

League of Women Voters of Appleton Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Members present (19 + 2 guests): Jim Bowman, Sara Companik, Miriam Douglas, Beth English, Cindy Fallona, Marlys Fritzell, Renee Gralewicz, Gayle Hardt, Marti Hemwall, Barbara Kelly, Jackie Klimaszewski, Elizabeth Laux, Stephanie Malaney, Ligia Rivera, Jeanne Roberts, Penny Robinson, Gayle Schultz, Shirley Strange, Irene Strohbeen, Ronna Swift, Muriel Krogman.

The meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Malaney at 6:48pm. There was a quorum present 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 Elizabeth Laux seconded the **adoption of the agenda** as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the May 21, 2015 annual meeting were read by a committee and filed. Marlys Fritzell moved and Jackie Klimaszewski seconded the approval of the 2015 minutes. The motion passed unanimously. President Malaney appointed Miriam Douglas, Elizabeth Laux and Shirley Strange as Readers for the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes.

In the **President's Report**, Stephanie Malaney thanked the following committees for their work this past year: Irene Strohbeen chair for state and national studies, Shirley and Dave Strange for LWV website, Gayle Hardt for programs, Marti Hemwall for nominating committee, Jackie Klimaszewski for voter services and writing the strategic plan draft, Jan Quinlan for leading strategic planning, , Barb Kelly for budget committee, Elizabeth Laux for membership and Shirley Strange and Sarah Companik for Women's Equality Day. This was a busy year and next year we will continue the work on the strategic plan and reviewing by-laws. We will also be very busy with Voter Education and Assistance.

Barbara Kelly presented the **Treasurer's Report** which was accepted. This year's budget committee attempted to make the budget more reflective of actual income. The goal is to lessen our dependence on our membership paying for expenses not covered by the budget. The general request we send to our membership seeking donations has not been yet been mailed. Barb noted that the non-member in-kind donations were exceptionally high this past year. The \$4000 was due to donated radio ads. We did not actually pay for them but needed to record the value of the ads. It was also noted that to balance the budget \$1515 will be transferred from savings to the budget. In the past we have never actually had to use this money.

Elizabeth Laux presented the **Membership Report**. We currently have 64 members - 7 new this past year with a loss of 3.

Stephanie Malaney presented the re-adoption of **Local Positions** (copies were available on the table). Renee Gralewicz moved and Shirley Strange seconded re-adoption. The motion passed unanimously.

Shirley Strange reported on the 2015-2016 study on **Land Use and Urban Planning**. At our 2016 Lively Issues meeting it was agreed that the scope of this study was too broad. The study of Appleton neighborhoods was made into a separate program. That leaves the study of downtown Appleton. This coincides with the updating of the Appleton Comprehensive Plan of 2010-2030. Shirley explained why Appleton has a plan. In 1999 Wisconsin mandated that each city develop a comprehensive plan to manage city growth and avoid overdevelopment. The Land Use and Urban Planning study committee will be ready to share updates of their work this summer. In late September they will give a revised position to the Board. The study committee consists of Irene Strohbeen, Jan Quinlan, Shirley Strange, Jeanne Roberts, Karen Jansen, Nadine Miller.

Gayle Hardt presented the **Recommended Program** from the Lively Issues discussion on January 23, 2016 with 21 members in attendance. The Recommended Program: update LWV education position. At the April 6, 2016 Board meeting a motion was approved to form an ad hoc committee with the charge to review the education position statement and identify portions of the education position that need to be updated through study in 2017-2018. Gayle Hardt moved and Marti Hemwall seconded the motion to approve the recommended action by the board. It passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Laux moved and Jackie Klimaszewski seconded the adoption of the budget as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Marti Hemwall, chair of the **Nominating Committee**, presented the slate of officers, directors and nominating committee for 2016-2017 (pg.16):

Nominated for 2 year terms—
VP Voter Services – Jackie Klimaszewski
Treasurer – Barb Kelly
Director – Jeanne Roberts
Director – Penny Robinson

Nominated for 1 year terms—
Director – Joan Schneider
Director – Vacant

Nominating Committee (1 year term)
Chair – Shirley Strange
Member-at-large – Irene Strohbeen
Member-at-large – Sue Eich

Continuing Board Members (year 2 of 2 year term)
President – Stephanie Malaney
VP Program – Gayle Hardt
Secretary – Cindy Fallona
Director – Elizabeth Laux

Making Democracy Work Award
Chair – Marcia Engen

Stephanie Malaney asked for nominations from the floor: hearing none, the Nominating Committee motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Klimaszewski presented the report on the **Strategic Planning Session** that was held on January 28, 2016(pg 24-27). Strategic planning is essential for the Appleton LWV to remain a vibrant organization. The results of the January first session were reviewed by 4 members. The information was organized into three goals:

1. Address organizational needs to better accomplish the mission of the League
2. Strengthen membership to better accomplish the mission of the League
3. Address League essentials to better accomplish the mission of the League

Barbara Kelly made a motion to adjourn and Marlys Fritzell seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Fallona