

League of Women Voters of Appleton, WI
Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 4, 2006
Mark's East Side
Social Hour 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:00 pm
Business Meeting: 6:45

Present: Beth English, Nadine Miller, Barbara Hoffman, Shirley Strange, Shirley Adams, Miriam Douglass, Carolyn Mewhorter, Winnie Doxsie, Susi Alger, Bev Wieckert, Sue Silton, Sue Eich, Barb Grant, Helen Nagler, Sue Eich, Deb Cronmiller, Dick Sampson, Mirian Ming, Marlys Fritzell, Marcia Hittle, Karen deYoung, Connie Kanitz, Stevie Schmidt, Cindy Carter.

Agenda and Portfolio reports were distributed to members.

Call to Order:

President Beth English called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Briefing on Parliamentary Procedure:

Barb Grant was present to serve as parliamentarian, that is, to answer questions and to guide the meeting in parliamentary procedure. Barb gave a brief overview of the procedure for the meeting. She then explained the procedure for Program, the area unique to the League.

Adoption of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved as written.

Appointment of Committee to Approve the Minutes of the Meeting:

Beth asked for a motion to approve Winnie Doxsie, Dick Sampson, and Carolyn Mewhorter to make up the committee to approve the minutes of the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Barbara Hoffman noted that the current balance of 14,010.60 is in checking and savings, 2 CDs, and the Education Fund. Helen Nagler noted that there was no expenditure shown for the state convention. Beth explained that those figures were not in this fiscal year. There will be an expenditure of \$50.00 for the Council in Cedarburg in May.

Opening Balance-April	14,211.79
Total Receipts	266.00
Total Disbursements	467.19
Total Cash Flow	(201.19)
Ending Balance-April 30	14,010.60

For Fiscal Year to Date	
Total Receipts	4,359.68
Total Disbursements	5,223.43
Total Cash Flow	(863.75)

Current Balances	
Checking & Savings	2,298.63
2 CDs	10,394.96
Education Fund	1,317.01
Total	14,010.60

A motion was approved to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

President’s Report:

Beth began by recognizing Barbara Hoffman, Marion Ming, and Corrine Goldgar, past presidents and long-time League members. Beth noted that the Appleton community and the Appleton League are indebted to them for their years of service.

Beth stated that it was delightful working with the present Board over the past year. The Board worked as a cohesive group.

League accomplishments over the past year: The archive project was completed thanks to Marlys Fritzel and Marcia Hittle. Barb Kelly of The Appleton Public Library offered to post the League Archives on the Fox Valley Memory website. Barb plans to make the information contained on the CD searchable. The League Website will have a link to the Fox Valley Memory. The Library will house two boxes of old documents that have not been put on CDs. The League is looking for a storage place for the five boxes of documents that have been stored on CDs.

The coming year will see the Appleton League hosting the fall debate for the 8th Congressional District seat; General meetings will be held around the state studies which are in their second year–Voting Rights and Energy. We will be asked to consider consensus questions for new state positions; If the US State Department grant is approved, we will be involved in an international exchange partnership with Kaopsowar/Kerio Valley in Kenya; The Board’s goal is to make the website dynamic. The Board sees the website as a means to keep members informed and to act as an outreach tool for the community; A strategic planning meeting open to full membership to determine a long range plan for the League is set for May 18th at the Appleton School Board meeting room on the second floor of the City Center. Jan Quinlan will facilitate the meeting.

Membership Report:

Carolyn Mewhorter stated that she, Barb Hoffman, and Miriam Douglass worked together to create an updated membership list. Carolyn noted that there were some inquiries on the Web Page which has resulted in one new member already. Carolyn hopes to have a discussion on strategies for increasing membership at the Strategic

Planning Meeting May 18th. Beth noted that the problem of new members goes beyond the Appleton League. Others Leagues are experiencing similar problems.

Budget Presentation:

Bev Wieckert presented the 2006-07 Budget. The budget is based on 45 members. She stated that dues are not expected to increase. Bev noted that the Archive Project will come under "Special Project." The future Kenyan payment will come under the Special Project as well. Bev also noted that local dues do not cover state and national dues. Total expenses are projected to be \$7,359.00.

Nominating Committee Report:

Marlys Fritzell delivered the report on behalf of the committee. Members included Pat McConnell, Chair, Sue Eich, Marlys Fritzell, Carolyn Mewhorter and Shirley Strange.

Nominees for the Board 2006-07 are as follows:

1 st Vice President Action	Winnie Doxsie
Treasurer	Sue Silton
Director	Kathy Kamp
Director	Lynda Cutts
Director	Jody Van Domelen

Continuing Board Members:

President	Beth English
2 nd VP Program	Nadine Miller
Secretary	Shirley Strange
Directors	Miriam Douglass, Carolyn Mewhorter

2007 Nominating Committee: Chair, Sue Eich, Jan Quinlan and Pat McConnell.

A motion was made and seconded to support the Nominating Committee's report and slate as presented. Motion carried.

2006-07 Local Study Program

Nadine Miller presented items and facilitated discussion.

Local Study:

- Recommended:
Mental Health
- Non-recommended items (in order of preference on vote at Lively Issues)
Attracting Qualified People to Office/Voter Action
School Closings/Children's Services
Current Study
Deinstitutionalization
Alternative to Jail for Special Population

Martin Luther King Recognition
Church and State Issues
Women's Issues
Area Job Loss-Economic Development

Consideration of non-recommended program:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to consider for discussion:
Alternative to Jail for Special Population.

A motion was made to consider for discussion: Church and State Issues. There was no second.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to consider for discussion:
Attracting Qualified People to Office/Voter Action.

Discussion of Recommended Program: Mental Health

There was discussion as to the issues to be studied. There were questions whether the study would include county and city services, client needs, and/or the delivery system. Barb Grant noted that Mental Health was studied in 1984. It was noted that the study should be a self-study rather than an action study. Barb Hoffman suggested that it be a "restudy". This way the League Positions on this issue would not be compromised, and they could be used for a current study.

Discussion of non-recommended program:

Alternative to Jail for Special Population:

At Lively Issues it was noted that this program could be combined with Mental Health. It was also noted that the League has positions on Mental Health. Barb Hoffman stated that if we don't adopt this as a study, we should ask the Action Vice President to pay special attention to this issue.

Attracting Quality People to Office/Voter Action

There was discussion about the League having a role in helping people run for office. There was concern about the League acting in a partisan manner. There was discussion that the League should work to be sure that there are candidates so that all races are contested. It was stated that this should be action, not a study.

Adoption of Recommended Program:

Debra Cronmiller moved to adopt the recommended program: Evaluate the Mental Health Service System for efficiency and effectiveness. The study would take place from 2006-2008. Helen Nagler seconded. The motion carried.

Adoption of Non-Recommended Program:

There was no motion to adopt a non-recommended program.

Adoption of Local Positions

Barb Hoffman moved to adopt the Revised Education Positions. The motion was seconded and approved.

Adoption of the Budget:

It was moved and seconded to adopt the budget. Motion carried.

New Business

Beth stated that the strategic planning meeting is set for May 18 from 5-7 pm for all League members at the Appleton School Board meeting room. A light supper will follow a general discussion. A meeting of the incoming and outgoing Board members will continue to meet from 7-8 pm. Barbara Hoffman will chair the committee to study the materials from the Voting Rights Committee of the LWWI. There is no chairperson for State Energy Study.

Directions to the Board:

The Board would act on the non-recommended item: Attracting Qualified People to Office. The Board would utilize the existing positions to advocate for Alternatives to Jail for Special Population.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange, Secretary