

**League of Women Voters of Dane County
Board Meeting
April 13, 2009**

Minutes

Members Present: Pat Levin, Gloria Meyer, Pam Rewey, Brook Soltvedt, Priscilla Thain, Fred Wade plus president elect Kathy Johnson

Minutes of March 9, 2009 approved

Age 4 Kindergarten LWVDC Position Statement of Carol Kiemel

The statement was approved unanimously.

Voter Service *Priscilla Thain*

Voter Registration: A motion was made and passed unanimously to purchase lighter, simpler equipment and a new sign to register voters at the Capitol Square farmers market, at a cost not to exceed \$125.

Candidates Answers: Priscilla Thain reported that several candidates claimed they did not receive the original letter and list of questions. She talked to each one and allowed two to post their answers on the web site of CA.

Spanish Translation of CA: Because of the long time frame needed for the current Spanish translation of CA, it was decided we should check into other translators. Pam Rewey and Priscilla Thain will work on this.

Bulletin and the New Web Site *Brook Soltvedt*

Although the April bulletin is planned to be the last of the year, we may put out a June-July bulletin. Brook is working on converting the documents on the current web site to the new web site. She is also working on a member directory available only to LWVDC members. The member directory will be private and will be updated frequently.

Fundraising *Fred Wade*

Fred announced that the Valentine letter brought in close to \$4,000 and that an anonymous donor would like to make a challenge grant of up to \$1500. The league has not heard yet from our request to the Evue Foundation for a grant. Fred would like to get a community fundraising committee started and also a planned giving program. Twelve volunteers have signed for up 45 hours of work at the Brat Fest. This is down from last year, but they only have griller positions left.

A motion was made and passed unanimously for Pat Levin to order 20 LWV buttons for league volunteers to wear while working at the Brat Fest and at other public sites.

Public Relations *Gloria Meyer*

May 6 Annual Meeting: Gloria distributed a program for the annual meeting. It includes plans to mix people up and have round table discussions with a board member at each table. The questions center on the past, present, and future direction of the league, to give the league direction for the future.

Opportunity Sheet: Gloria distributed a simplified opportunity sheet for the yearly mailing to the members. It was pointed out that since there will not be a fall election, the league will not be maintaining many voter registration sites this summer. In a discussion of cutting down on mailing, a motion to no longer mail a copy of CA to the candidates was tabled.

Treasurer's Report *Pat Levin*

Balance Sheets: Pat distributed a Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2009. A \$30,000 Anchor Bank CD is coming due in May, and Pat plans to renew it with three \$10,000 CDs for more flexibility. She also distributed an Income and Expenses report for July 2007 through June 2008 and an Income and Expenses report for July 2008 through March 2009 that shows were are on target. Pat continues to remind us that the league does have a structural deficit.

Bylaws: Pat pointed out that the league is not following our bylaws that call for a Financial Development Committee to be one of four standing committees: Executive, Financial/Development, Nominating Committee, and Civic Learning and Advocacy Committee.

Presidents Report *Pam Rewey*

Carrie Chapman award and state Meg McClain awards: Suggestions for these awards were discussed.

State Convention May 29, 30: The Dane County league can have 13 delegates to this convention. Members are urged to attend.

LWVUS Conference: This will be only a phone conference in June.

Next Meeting: May 11 at 6 pm

Joint New and Old Board meeting: July 1 or 2

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Submitted by Priscilla Thain, Acting Secretary