeanne Roberts, President

The League of Women Voters is entering a transformational journey to begin its second century. Nearly 100 years ago, women decided after their decades old fight for full suffrage that in order to be the best possible voters, they needed to be the most informed voters. The League took on the task of educating women not only about the voting and registering process, but also about the nonpartisan facts of the issues that they were going to be voting for (or against). The League of Women Voters has thrived using the model that was started by the women of the 20th century. However, in order to continue thriving and reaching out to more of our neighbors, we need to evolve into the 21st century. The LWV-US has called this a "transformational journey" and has asked state and local Leagues in addition to doing our current excellent work, to expand what we do by reaching out to a younger and more diverse population, by improving our communication and increasing our use of technology and social media. While we begin on this journey, we must hold onto what makes the League special – what has made the League of Women Voters the respected organization that it is – our strict nonpartisanship, our advocacy based on grassroots research not opinion, our incredible talent pool, our reputation as being honest and fair-minded – all of these contributing to the brand of the League as the trusted, pro-democracy organization that it is.

Membership is dropping in the League of Women Voters nationwide due to many reasons. Our membership on the contrary has increased by 30% over the past year. I believe that this increase is due to many reasons. People are more concerned about the attacks on our democracy and interested in taking some type of action. The League of Women Voters has the reputation to be a natural landing place for those people. At the same time, we as a League have reached out. We have implemented monthly programs at the Copper Rock as a site that may attract younger and more diverse populations. Our programs have been on topics of interest to a wide variety of people locally. We have had two interactive programs educating people about who the League of Women Voters of Appleton is and what the League process is. Attendees at these programs came away with an understanding of the important fact-based, nonpartisan work that the League does and this was enticing to many people. We plan to continue this over the next year.

Our voter services team has reached out to many organizations, especially those in which we can engage disenfranchised voters. Our voter registration team has had voter assistance at all three public high schools (we reached out to the private schools who indicated that they would provide their own voter registration.) We have held voter events at FVTC and UW-Fox Valley, Partnership Community Health Center – both dental and medical/behavioral health, the Emergency Shelter and Library, and many more. We have had voter registration at Latino Fest, Juneteenth and the Celebrate Diversity Picnic. We have collaborated with the ACLU, AAUW and Celebrate Diversity Fox Cities on a voter ID assistance program. We had voter registration assistance at the start and the finish of the March for Our Lives. Jacqui has started a voter registration team to begin looking at a strategy for continued voter services including a team to work on Vote411.

Our membership committee has worked hard to develop means to not only recruit new members, but engage both new and current members in the work that we are doing as a local League. The committee has developed a new member packet to share with both new and prospective members to help them understand the work being done and decide how they want to get involved. In addition, the committee has met with new members to invite them to be an active part of our local League. In fact, this July, Barbara Kelley and Shirley Strange will be hosting local League of Women Voters socials at their houses for both new and prospective members as well as current members.

We have increased our social media presence. Our Facebook posts have been much more effective in increasing our presence within the community. We have also changed our website to one that interacts with other Leagues nationwide who use its template. If you have not looked at our website in the last couple of months, take a little time to check it out. It is much more visually appealing and much easier to navigate. If we want to reach young people, we need to do it using technology and social media.

When you go to the website, you will notice that we have one tab specifically for "Youth Voters". This is at the recommendation of the Willems' student marketing team who we have been working with to develop a marketing strategy aimed at not only getting young people to register, but also to understand the importance of other elections besides just the presidential election. We plan to continue to involve young voters to getting an understanding of what will appeal to them and motivate them to get more involved.

In order to continue with our local journey, we need to keep moving forward with what we have started. There are also some additions that we can make. I have asked the nominations committee to find members who could serve as a Communications Director and as a Fiscal Director and they have found two excellent candidates. I have also been working to recruit both members and non-members to a diversity advisory committee with the goals to lead us in making sure that we are doing what we need to in order to reach out to and at the same time be a welcoming League to our diverse communities.

I want to thank all of you for your support over the past year regardless of what that support has been. You will see at the end of your Annual Meeting packet that there is a page listing most if not all of the volunteer opportunities for next year with our local League. We ask that you complete this form and leave it on the table for us to pick up at the end of our meeting. We understand that everyone has different talents and different time availabilities and we want to respect that in all of our members. At the same time, we want to make sure that we are using the talents of the people in this room in the best way possible.

While we need to engage in the "transformative journey" of the League, we cannot forget our past. In a little over a year, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the LWV as well as the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment granting women nationwide the right to vote in all elections. What a great way to start our new century than by celebrating the work of our first century.

