

League of Women Voters Appleton
Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 10, 2012
Liberty Hall, Kimberly
Social 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Business Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Present: Sara Companik, Barbara Dorzweiler, Miriam Douglass, Beth English, Marlys Fritzell, Rosann Geiser, Marcia Hittle, Barbara Hoffman, Barbara Kelly, Stephanie Malaney, Dottie Mathews, Carolyn Mewhorter, Nadine Miller, Vicki Olenski, Janice Quinlan, Penny Robinson, Colleen Rortvedt, Stevie Schmidt, Sue Silton, Shirley Strange, Irene Strohbeen

President Shirley Strange called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Parliamentarian Marlys Fritzell briefly reviewed procedures for running the meeting. According to Bylaws Article VIII. Section 2. C. a recommended program is to be adopted by a majority vote; adoption of a non-recommended requires a two-thirds vote.

Carolyn Mewhorter moved adoption of the agenda. Stevie Schmidt seconded and the motion carried.

The minutes of the May 12, 2011 Annual Meeting were read by a committee, approved and filed. The President appointed a committee of Marlys Fritzell, Carolyn Mewhorter and Sue Silton to review and approve the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting.

In her President's Report Shirley Strange highlighted the expanded program schedule organized by Sara Companik. The second annual celebration of Women's Equality Day was successful. Irene Strohbeen ramped up the Voter Service program to provide several informational and candidates' forums and to meet the challenges imposed by the new Voter ID law by assisting voter registration. Consensus on the local study of an RTA was reached under Carolyn Mewhorter's capable direction. As Membership chair Stephanie Malaney brought new ideas, records organization and new members. Barb Dorzweiler significantly expanded our communication capabilities. Shirley thanked outgoing Board members Marlys Fritzell, Sue Silton and Jan Quinlan for their wisdom, knowledge and support.

The Membership Report by Stephanie Malaney showed 56 current members. To protect confidential information the hard copy distributed in the meeting packet is the only list that shows name, home address, telephone number and email address of members. Dues notices are sent in September-October followed by personal phone calls to those who do not respond. A person whose dues are not received by January 31 will be dropped from the membership roll. (A grace period is added to the bylaws requirement of due's payment by January 1.)

Sue Silton reviewed the budget contained in the meeting packet. In-kind donations to the League are now deductible because of its status as a 501 c 3 organization. The budget format now shows these donations.

Shirley Strange was presented a rosebush from outgoing Board members Sue Silton, Marlys Fritzell and Jan Quinlan with thanks for her capable leadership.

Vice President Sara Companik presented the program report. At the Lively Issues meeting the group recommended a new study "Updating the library position in light of the possibility of a proposal for building a new library in the future as well as a possible library referendum". A non-recommended item "The big picture of women in the health system and their access to health care" also emerged. Beth English moved to consider the non-recommended item at the Annual Meeting. Irene Strohbeen seconded and the motion carried. During discussion of the recommended item it was pointed out that much has changed in the world of libraries since

League's last study 20 years ago and a new look is needed. An objection to the non-recommended item as a local study was that women's access to health care is a regional, state and national issue and a better League effort would be to sponsor speaker forums on the topic to educate both League members and the public. A motion to adopt the recommended program on the library was made by Sue Sifton and seconded by Stevie Schmidt. The motion carried. A motion to adopt the non-recommended program on women's access to health care was made by Irene Strohbeen and seconded by Penny Robinson. The motion did not carry.

Beth English presented the Nominating Committee Report. The slate of officers and directors for 2012-2014 is:

Vice President Action: Irene Strohbeen

Treasurer: Barb Kelly

Directors (2 years): Stephanie Malaney, Stevie Schmidt, Penny Robinson

Director (1 year, second year of Irene Strohbeen's term): Lee Snodgrass

2013 Nominating Committee: Jan Quinlan (Chair), Nadine Miller, Sue Eich

Unanimous acceptance of the Nominating Committee's slate was moved by Beth English and seconded by Marcia Hittle. The motion carried.

Jan Quinlan moved the re-adoption of local program positions. Vicki Olenski seconded and the motion carried.

Carolyn Mewhorter moved adoption of the budget. Irene Strohbeen seconded and the motion carried.

There was no new business.

Directions to the Board:

Dottie Mathews and Rosie Geiser supported investigation of women's health issues.

Nadine Miller encouraged individual action based on League positions.

Jan Quinlan will make a financial contribution to the League in honor of Shirley Strange.

Colleen Rortvedt is grateful for League's support of the library. She believes a focus on health care will attract new members.

Carolyn Mewhorter supported League involvement in women's' health issues.

Vicki Olenski has learned a great deal from her involvement in the League.

Irene Strohbeen knows that other members are interested in women's health issues. She wants the awesome Lunch and Learn to continue. A regular meeting schedule would encourage member involvement. She encouraged education on how to contact legislators and support action on League positions.

Penny Robinson is excited to be on the Board. She believes it is hard to pigeonhole many issues as local, state or national.

Stephanie Malaney is glad to be part of the League.

Barb Dorzweiller wants League to promote the non-recommended item in the form of an educational series.

Continue Lunch and Learn. Seek marketing expertise to promote the League.

Sara Companik thanked Shirley for being an energetic leader. The Lunch and Learn series will continue and help to attract new members. A focus on women's health issues is important.

Beth English commended the membership chair for organizing the process and attracting new members.

Barbara Kelly asked for tolerance for people who don't yet understand the League process. Women's health issues are very important. Look for other Leagues' studies with which to concur

Sue Sifton emphasized use of the Leagues 501 c 3 status in seeking financial support.

Barbara Hoffman wants programs scheduled with advance notice so that members get the dates on their calendars. Information should be sent before the meeting.

Marlys Fritzell thinks that League members are a great group of people.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Douglass, Secretary