

League of Women Voters Appleton
Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 3, 2007
Michiel's Restaurant
Social Hour 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM
Business Meeting 6:45 PM

Present: Beth English, Winnie Doxsie, Nadine Miller, Shirley Strange, Sue Silton, Barb Hoffman, Miriam Douglass, Carolyn Mewhorter, Jody Van Domelen, Shirley Adams, Karon Sandberg, Cindy Carter, Phyllis Dintenfass, Marlys Fritzell, Nancy Graham, Marcia Hittle, Helen Nagler, Dick Sampson.

Agenda and Portfolio reports were distributed to members.

Call to Order: President Beth English called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Introductions were made.

Briefing of Parliamentary Procedure: No Parliamentarian was present.

Adoption of Agenda: Sue Silton moved to adopt the agenda. Dick Sampson seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes: Appt. of Committee to Approve: Beth asked for a motion to approve Nancy Graham, Sue Silton, and Winnie Doxsie to serve as the committee to approve the minutes of the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sue presented the Treasurer's Report. Sue stated that the interest from the CDs is helping to pay the bills. Sustaining Membership Dues make up the Member Contributions. There are no contributions from outside the League. Sue stated that there was no finance drive this year due in part to proposed changes for the 501 (c) (4) and 501 (c) (3). Beth stated that efforts for fund raising may take place. Sue pointed out that this is the last time the financials will show the Ed Fund. Phyllis Dintenfass moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Shirley Adams seconded. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report is attached.

President's Report: Beth thanked the Board Members for an invigorating year. Beth presented each Board Member with a beautiful red rose. The President's Report is attached.

Membership: Carolyn Mewhorter reported that membership was a priority and will continue to be. It has been difficult recruiting new members. Carolyn thanked Miriam Douglass and Barb Hoffman for their efforts in helping to clean up the membership list and set up a system to eliminate people from the list who do not pay their dues. Carolyn stated that the Membership Director position is open.

Budget Presentation: Sue stated that dues do not cover our obligations to State and National Leagues. There was discussion about submitting expenditures even when they are covered by in-kind donations. Sue stated that it is important to note actual expenditures so that the Treasurer is able to create a realistic budget. Helen Nagler questioned whether the amount budgeted for Voter Service would be enough in light of the upcoming election races.

Nominating Committee Report: Dick Sampson presented the 2007-09 slate of candidates for the Board of the LWV Appleton.

Nominees for the Board 2007-09 are as follows:

President	Carolyn Mewhorter
1 st VP-Program	Shirley Strange
Secretary	Nancy Graham
Director	Shirley Adams
Director	Nadine Miller

Continuing Board Members for 2007-08

2 nd VP Action	Winnie Doxsie
Treasurer	Sue Siltan
Directors	Karon Sandberg Jody Van Domlen Linda Cutts

2008 Nominating Committee

Chair, Miriam Douglass, Beth English and Deb Cronmiller plus two members to be appointed by the board of directors.

Dick moved to accept the nominations. Motion carried.

2006-07 Local Study Program

Nadine Miller presented items and facilitated discussion.

Local Study:

- *Recommended:* Family Care Program
- *Nonrecommended* items: County Board Structure, Emerging Technology

Consideration of Non-Recommended Program: Cindy Carter moved to ask for consideration, the County Board Structure. Winnie seconded. Five members voted for consideration. The majority voted no.

Discussion of Recommended Program: Family Care Program – A lengthy discussion ensued around the topic. There were questions whether the League would have enough people to take on this study. It was pointed out that the Family Care Program information is in the early stages of dissemination and this would make it a timely topic. It was noted that the Mental Health Study will continue for one more year, and that this local study may be all we can handle at this time.

Motion

Beth moved to make the Family Care Program a two-year study. Winnie Doxsie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adoption of Recommended Program:

Motion

Helen moved to adopt the Family Care Program as a local study for a two-year term. The motion failed.

Vote on Proposed Dues Increase:

Motion

Helen Nagler moved to raise the membership dues from \$45.00 to \$55.00 for Basic Membership, and from \$65.00 to \$75.00 for Sustaining Membership. Miriam Douglass seconded.

Barb Hoffman rose to oppose raising the dues. Her objections are found in her report which is attached. It was noted that there is a need to educate members on the value of supporting the State and National Leagues. The study materials which are available to local leagues and legislative action done at the state and national levels are the result of financial support by local leagues. Jody suggested offering a third level of dues at \$30.00.

Motion Amended

Helen moved to amend the original motion to read as follows: Membership dues be raised from \$45.00 to \$55.00 for Basic Membership, from \$65.00 to \$75.00 for Sustaining Membership and a third level of participation at a cost of \$30.00. Miriam seconded. The motion carried.

Adoption of Budget Sue moved to adopt the Budget. Motion carried.

New Business: Sesquicentennial: There was not enough interest to participate in the parade. There will be a display at the library. Perhaps there will be a luncheon in the fall. Nancy Graham said that there may be some events in the park following the parade. Four members volunteered to dress in costume and pass out fliers at the park.

Carolyn presented gifts to Beth for her service to the League and community as President of the LWV Appleton for two separate terms.

Directions to the Board:

Karon: That the Treasurer clarify for the members the cost of membership.

Beth: Consider putting finance team together.

Helen: With regard to the County Board, when the census comes up, the League make sure all are counted.

Shirley A. The Board become more central-issued.

Karon: With the big election year coming up, look at Voter Service obligations and try to distribute duties to other committees so that the tasks do not become overwhelming for the VS Committee.

Helen: Praised the Voter Service Committee for an outstanding job this year.

Nadine moved to adjourn. Cindy seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Strange