

Those in attendance at the Annual Meeting Thursday, May 16, 2019

1. Bachhuber, Karen
2. Bjella, Linda
3. Bowman, Jim
4. Companik, Sara
5. Douglass, Miriam
6. English, Beth
7. Fallona, Cindy
8. Frantz, Jane
9. Graf, LouAnn
10. Gralewicz, Renee
11. Hardt, Gayle
12. Hemwall, Marti
13. Hopfensberger, Susan
14. Kelly, Barbara
15. Kelly, Bill
16. Klimaszewski, Jacqui
17. Laux, Elizabeth
18. Laux, Mary Beth
19. LeClair, Dottie
20. Levine, Marianne
21. Malaney, Stephanie
22. Malski, Shirley
23. McRae, Linda
24. Mitchler, Jill
25. Muenster, Ann
26. Nagler, Helen
27. O'Connor, Becky
28. Peterson, Maren
29. Rivera, Ligia
30. Roberts, Jeanne
31. Roberts, Jerry
32. Robinson, Penny
33. Rohde, Sandi
34. Schneider, Joan
35. Serna, Maria
36. Strange, Dave
37. Strange, Shirley
38. Strohbeen, Irene
39. Swift, Ronna
40. Voight-Cone, Emily
41. Werth, Deborah

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League of Women Voters
Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2019

Social Hour 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm, Business Meeting 6:45 pm

Presiding: Jeanne Roberts Recorder: LouAnn Graf

Call to Order

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeanne Roberts. There was a quorum sufficient for all action items. Beth English was introduced as the Parliamentarian who announced the meeting would follow Roberts Rules.

Adoption of Agenda

Cindy Fallona moved and Renee Gralewicz seconded the adoption of the agenda as presented. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Minutes (2018 Annual Meeting)

Minutes from the May 2018 Annual Meeting, having been read, Helen Nagler moved and Maren Peterson seconded approval of the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Readers (2019 Annual Meeting Minutes)

President Jeanne Roberts asked for volunteers as readers for the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes. They are Miriam Douglass and Helen Nagler.

President's Report P. 7 of Meeting Packet

President Roberts began by asking for a moment of silence for the slain Appleton firefighter, Mitchell Lundgaard.

Jeanne stated this has been a very busy year for the LWV-Appleton with over 100 events and activities, partnerships with other organizations, two studies completed, and reaching out to over 500 current and future voters. 2019/2020 will focus on issues, not parties. Women who came before us acknowledged mistakes and moved forward. Voting rights were EARNED, not granted. This is to be celebrated in the Centennial.

Report on Centennial Plans

Marti Henwall and Linda Bjella are co-chairs of the 100th Anniversary Committee. The committee is forming partnerships with businesses, non-profit organizations, and sororities. There is an emphasis on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equality – especially in groups that have been over-looked. The search is on for a nationally known speaker, but not an actress. This event, with the speaker, will most likely occur in October with a major contribution from Lawrence University. This will be a year of celebrating past accomplishments and looking ahead to continuing work in the future.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Bachhuber presented the Treasurer's report, stating LWV-Appleton has a checking account balance of \$20,138.92 plus a \$5,000 CD. This is \$1,700.00 more than we had last year at this time. Our trend has been to take in more money than we spend.

Budget Presentation

Karen Bachhuber went on to explain that with the amount of money in the accounts, a separate account has been established for the LWV-Appleton 100th Anniversary Committee. They will be able to request up to \$15,000.00 for the events and celebrations of 2020. A Fundraising Committee has been established to help raise money for the 100th Anniversary Committee as well as offering lower costs options for membership.

The explanations and full budget are printed on pages 9-10-11-12-13 of the meeting packet.

Membership Report P. 14 of Meeting Packet

Elizabeth Laux reported LWV-Appleton currently has 97 members. We are up 14 members from last year. Two are Life members, being involved in the League for over 50 years. The goal is 100 members by 2020.

All members have paid their dues as of January 2019.

Re-adoption of Local Positions

Jeanne Roberts asked for re-adoption of local positions. Stephanie Malaney moved, Marti Hemwall seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Local Study Program P. 16,17,18,19 of Meeting Packet

New Position: 2017-2019 Local Education Study

Stephanie Malaney and Linds Bjella explained the two-year study with new parts added to cover nutrition and school safety. It was updated to current educational practices since there have been changes in the last 20 years. Stephanie entertained a motion to accept the study; Helen Nagler moved, Gayle Hardt seconded. No discussion, although Renee Gralewicz and Jim Bowman had comments to share regarding the study. Motion passed unanimously.

New Position: 2018-2019 Youth Advocacy Study P. 21,22,23,24 of Meeting Packet

Members asked to stand.