Appleton League of Women Voter's
Treasurer's Report
Karen Bachhuber, Treasurer

Thank you to Jeanne Roberts, Nadine Miller, and Barb Kelly for serving with me on the Budget Committee. Nadine Miller served as the chair. The 2017/18 budget and activity to date, and the proposed budget for 2018/19 proposed budget are included on a spreadsheet in the annual meeting packet. The Budget Committee worked to make the budget more nearly reflect expenditures. The amount in the budget reflected as "transfer from savings" is included to balance the budget. We have not make a transfer so far this year and as Barb Kelly stated last year, we have rarely had to transfer money. We have an annual budget of approximately \$14,000.00

The new website at a cost of \$600.00 was not budgeted in the 2017/18. The website expense, along with additional expenses in the membership category were approved by the Executive Board. Thank you to Dave Strange for installing the new website. The Membership committee purchased new name tags and new/prospective members materials at a cost of approximately \$350.00.

Our budget should fully cover our costs without depending on unreported in-kind contributions from members. The budget proposal document includes YTD information (through April). .

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the League of Women Voters as Treasurer and thank you to the board and Barb Kelly for your patience as I learned the job.

Account Balances as of 4/30/2018

CD 18955	\$ 5,000.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$18,054.12
 TOTAL	 \$23054.12

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League of Women Voters Appleton						-		Budget
5/5/2018								Proposal
INCOME	Bud 1	2015-16 Budget	Actual EOY 1516	2016-17 Budget	Actual EOY 1617	2017-18 Budget	Actual YTD 1718	2018-19
A. Dues		\$ 4,440.00	\$ 3,916.95	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,455.00	\$ 4,500.00	5,061.00	\$ 5,000.00
B. Contributions							-	
1. Member Contributions		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 607.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,879.00	\$ 2,000.00	1,982.11	\$ 2,500.00
2. Non-member Contributions		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,000.00	1,015.00	\$ 1,000.00
C. Event Income							-	
1. Holiday Brunch		\$ 650.00	\$ 919.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,368.00	\$ 1,300.00	1,490.00	\$ 1,300.00
2. Annual Meeting		\$ 650.00	\$ 526.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 650.00	22.00	\$ 750.00
3. Women's Equality Day		\$ 700.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 700.00	1,406.00	\$ 700.00
4. Lunch and Learn							-	
D. Other Income							-	
1. Interest		\$ 25.00	\$ 30.08	\$ 25.00	\$ 23.02	\$ 25.00	26.37	\$ 25.00
2. Transfer from Savings		\$ 2,900.00		\$ 1,515.00		\$ 3,395.00		\$ 2,075.00
3. Grants						\$ 600.00	150.00	\$ -
4. Merchandise Sold							-	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 12,365.00	\$ 7,159.03	\$ 10,890.00	\$ 9,425.02	\$ 14,170.00	11,152.48	\$ 13,350.00

League of Women Voters Appleton				2/20/2017			Budget Proposal	
EXPENSES	Bud1.	2015-16 Budget	Actual EOY 1516	2016-17 Budget	Actual 1617	2017-18 Budget	Actual YTD 1718	~~2017-18~~ 2018-19
Board and Committees								
1. Fund Raising		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 150.53	\$ 400.00	168.60	\$ 400.00
2. Membership		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	392.25	\$ 200.00
3. President		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00		\$ 200.00
4. Board				\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	100.00	\$ 100.00
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Communication								
1. Newsletter							76.00	\$100.00
2. Website		\$ 100.00	\$ 92.49	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	600.00	\$ 810.00
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Delegates, Travel & Workshop								
1. State Annual Meeting		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
2. National Convention		\$ 2,000.00				\$ 2,000.00		
3. Workshops		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
4. Committee Travel		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
Educational Activity								
1. Program		\$ 200.00	\$ 65.94	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	195.40	\$ 300.00
2. Voter's Service		\$ 750.00	\$ 237.64	\$ 750.00	\$ 553.87	\$ 750.00	580.38	\$ 1,050.00
3. Observer corps		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
4. Archive		\$ 50.00		\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
5. Voter video grant		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
6. Youth Voter Registration grant						\$ 600.00	644.70	
Event Expenses								
1. Holiday Brunch		\$ 650.00	\$ 1,010.47	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,354.00	\$ 1,300.00	1,193.49	\$ 1,300.00
2. Annual Meeting		\$ 650.00	\$ 529.00	\$ 650.00		\$ 650.00		\$ 750.00
3. Women's Equality day		\$ 700.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 700.00	415.04	\$ 700.00
6. Making Democracy Work A		\$ 200.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 200.00	90.00	\$ 200.00
Financial Support for League								
1. Lake Michigan Interleague		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
2. State PMA		\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,785.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,496.25	\$ 1,800.00	\$855.00	\$ 1,995.00
3. National PMP		\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,856.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,128.00	\$ 1,920.00	1,824.00	\$ 2,128.00
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Operating Costs								
1. Corporate Filing Fee		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	10.00	\$ 10.00
2. General Supplies		\$ 250.00	\$ 17.80	\$ 250.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
3. Insurance		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	250.00	\$ 250.00
4. PayPal Fees		\$ 50.00	\$ 55.60	\$ 50.00	\$ 59.87	\$ 60.00	81.62	\$ 100.00
5. Post Office Box		\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00	132.00	\$ 135.00
6. Postage		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	50.00	\$ 50.00
8. Scholarship		\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	45.00	\$ 150.00
Position Advocacy		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		100.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 12,365.00	\$ 6,394.94	\$ 10,890.00	\$ 6,405.02	\$ 14,170.00	7,703.48	\$ 13,328.00

