

**League of Women Voters Appleton**  
**Annual Meeting**  
Thursday, April 30, 2009  
Red Ox Supper Club  
Social Hour 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM  
Business Meeting 6:45 PM

**Present:** Carolyn Mewhorter, Winnie Doxsie, Nadine Miller, Shirley Strange, Sue Silton, Miriam Douglass, Cindy Carter, Vicki Olenski, Barbara Dorzweiler, Beth English, Barb Hoffman, Marlys Fritzell, Marcia Hittle, Helen Nagler, Sue Eich, Sara Companik, Sharron Huss

The Agenda, Portfolio Reports, Financial Report, proposed Budget, Position Papers, and Bylaws were distributed.

**Call to Order:** President Carolyn Mewhorter called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Parliamentarian Winnie Doxsie reviewed some of the Robert Rules of Order that govern motions and amendments.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Cindy Carter **MOVED** to adopt the agenda, Sue Eich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Minutes Approval:** Carolyn Mewhorter appointed a committee of Winnie Doxsie, Vicki Olenski and Sara Companik to review and approve the meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Silton reviewed the Financial Report for 2008-09. Non-member contributions were smaller than anticipated for an election year. The state League's efforts to obtain 501(c)3 status, under which all contributions to any League would be tax deductible, has not been successful. Only donations to the Ed Fund are tax deductible, all others are not. Helen Nagler **MOVED** to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Beth English. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**President's Report:** Carolyn thanked the Board members for their hard work, enthusiasm and teamwork. She enjoyed interacting with Olena Bogdan a Lawrence student from Kiev, Ukraine who observed our League to learn how it encourages citizen participation in government. Carolyn expressed her great appreciation for Corrine Goldgar's help in League matters. Helen Nagler, a Commissioner of the Outagamie County Board, emphasized the importance of League statements at County Board meetings.

**Membership Report:** Winnie Doxsie reported that the Appleton LWV has 45 members; four people belong to the LWVUS only.

**Budget Presentation:** Sue Silton presented the Board-approved 2009-2010 budget. No increase in the \$55 dues is included even though they do not cover the costs of the PMP and PMA sent to LWVUS and LWVWI, respectively. Members are encouraged to make additional contributions.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Marlys Fritzell presented the slate of officers and candidates.

**Officers (2009-2011)**

President: Shirley Strange  
VP Program: Barbara Dorzweiler  
Secretary: Marcia Hittle

**Directors: (2009-2011)**

Vicki Olenski  
Cindy Carter  
Beth English

**Directors: (2009-2010)**

Sara Companik  
Marlys Fritzell

**2010 Nominating Committee**

Carolyn Mewhorter, Chair  
Miriam Douglass  
Stevie Schmidt

**Continuing Board Members**

VP Action: Nadine Miller  
Treasurer: Sue Silton  
Director: Winnie Doxsie

Marlys **MOVED** that we unanimously accept the slate. Helen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**2009-10 Local Study Program:** Shirley Strange presented the items and facilitated discussion.

*Recommended:* Policy to reduce energy consumption and cost in local government, schools, buildings, etc.

*Non-recommended:*

- County funding of alcohol treatment and prevention mandated by the state
- Green energy development with an emphasis on wind, solar and methane (both agricultural and landfill)
- Alternatives to a new jail
- Sustainable communities (partnership with local ECOS group)
- Great Lakes as an issue for emphasis (partner with Great Lakes InterLeague)

*Consideration of Non-Recommended Program:* Helen Nagler **MOVED** to consider “Alternatives to a new jail”, seconded Cindy Carter. **MOTION CARRIED.** Sara Companik **MOVED** to consider “Sustainable communities”, seconded by Marlys Fritzell. **MOTION CARRIED.** Helen **MOVED** to consider “County funding of alcohol treatment and prevention mandated by the state”, seconded by Cindy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Discussion of Recommended Program:* Points raised were

- The necessary initial costs may be too high to afford
- The League needs to study the issue before recommending a policy
- The Mayor proposed to accomplish these goals by 2011
- The wording needs to be changed
- A study cannot begin with preconceived ideas.

Helen Nagler **MOVED** to change the title to “Study to determine how to reduce energy consumption and costs in local government operations (schools, government buildings, etc.)”. Motion was seconded by Cindy. The **MOTION** to change the wording **CARRIED**.

*Discussion of Non-recommended Program:*

- County funding of alcohol treatment and prevention mandated by the state – Helen Nagler said that Winnebago County has a state-funded pilot program for treatment instead of incarceration. The state has not given Outagamie County permission to engage in this important program, even though there is \$100,000 available. Sue Eich pointed out that we do not need a new study because our current positions already support this (Social Policy III. Alternatives to Incarceration (2002), criterion No. 6. Support new innovative models and/or existing models...).
- Sustainable communities (partnership with local ECOS group) – Points raised were that inclusion in the Recommended Program would make the latter too large, the term “sustainable” is too broad, our current positions can be used to support the work of other groups, and the LWVWI Energy position could provide information for a General Membership meeting on sustainability.
- Alternatives to a new jail - Our current positions already support this (Social Policy III. Alternatives to Incarceration (2002), criterion No. 1. Be fiscally responsible and advocate programs over the building of a new jail facility).

*Adoption of Recommended Program:* Sue Siltan **MOVED** to adopt, Sue Eich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**.

*Adoption of Non-recommended Program:* There was no motion to adopt any of the non-recommended programs.

**Bylaws Report:** Winnie Doxsie reported that a committee (Marlys Fritzell, Winnie Doxsie and Shirley Strange) reviewed the bylaws and made adjustments to bring them in line with state and national recommendations. This is a housekeeping, not formal, change and does not require membership approval. Barb Hoffmann **MOVED** to accept the report, seconded by Cindy. **MOTION CARRIED**.

**Adoption of Local Positions:** Nadine Miller **MOVED** to adopt the positions as printed, seconded by Carolyn Mewhorter. **MOTION CARRIED**.

**Adoption of Budget:** Marcia Hittle **MOVED** to accept the budget. No second is required. Helen Nagler emphasized the need to support a thorough 2010 census and that people need to be educated to be counted. Sue Siltan said that \$50.00 has been budgeted and more can be made available by Board approval. **MOTION CARRIED**.

**New Business:** Carolyn asked Helen to alert the Board when action to support the census is needed.

**Directions to the Board:**

- Sue Eich emphasized the importance of LWV support of a thorough 2010 census.
- Barb Hoffman thinks that we need more League programming for members.
- Cindy Carter wants the League to support passenger rail service between Green Bay and Milwaukee.
- Sharron Huss suggested clearer communication about what events are available for members.
- Marlys Fritzell wants our positions used to support the Nonrecommended Program items.
- Helen Nagler suggested that Shirley Strange send a thank you note to Corinne Goldgar for her ongoing advise on how League operates.
- Beth English thanked Barb Dorzweiller and Vicki Olenski for the superb new LWV Appleton website.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Douglass, Secretary