

League of Women Voters Appleton
Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 2010
Red Ox Supper Club
Social Hour 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:00 pm.
Business Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Present: Shirley Strange, Barb Dorzweiler, Nadine Miller, Sue Silton , Marcia Hittle, Winnie Doxsie , Vicki Olenski, Miriam Douglass, Stevie Schmidt, Marti Hemwall, Barbara Hoffman, Beth English , Marlys Fritzell, Deb Cronmiller, Sara Companik, Bill Hanson, Lynda Cutts

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. She asked the members to introduce themselves by going around the table and having each person give her name and LWV responsibility.

Winnie Doxsie, the parliamentarian, briefly set out the guidelines to be followed in running the meeting.

Nadine Miller moved the adoption of the agenda. Vicky Olenski seconded and the motion carried.

The president appointed a committee of Sara Companik, chair; Winnie Doxsie , and Miriam Douglass to review and approve the meeting minutes.

Treasurer Sue Silton presented the Financial Report for 2009 – 2010. Barbara Hoffman asked about the two \$5,000 CD's held by the League. She urged that we spend some of that money to take action in the community and improve our visibility. The Women's Equality Day event in August will require some funding. Sue Silton pointed out that one of the CD's was due to roll over on May 17, and asked if it should be transferred to the checking account. There was general approval of this course of action.

In her President's report, Shirley thanked the Board for their work, support and enthusiasm. She particularly mentioned Sara Companik, the newest member of the Board for her commitment to many activities. Nadine Miller presented the new Individual Action Policy, which was adopted by the Board on 3/9/10. At the Lively Issues meeting, Miriam Douglass had suggested the need for such a policy. At the direction of the Board, she and Nadine developed the policy statement.

Membership chair, Winnie Doxsie announced that there are currently 44 members of the Appleton LWV.

Sue Silton presented the proposed Budget for 2010 – 2011. She pointed out that although no workshops were attended this year, the \$1,000 line to cover member attendance was retained in next year's budget. Funding for Voters' Service was increased to cover costs connected with the upcoming fall elections. The proposed budget would drop expense line A. 2. for the telephone and answering service, which gets very little use.

Stevie Schmidt presented the Nominating Committee Report in the absence of the chair, Carolyn Mewhorter. The slate of officers and directors for next year are:

Vice President Action (2010-2012): Jan Quinlan

Elected Directors (2010-2011); Marlys Fritzell, Winnie Doxsie , Sara Companik

2011 Nominating Committee: Helen Nagler, chair; Sue Eich, Nadine Miller

Unanimous acceptance of the Nominating Committee's slate was moved by Nadine Miller, seconded by Deb Cronmiller, and the motion passed.

Marlys Fritzell then moved the nomination of Sue Silton to continue as treasurer for two years. The motion was seconded by Stevie Schmidt and passed.

Barb Dorzweiler presented the 2010-2011 Local Study Program and facilitated the discussion. The non-recommended items were presented for consideration:

- 1) Extending the current study; 2) Study of the need for a new library; 3) Study of the need for a convention center.

Barb Hoffman moved, and Beth English seconded the consideration of the new library study. The motion was defeated.

The discussion of the recommended program followed: A study of the implications of implementing an RTA (Regional Transit Authority), looking specifically at issues of governance, funding, and service. Questions about the timeliness of this study were raised. Sue Silton moved, and Deb Cronmiller seconded a motion to adopt the recommended program. Barb Hoffman moved, with a second from Stevie Schmidt, to add an amendment specifying that it would be a two-year study. This was accepted as a friendly amendment by Sue and Deb. and the motion to adopt the recommended program as amended passed.

Shirley Strange led the discussion of the adoption of the local positions. Marlys Fritzell moved to separate the consideration of the new position on energy use in schools and government buildings from the adoption of the entire local program. Stevie Schmidt seconded, and the motion passed. Barb Hoffman moved, with a second from Stevie Schmidt to strike the words "such as The Natural Step framework" from C. 5 of the new position. In the ensuing discussion, Miriam Douglass pointed out that the "Natural Step framework" had been included because the local study committee was advocating a comprehensive approach. Deb Cronmiller moved, and Miriam Douglass seconded, a motion to change the wording of C. 5 to "Use a comprehensive management framework for sustainability." Barb and Stevie then withdrew their original motion. The local position "C. Local Governments and Schools (2010)" then passed, as amended.

Beth English congratulated Shirley Strange for suggesting that new members Bree Madison and Madison Kuehl produce position summaries which contain the essence of the complete positions and are more user-friendly. Sue Silton moved the adoption of the local positions; Winnie Doxsie seconded and the motion passed.

In the discussion of the adoption of the budget, Winnie Doxsie moved to add \$300 to expense line A. 2 to continue the funding of the telephone line and answering service. And to balance the budget by also increasing income line D.4 Transfer from Savings by \$300 to \$2,429. In the ensuing discussion It was pointed out that telephone calls would certainly increase with the fall elections. Although the LWV website is available to answer questions from the public, some of the older generation is not yet comfortable with that source of information. The motion passed, and the budget was adopted as amended.

There was no new business.

Directions to the Board:

1. Ask the Mayor to add a LWV member to the city committee that is studying the new convention center.
2. Set up a media task force to explore social networks.
3. Establish a website policy.
4. Spend money to publicize the Women's Equality Day luncheon in August.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Hittle, Secretary