Membership Report 2018

The Appleton League of Women Voters currently has 81 members with the addition of 12 new members this year. Three of the 81 members are Life members, each being involved in the Appleton League of Women Voters 50 years or more. The Life members are Joy Povolny, Donna Weis, and Beverly Wieckert. We have seventy primary members, eight members who are secondary to household, and one student member.

All members had paid their dues accordingly by January 31, 2018.

The Membership Committee is currently working on a membership folder to be handed out to both new and veteran League members. My heartfelt thanks to the Membership Committee for their diligent work! They are Shirley Strange, Cindy Fallona, Sara Companik, Jeanne Roberts, and Renee Gralewicz.

The National League has handed down a decision to waive the PMP fees for student members. The Appleton League hopes to encourage both students of both high school and college to become involved with the League; especially with the upcoming election season.

The League holds monthly get-togethers at the Copper Rock Café, Downtown Appleton. It occurs the third Monday of most months from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; except when annually scheduled events take precedence. There are either speakers or activities scheduled, and there have been some events where over 90 people have attended and participated.

The Appleton League will be marching in the Appleton Memorial Day Parade. We encourage everyone who can attend walk with us to show support for our active and retired Military Service members in the surrounding community.

The Appleton League will be holding three socials during the month of July. The first date is July 10 at the home of Shirley and Dave Strange, the second date is July 18 at the home of Barb and Bill Kelly, and the third date is July 26, also at the home of Barb and Bill Kelly. The time is from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. I will be sending out a Mail Chimp as we come closer to the dates with all the pertinent information.

If you have questions on any of this information, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted
Elizabeth Laux
Membership Director
Appleton League of Women Voters

MEMBERSHIP LIST MAY 2018

Name		Name
Shirley Adams		Elizabeth Laux
Karen Bachhuber		MaryBeth Laux
Jeanette Bayer		Dottie LeClair
Penny Bernard-Schaber		Marianne Levin
Linda Bjella		Stephanie Malaney
Karla Blumreich		Mike Malaney
Emily Bowles		Patricia McConnell
James Bowman		Carolyn Mewhorter
Georgia Bretl		Vickie Milde
Sara Companik		Jill Mitchler
Bruce Companik		Ann Muenster
Donna Cook		Helen Nagler
Linda Crowley		Marie Nesemann
Sabrina Curran		Becky O'connor
Barbara Dorzweiler		Maren Peterson
Miriam Douglass		Janet Porter
Jennifer Edmondson		Brian Post
Susan Eich		Nancy Pourciau
Marcia Engen		Joy Povolny
Beth English		Cheryl Reissmann
Julie Evers		Ligia Rivera
Cindy Fallona		Jerry Roberts
Sharon Fenlon		Jeanne Roberts
Marlys Fritzell		Penny Robinson
Linda Gardner		Sandra Rohde
LouAnn Graf		Colleen Rortvedt
Renee Gralewicz		Joan Schneider
Kathleen Gribble		Sue Silton
Gayle Hardt		Shirley Strange
Marcia Hittle		John (Dave) Strange
Jean Hoehn		Irene Strohbeen
Sue Hopfensperger		Ronna Swift
Sandy Hubert		Jessica Thiel
Diana Janssen		Cathy Thompson
Nancy Jones		Denise Valenti-Hein
Barbara Kelly		Sue Waltman
William Kelly		Donna Weis
Susan Kinde		Deborah Werth
Jacqueline Klimaszewski		Deborah Wetter
Marjorie Koepke		Beverly Wieckert
Nancy Krueger		Invite your friends!