Helen Nagler presented her report on the Youth Advocacy Study. The committee looked at evidence-based decision making and concentrated their research on brain development and childhood trauma. Beth English commented about the WPT series on Trauma that had just aired and how well done it was. Helen entertained a motion to accept the study; Stephanie Malaney moved, Jacqui Klimaszewski seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Board- Recommended Program P. 25,26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 of Meeting Packet

Irene Strohbeen presented the topic for study for the coming year which came from the Lively Issues meeting in January 2019. Irene explained that a topic for study needs to be something the LWV-Appleton hasn't already developed a position on or the position needs to be updated. If LWV-US has a position on a topic, local league does not need to develop a study. Many positions are outdated so LWV-Appleton is looking to stay current and up-to-date on topics. Recommended study for 2019-2020 is Climate Change Preparedness. Irene entertained a motion to accept this topic for study. Discussion followed:

Cathy Thompson is collecting material on Climate Change Preparedness; Mary Beth Laux commented about remembering low-income people concerning Climate Change Preparedness – how they are affected and how they may need more help than middle to upper class people; Miriam Douglass strongly supported this topic at Lively Issues. There are so many changes in weather and this poses great threats to people everywhere. Maria Serna and Jill Mitchler also voiced their approval of this topic for study. Ronna Swift moved to accept Climate Change Preparedness as the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 topic of study, seconded by Mary Beth Laux. Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of New Position Statements

Jeanne Roberts explained since the recommended topic for study was unanimously accepted, there was no need to discuss the non-recommended topic of local transportation. No discussion.

Adoption of Recommended Program for 2019-2020

Jeanne Roberts

Adoption of Budget

Jeanne Roberts entertained a motion to adopt the budget. Miriam Douglass moved, seconded by Marti Hemwall. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Slate of Officers, Directors, Nomination Committee P. 35 of Meeting Packet

Beth English presented the slate of officers and nominating committee.

Nominated for 2-year terms:

President: Jeanne Roberts

Action Vice-President: Linda Bjella

Secretary: Julie Evers

2 yr. Director: Cindy Fallona

2 yr. Director: Jacqui Klimaszewski

2020 Nomination Committee:

Chair: Stephanie Malaney

Member: Gayle Hardt

Member: Sara Companik

Nominations from the Floor

There were none.

Election of Officers, Directors, Nominating Committee Jeanne Roberts

Jeanne Roberts entertained a motion to accept the new slate of officers for 2019-2020; Beth English moved to unanimously accept the slate of officers, seconded by Helen Nagler. No discussion. Motion passed.

Other Business

Jeanne Roberts

- Sue Hopfensburger has five (5) baskets for a silent action to go towards fundraising efforts. Bids to close soon. People encouraged to look one last time and place bids.
- Jeanne Roberts thanked Sue Hopfensburger and Cindy Fallona for putting together the baskets for the Silent Auction.
- Maren Peterson thanked and acknowledged Jeanne Roberts phenomenal job as LWV-Appleton President and her continuation in that position for next year.

Advice to the Board

Jeanne Roberts

- *Keep doing what you're doing.
- *Have fun and get plenty of rest!

Announcements

Jeanne Roberts

Special Program: Imagine Fox Cities: Monday May 20 5:00-6:30 at Concordia University

LWVWI Centennial Celebration: Sunday June 23 Noon Capitol Square in Madison

1st Program of 2019-20 Year: Monday August 19 5:00-6:30 Copper Rock downtown

- *A new mobile game – similar to "Pokemon Go" – has been created by a college student. Any help LWV-Appleton can offer would be a great help to the game and the League.
- *Helen Nagler was recognized for her support and involvement in LWV-Appleton (Jeanne Roberts)
- *Call to Action by Penny Robinson – Please support Drivers License for all.
- * from Cindy Fallona – VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! Speak up, help out, advocate. Call your legislators.
- * New Book Club coming to LWV-Appleton this summer. Shirley Strange said the first book read will be Waking Up White, by Debbie Irving.
- * Irene Strohbeen reminded us all to keep watch on the Electoral College and its possible/probable elimination.
- * Linda Bjella and Jeanne Roberts recognized Jacqui Klimaszewski for all her great work as Voter Services Vice President.
- *Delta Sigma Theda Sorority wants to partner with LWV-Appleton and Voter Services.
- *Gayle Hardt reminded all in attendance of the Imagine Fox Cities event on June 20
- *Renee Gralewicz announced she has co-sponsored a bill to be brought forth by Amanda Stuck dealing with the investigation of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

Motion to Adjourn

Jeanne entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved by Elizabeth Laux, seconded by Marti Hemwall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LouAnn Graf