

2014

League of Women Voters-Appleton

Annual Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 17, Liberty Hall

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

Presiding: Sara Companik Recorder: Secretary Lois Bressette

Agenda

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| 1. Call to Order | Sara Companik |
| 2. Briefing of Parliamentary Procedure | Deb Cronmiller |
| 3. Adoption of Agenda | Sara Companik |
| 4. Minutes: Appt. of Committee to Approve | Sara Companik |
| 5. Treasurer's Report | Barb Kelly |
| 6. President's Report | President |
| 7. Membership Report | Stephanie Malaney |
| 8. Budget Presentation | Barb Kelly |
| 9. 2013-2014 Local Program | Kim Wetzel |
| ➤ Report on 2013-2014 Local Study | Miriam Douglass |
| ➤ Discussion of Recommended Program | Kim Wetzel |
| ➤ Adoption of Recommended Program | Sara Companik |
| ➤ Discussion of Recommended Action | Kim Wetzel |
| ➤ Adoption of Recommended Action | Sara Companik |
| 10. Re-Adoption of Local Positions | Sara Companik |
| 11. Adoption of Budget | Sara Companik |
| 12. League Anniversary Committee Update | |
| 13. Nominating Committee Report | Shirley Strange |
| Nominations from the floor | |
| 14. Adoption of Board Nominees | Sara Companik |
| 15. New Business | President |
| 16. Directions to the Board | President |
| 17. The Future of Libraries Presentation | Colleen Rortvedt |
| 18. Motion to Adjourn | President |

The local Library study committee led by Chair Miriam Douglass completed their work this year with a well-organized study. They prepared members with "Countdown to Consensus" materials for a efficient consensus discussion. The 2014 revised Library position will be added to our local position statements, and the league has started to advocate on the position.

Legislative Director Penny Robinson has kept the local league informed on state legislative issues. She is on the state legislative committee and has the Transit portfolio.

Natural Resources Director Karen Jansen attended the LWV Lake Michigan Annual meeting as our delegate. Karen served on the state committee during the rewriting of the Water position. The revised water position will be voted on at the State Annual Meeting on May 31 right here in Appleton.

LWVWI program this year has focused on Redistricting. The Holiday Brunch in December featured a presentation on Redistricting. In February the Appleton league was pleased to work with supervisors of the Outagamie County Board to approve a county Resolution on Redistricting. Outagamie County is one of four state counties to approve a Redistricting Resolution.

LWV of Appleton Speakers' Bureau has formed to give presentations to local organizations. Thank you to Chair Amy Oberg, and presenters Richard Schoenbohm, Irene Stohbeen, and Jacqueline Klimaszewski. Presentations were given at the Lion's Club, Fox Valley Technical School, and the Manitowoc League. The group is contacting local organization to schedule presentations on Redistricting and other League topics.

The Observer Corps is one of the best ways to improve the quality of government by "putting it in the spotlight". League has long believed in the value of an observer corps to maintain a presence at government meetings and keep current with the Appleton Common Council, the Appleton School District, and the Outagamie County Board. This is an area of our program where sharing the load would keep the league informed and keep the league visible in local government. With a commitment from members to attend one local government meeting during the year, the league would keep current with decisions and policy making. That is important information, which allows us to speak out and act on our positions.

Hats off the 75th Anniversary Committee who have working to acknowledge our 75th Anniversary year. Events have been planned to be visible in the community, to toot our own horn, and to share our successes. From the official announcement in August of 2013, the committee has been making plans in the community and with the state league. May 2014 is "visibility" month in the community for the Appleton League. On May 21st, Mayor Hanna will proclaim the week of May 26- 31 to honor our league. The League will have a presence in the Memorial Day Parade. WHBY will interview league members and the Post Crescent will feature the league. The 75th Celebration Dinner will bring members, former members, community members, elected officials, and state league delegates together to honor 75 years of civic service and shared commitment to our community. And we plan to have fun.