Please contact Elizabeth Laux with questions: lauxie3@tds.net

LIVELY ISSUES
January 13, 2018
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Appleton Public Library

Jeanne Roberts welcomed everyone and summarized national and state LWV programs: The 2018 biannual LWVUS convention will be in Chicago; we will have six local members attending. LWVUS plans to focus on core "Making Democracy Work" issues in the 2018-2020 biennium – voting issues, voter protection, voting rights act, bipartisan rights advancement, voter suppression, online voter registration and expansion of early voting. Here, we will continue to register voters especially in underserved communities. The Appleton League with Willems student marketing group will help with a marketing campaign to help reach young people.

LWVWI has TWO state-level programs:

1. Poverty, which State will support by providing a resource page for local Leagues, developing guidelines to help local Leagues conduct studies, and urging local Leagues to post their results on the LWVUS national clearing website. Poverty is a local issue, and should be studied at the local level. Advocacy is also local, for example focusing on a living wage.
2. The State and National Leagues recommend we focus on bringing more diversity into the League as a program although it's not traditional program – is this a membership issue or a program? Irene said bringing more diversity into our membership is not a study or a program, but it makes sense to encourage it.

Irene Strohbeen introduced our work on Local Program: it is our choice what we want to focus on in the upcoming year. She provided a League of Women Voters Process chart showing how we get from issues to a position. What we recommend out of this meeting will go to our annual meeting, and what comes out of that meeting will be what we study. We will form a position which we advocate on and Jeanne, as our president, will go to local bodies of government and speak on them.

Education Study Group Report

Jacqui Klimaszewski provided an update; this committee has been meeting regularly since September of 2017. There are other issues concerning education that didn't exist when the League position on education was first written. We explored what we need to address right now by devising a list of topics that were organized under different headings. We have developed a new outline on what is important to us and how we're going to proceed. We considered whether there are local, regional and national positions already to work from.

The committee is including the following topics in this study: Educational equity, diversity and class size, early childhood and career planning, closing the achievement gap, parent involvement, school accountability. The Education Study Group will be looking at charters, vouchers, testing, the category of teachers and school referendums. We are in the middle of this study and are anticipating this to be a 2-year study.

Jim Bowman provided additional comment: The Fox valley has approximately 36,000 kids in school. Appleton is the most significant school district because half of the student population is in Appleton (about 16,000). A problem is 37% of our kids are on free or reduced lunch and that has significant effects on learning. We're looking into nutrition and breakfast, and establishing exercise rooms which helps with learning; kids are less distracted in class when they have an opportunity to exercise. Another

concern is cultural diversity: Appleton has 5% blacks, 5% Hmong, and 10% Hispanic – each have different educational models and different parenting they come to school with. Give them the age-old algebraic problems, such as the speed of two trains, and apply them to the kids and if they've never seen a train and are not used to thinking about trains, they won't be as successful. It's evident cultural background affect the accuracy of the teaching environment and whether or not the students struggle.

Question: Do you find this study to have an overwhelming amount of study areas?

Jacqui: Yes, but we're try to see if things can fit into a logical place. We can generalize and assure equity with whatever that program may be. We're tweaking and changing to refine this study and compacting it for effectiveness.

Question: Betsy DeVos and the GOP are determined to overhaul the educational system to their standards– are you going to be prepared to go to bat against them?

Jeanne answered – the League has a very strong position at the national level. (Irene sent out a link for the national positions that you can study.)

Juvenile Justice Position Review

Helen Nagler led this effort and explained that initially the group had a difficult time focusing because they wanted to go larger. The latest study was 1991 and the League's current position is outdated and does not reflect current understanding and research on adolescent brain development. Past practices from the 1970's were found to not be effective. It is fortunate the review group was diverse with knowledge: We now have evidence-based knowledge that shows us that lower risk kids will correct themselves and if you treat them too aggressively, they will get worse. Helen also mentioned the social policy on human trafficking and had Katrin Patience (county supervisor, recently appointed to the Outagamie Health and Human Services Board) speak briefly on the closing of Lincoln Hills and what might happen to the kids. Milwaukee will get three group homes, Eau Claire will get one, and Appleton will get none. Each home can house 10 – 12 kids, but there will be 50 – 60 kids lost from the system.

Helen pointed out that young adults don't reach maturity until 25+ years of age and they have a different mindset prior to that – what we need to do is re-write some hard drives before they become too hard. Once these kids are in the justice system, they are stuck; it's not only their problem, it's ours because it's our tax dollars covering the costs. Also, the effect of parental incarceration on kids is severe; kids need to be supported in many ways when their parents are incarcerated. What needs to happen is low-level offenders need to be diverted. Kids that don't belong in the juvenile justice system need to be kept out. It's all about the money.

Brainstorming on Potential Issues

Criteria: identify topics that--

We need to advocate on.

We have no position OR

We have outdated position.

We can have impact – government can do something

Timely

Resources available within LWV Appleton

IDEAS for Local Issues

Voting with dots: green/yellow/red as 1st/2nd/3rd priorities; only members voted,

- Education – update in progress
- Juvenile Justice (14 Green, 3 Yellow, 1 Red dot)—narrower focus? Change terminology to Youth? Services?
- Diversity in Membership
- Poverty – should be broken down into elements of childhood poverty, living wage, stable housing.
- Childhood Poverty (9 Yellow, 4 Red dots)
- Stable Housing (1 Yellow, 3 Red dots)
- Birth control accessibility.
- Water quality.
- Immigrants and refugees.
- Assaults on the first amendment and the media (probably not a local issue).
- Stable employment via more Business Coops: for successful working to be introduced to the area.
- Fox Cities Performing Arts and the Expo Center. The funding is a concern as well as impact on human trafficking and parking.
- Gun control and gun violence.
- Wetlands (may be part of water quality).
- Living wage
- Election turnout (2 Green, 2 Red dots)
- Natural Resources
- Alternative energy in the development of downtown Appleton
- Domestic Abuse

- Trails
- Library
- Wage Equality
- Homelessness (1 Red dot)
- Aging – care of the aging population – transportation – guardianship – healthcare (2 Green, 6 Yellow, 3 Red dots)
- Opioid crisis (2 Green, 1 Yellow, 2 Red dots)
- Safe injection sites
- The role of Local government in State & Federal Policy (1 Red dot)
- Affordable transportation (1 Red dot)

RECOMMENDED STUDY TO SEND TO BOARD:

Education study will continue another year as planned.

Replace current “Juveniles at Risk” position with new based on study of “Youth Advocacy and Justice.”

Notes from discussion:

We must consider if we have the wherewithal to add a second study for 2018-19...hopefully our new members will be interested in helping.

There was a brief discussion about a new name for the study; Juvenile Justice seemed offensive to some. No conclusions or new name. It will be brought before the Board for consideration. The concern is that a name change would change the meaning of the study. It was suggested to make a motion to call the study “Youth at Risk”. The title should be language of empowerment to replace Juveniles at Risk, perhaps Youth Advocacy to replace Juveniles at Risk from the 1991 study.

Someone said something about doing a study on Aging. Two years to get on the ball, you should start it now while you’re still young. We need to be educated. ADRC’s (Aging & Disabilities Resource Center) – there is a push to close them or privatize them.

Topics of highest interest were: Juvenile Justice, Childhood Poverty, Homelessness (one), Opioid Crisis, Election Turnout, Stable housing, Affordable Transportation, and Aging Care. Juvenile Justice will be the Recommended Study to be presented at the Annual meeting in May. Helen Nagler agreed to be the chair for the Juvenile Justice Study.

The League of Illinois is proposing the LWVUS support abolishing the Electoral College as part of the Making Democracy Work program for the 2018-20 biennium. An adhoc committee was formed to present information compiled by LWV-IL on Wednesday Feb 21st from 6 – 8 p.m. Irene Strohbeen, Sandy Rohde, and Barb Dorzweiler will present.

Final Announcements:

“Let People Vote”: On February 1 6:00-8:00 at the Menasha Public Library, Molly McGrath will talk about the difficulty in obtaining a photo ID to be able to vote. She will discuss the scope of the problem and solutions. Training will be provided on the following morning, February 2, for anyone interested to become mentors to help people get their photo IDs.

We should be proud that the League spearheaded the WI gerrymandering case that went to the Supreme Court; we should have Court’s answer by June or sooner.

The History museum has requested our help to develop a panel of people from various political parties to speak on “common grounds” about what brings us together plus how people are feeling disenfranchised. The motivation behind this is attempting to build some connections and bridging between people.

Jacqui announced plans for candidate information and forums for Spring elections: for school board, Appleton City Council, and a candidate information guide for the county board elections. There are too many county board candidates to have a forum so the candidate guide will need to suffice.

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Study Report: 2017-18 Local Education Study

The Education Study group looked at the recommendations from lively issues and started the process by reworking the existing statements and adding recommended topics. The study group found it very difficult rewriting the position statement to reflect the lively issues recommendations, so the study group identifying targeted topics they felt should be reflected in the education position statement. The group organized the priorities into 4 categories: Educational Equity, Closing the Achievement, Teachers, and Funding. Educational Equity includes diversity, class size, curriculum, special education, early childhood learning, career planning, sites/facilities, mental health, nutrition, and school safety. Closing Achievement Gap includes after-school programs and parent involvement. Funding includes school report card, testing, charter school authority, school choice, school funding formula, local control, school administration, referendum. The Teachers heading includes teacher evaluation, certification, and quality. The group decided to use the Appleton Area School District language as model since we are the Appleton league. The Education Study group will be continuing the work of crafting the language for each targeted topic next year.

Stephanie Malaney

Review Report: 2017-18 Juvenile Justice Position

The Juvenile Justice Review Committee recommended a full study to the Appleton League after reviewing:

- Existing League positions
- Current local government's organizational structures providing services
- Research in brain development, mental health, and post-traumatic stress in youth
- Funding
- Best practice evaluations

The committee developed a set of questions. Current positions would not allow League comment in most cases. A cursory review found:

- Current positions are fragmented. Juvenile services are parts of many other studies.
- Government structures have changed
- Services based on current scientific research not known when positions were developed are missing
- Funding is not addressed
- Best practices have changed in the 20 years since the last study

Since the Committee's charge was a review, the committee voted to stop and bring a full study recommendation to Lively Issues. A study was recommended at the meeting. The group consensus at the meeting was Juvenile Justice should be changed to a more positive title, Youth Advocacy, which reflects current trends in developing successful services.

Committee members:

Sara Companik
Miriam Douglas
Beth English
Gayle Hardt
Mary Beth Laux
Jeanne Roberts
Helen Nagler

Board Recommended Action 2018-20

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Appleton approved the following motion at their meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. The motion concerns the recommendation developed during the Lively Issues meeting on January 13, 2018 to update the League's current position on Juvenile Justice which was last revised in 1996.

Board Motion

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Appleton recommends that a committee be formed to study "Youth Advocacy and Justice" to update the current "Juveniles at Risk" position. Helen Nagler will chair this committee. (This study will be in addition to the current 2-year study to update our education position.)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON NOMINATING Committee 2018

The Nominating Committee is honored to present this slate of candidates to the Board of the League of Women of Appleton for presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

2018 Nominating Committee: Shirley Strange (Chair), Sara Companik, Sue Eich, Elizabeth Laux, Cindy Fallona

Nominated Officers 2018-2019

Vice President Program: Irene Strohbeen

Treasurer: Karen Bachhuber

Nominated Directors

1. Elizabeth Laux
2. Sue Hofensperger
3. Jessica Thiel

Nominating Committee, 2019

Chair: Beth English

Committee members: Barbara Kelly, Penny Robinson

The following Board members will be continuing their current terms through 2018 and will expire in 2019.

President: Jeanne Roberts

1st Vice President: Jacqui Klimaszewski

Secretary: LuAnn Graff

Directors: Maren Peterson, Cindy Fallona

Voter Services Report – June, 2017 to May, 2018

Submitted by Jacqueline Klimaszewski, VP Voter Services

This chart is a summary of the voter registration and outreach activities for the year. The Volunteer total is comprised of 26 individuals. There are typically more registration assistance events in years when there is a November election.

Location	# of Visits	Volunteers	Mail-in Reg.	*On-line Reg.	Name/ Address Change	Reg. Forms	Voting/ ID Infor.	Member-ship Info.
Appleton East HS	6	12	19	11		18		
Appleton North HS	4	16	22	27		27	4	2
Appleton West HS	2	6	19	14		29		
Fox Valley Tech. Col.	1	2	2	8	1	3		
Juneteenth	1	8	12			2	17	1
Latino Fest	1	8		3			4	
AAUW Book Sale- Northland Mall	3	3		5		3	8	
Partnership Comm. Dental	1	2					3	
Partnership Comm. Health	1	2					4	
UW Fox Valley	2	7		30	2		20	
Walk for Our Lives	1	8	10			7	10	
Totals	23	74	84	98	2	89	70	3

*On-Line Registration began in February, 2017. It is much easier for those who have a current Driver's License or state issued ID and are 18 before registering; for others, the paper mail-in registration form is still needed.

Additionally, there were 138 "Future Voter" stickers shared with children at the community events (including Earth Day) as well as an estimated 200 to youth at the Walk for Our Lives march.

Candidate forums were held for Appleton School Board and City Council District #10. Voter Guides were on the website for the School Board, City Council District #10 and District #12.

Youth Initiatives:

- We have, through the schools, distributed birthday post cards with Myvote.wi.gov and other voting information.
- Voter Services has been working with a group of high school students that participate in the Willems Marketing Program. They are developing materials and media to promote registration and voting with the Youth Groups. At their suggestion we have added a Youth Page to our website. We are planning May presentations for Seniors on what they need to do as they move, go to college or join the military.

Voter Services Team: Even as the outreach of Voter Services has increased, there are many more events and activities that could be done to promote registration and voting. Therefore, a team of five League members was set up to plan strategically for next year.

2017-18 Legislative Director's Report

As Legislative Director, I see my responsibility as mainly to help keep the board and members informed and call them to action about relevant legislation, government procedures, and budgetary issues locally, at the state level, and occasionally at the federal level.

Our Advocacy Committee met several times to discuss actions. At several meetings we provided information, including a map, to help members find their Common Council alderperson. This was to encourage individuals to contact them on issues related to climate change and sanctuary. Along with our president, we attended several Common Council meetings plus some committee meetings to support the president and occasionally testify as individuals. We created a template for postcards and had 500 printed for the climate change program (which was postponed) and future advocacy. We did use them at a special program on the Electoral College, along with providing information on state and federal legislators.

LWVWI has been very helpful by sending out emails and *calls to action* relevant to voter registration, Voter ID, public education, and other issues of interest. We continued to encourage members to download the free app to receive action alerts from LWVWI. It can be accessed at <https://tryvoices.com/lwvwi>

I also edited and did the layout for the league newsletter, *The Informed Voter*, although that is not necessarily the job of the Legislative Director. I do recommend the newsletter editor and the Legislative Director work closely together. View all the newsletters at <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/appleton/newsletter>

To inform myself, I have attended meetings of the LWVWI Legislative Committee, either in person or by phone. Although this is not necessary, it is very interesting. My portfolio is public transportation. Members are also welcome to visit or actually join the committee and could choose a needed portfolio. Other sources include www.thewheelerreport.com, www.wispollitics.com, www.wiseye.org, <https://notify.legis.wisconsin.gov/Subject/Manage> and www.legis.wi.gov.

Penny Robinson

Programs Report 2018

Programs for 2017-18 were held on a regularly scheduled monthly date, the 3rd Monday of each month based on board member availability. This routine allowed members and guests to anticipate meetings and educational forums, plus allowed us to provide new information to members from other organizations: Sexual Assault Crisis Center spoke about their sexual abuse prevention program, and Delphinus Medical Technology informed us of a clinical trial concerning imaging of dense breast tissue being conducted at St. Elizabeth's Breast Center.

This year we held 4 educational forums and 2 interactive programs about LWV. In addition, Holiday Brunch in December featured Becky Boulanger from the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region who spoke about the recently-updated Status of Women research study. Our Lively Issues meeting surfaced numerous issues of concern among our members: Youth Advocacy (Juvenile Justice) was put forward as the recommended study topic, plus additional priority topics were identified which will help set programs for the upcoming year.

In addition, our local league participated in spreading information about the LWV national position to abolish the Electoral College. Sandi Rohde, Barbara Dorzweiler and I presented information developed by the LWV-Wilmette, IL to support a statement from LWV-Appleton advocating to include this topic in the national program for the next biennium.

Educational Topics for 2017-18 Programs:

- Appleton Downtown Development & TIF Districts
- Fox Valley Health Care Costs
- Evidence for Climate Change (delayed to June due to weather)
- Why Abolish the Electoral College
- Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma-Informed Care

Interactive Programs

- What is the League of Women Voters? (Jeopardy)
- LWV Process: Positions and Advocacy (Snakes and Ladders)

Irene Strohbeen, VP-Programs

Women's Equality Day

Women's Equality Day was celebrated at the Unitarian Fellowship by over 100 attendees. Following a social hour, the attendees were treated to a presentation by Dr. Sylvia Carey-Butler entitled "Not a Feminist, but a Womanist" which described the struggles that women of color have had to deal with even within the suffrage and feminist movements. Food was provided by LaClare Farms, the Breadsmith, Sue Silton and Gayle Schultz. Shirley Strange provided wine and water. Thank you to the committee including Sue Silton, Gayle Schultz, Lou Ann Graf, Cheryl Reisman, Sara Companik, Shirley Strange, Irene Strohbeen and Jeanne Roberts. Women's Equality Day for this year will be at the Unitarian Fellowship on Thursday, August 23. Details will be sent when they are available.

Jeanne Roberts

NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT 2018

Since May of 2017, the Director of Natural Resources has reviewed the local, state, and national positions on the environment and researched environment-focused organizations. Following Board advice, education efforts were focused on global climate change. A Program event was organized with a speaker on climate change scheduled for February 2018. Due to a winter ice storm, this event was rescheduled to June 2018. Monthly reports on local activities supporting environmental and natural resource preservation have been submitted as well as regular newsletter articles for The Informed Voter. Articles were informative and encouraged personal action to sustain our natural resources and also provided additional resources for readers.

Also, the Director of Natural Resources

- attended the annual meeting of the InterLeague Organization LWV Lake Michigan Region in November 2017.
- submitted a budget proposal for the future Natural Resources Director to the Budget Committee in February 2018.
- organized and held an information booth at the Bubolz Nature Center Earth Day Celebration in April 2018, providing hands on activities for children and voter information for adults.
- And finally, in resigning at the end of this term, the Natural Resources Director submitted a recommendation that the Board omit a Director a Natural Resources position as the effort is substantially broad, far reaching, and not given a high enough priority by LWV Appleton to merit a Board position.

Submitted by Barb Dorzweiler

Making Democracy Work Award 2017

Shirley Strange, Chair

The *Making Democracy Work Award*, a signature program of the League of Women Voters, celebrates an individual who is actively engaged in work to keep our community a strong and vibrant place to live, an individual who has envisioned a way to improve our community and has mobilized others to effect change.*

The 2017 Making Democracy Work Award was presented to Connie Raether at the Annual Holiday Brunch of the Appleton League of Women Voters.

It has been said of Connie: *Connie is a woman with a strong sense of purpose to bring justice to our world. Connie can rally people for a cause and leads by example always with a sunny, optimistic attitude.*

Connie's work and volunteerism are a testament of her commitment to building a strong and vibrant community.

- Vice President, WISDOM, interfaith social justice organization at the state level that guides and directs ten Wisconsin affiliates in their work for social justice.
- Active Organizer for ESTHER, local affiliate of WISDOM, focusing work in the Fox Valley region.
- Co-Chair, Tri-County HealthWatch Coalition
- Co-Chair, Citizen Review Panel Serving Outagamie County
- Volunteer Coordinator, Fox Valley Warming Shelter
- Core Team Leader, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- Advocate, SOA Watch

*A League Committee reviews nominations and makes a selection based on these criteria.

Committee: Marcia Hittle, Elizabeth Kimbrough, Jeanne Roberts, Shirley Strange, Cathy Thompson

Making Democracy Work Award 2013

Building Stronger, Fairer

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LWV Appleton Volunteer Opportunities

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Voter Services– voter registration and education at various locations. *See next page for details if interested. _____

Program – help plan programs or assist with registration/set-up at programs. _____

Observer Corps - attend county board, common council or school board meetings and report to the LWV Board. _____

Budget – one day for 2-3 hour commitment. Review budget and make recommendations to Board. _____

Women's Equality Day– help plan event or assist on day of event. _____

Making Democracy Work Award– assist in sending out applications, gathering completed applications and selected award recipient. _____

Legislative Services/Advocacy - helping plan what issues to work on, what goals, strategy, contacting legislators, testifying at budget hearings, what coalitions to work with etc. _____

Fund Raising– assist Fund Raising Director in establishing a fiscal plan and carrying out fund-raising activities. _____

Membership– assist membership director in developing and carrying out plan to attract and maintain members including welcoming new members. _____

Diversity – assist in developing and carrying out plan to reach out to diverse communities and helping LWV of Appleton become welcoming to diverse communities. _____

Study – assist in researching areas of study that are agreed to at the Annual Meeting in order to develop a position for advocacy. _____

Natural Resources/Environmental – assist in keeping local League informed of environmental issues in need of advocacy. Help plan for Earth Day or other environmental related activities. _____

I am interested in participating in the events that I indicated but may need transportation to events or meetings. _____

Voter Services Volunteer Opportunities

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

If you are interested in volunteering for voter services, please indicate which of the following areas you may be interested in. Training and support will be provided for all duties.

Voter Registration and Assistance

- Assist with completion of forms.
- Assist with finding voter information on Myvote.wi.gov.
- Answer questions about voting, ID, absentee ballot, etc.
- If uncomfortable responding to questions, approach people regarding registering, help address envelopes, etc.

Candidate Forums

- Greet people/sign in table.
- Pass out and collect question cards.
- Collate cards and bring them to moderator.
- Monitor the crowd to be sure no campaigning is occurring.
- Time the candidate responses.

Speak to groups, especially high school seniors, on importance of registering and voting

Vote 411

- Maintain Vote411 program on-line.
- Identify candidates for various offices in municipalities in the Appleton area.
- Develop appropriate questions for municipalities/offices.
- Funnel information to Vote411 computer manager.

Youth Outreach

- Connect with an individual school (high school or post-secondary) to be a conduit with student groups and/or faculty for voter registration/promotion and other similar projects.
- Be a liaison with the Willems Student Marketing group in the development of projects.
- Contribute information from student events to Youth portion of League web page.