

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY
2009-2010 BOARD MEETING
June 30, 2010

Members Present: Kathy Johnson (President), Pat Levin, Lisa Bu, Priscilla Thain, Fred Wade, Carol Dutton, Deborah Speckmann, Earnestine Moss, Gail Bliss, Gloria Meyer, Barbara Mortensen

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

The May minutes were accepted as read.

Fundraising Report: Wade suggested that in the future we contact professionals to get members and contributors, identify corporate match programs, and contact foundations. Another goal of fundraising should be to increase membership. Meyer suggested “Women Business & Resource Directory” for recruiting members. The report for the year ended June 30, 2010 was moved and seconded as amended and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Levin presented a proposed report as the final report won’t be ready until 7-10-10. \$45,000 - \$50,000 is our main expense per year. The deficit is \$10,000 - \$20,000/year. The stock market has improved so assets are up about \$21,000. She recommends discontinuing Special Projects category as it is rarely used. Dutton recommended putting the tea we have for sale out at the general meeting and discontinuing it after all the tea is gone. Speckmann asked how often Sara is given a raise. Johnson said she wasn’t given a raise this year but instead was given two extra days off. Speckmann asked what the Ogg fund is. Ogg was a professor whose estate funded the fund about 30 years ago and the LWV of Dane County has been a beneficiary ever since.

Membership Report: Speckmann read the report compiled by Teague Harvey. Bliss commented that if the membership letters are sent out stating, “Reply in July!” they should not be sent until June 30th. It was agreed the “Reply in July!” was confusing and would be discontinued. Levin said we should denote national members in the directory with an asterisk so we know who they are. Bu will discuss this with Sara.

Outreach: No report.

Program Report: Dutton said she had a report about unit meetings. It was suggested she put the report on the web site and she’ll do this and send board members a copy. She wants to update the “Dane County Government” publication. Her committee is working on this. She is moving out of town at the end of the summer, but the speaker for Sept. 15th is arranged. The topic is Sustainability and the speaker is Cathy Kuntz. The Education Committee is working on charter schools but won’t be ready to make a presentation until spring. She’s trying to get a committee for “Changing Demographics in Dane County”. “Campaign Finance Reform” is another possible topic. Dutton will send the secretary a list of people who are interested in the topics of “Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System” to discuss at the next board meeting. Meyer suggested that action should be a more important part of program.

Public Relations: No report.

Voters Service: Thain said July 13th is the deadline for candidates to announce. After that questions will be sent out. There are three local candidates on the ballot; Coroner, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts. We can use more moderators. Capitol Square is a difficult place to have Voter Registration. Should we continue it especially since we don't register many people? Meyer suggested that food pantries would be a better place to register. She will talk to Carol Kiemel to see about arranging pantry locations.

President's Report: Johnson attended the Dane County Disabilities Board meeting in May to discuss helping disabled voters. CRANES is an environmental group. We have a one-year membership in it. We will allow the group to use our office for occasional meetings if cleared with Sara, but not for regular meetings. Bliss moved and Dutton seconded that we limit the size of groups using the room to 12 people for non-league meetings. "Occasional" is also defined as 2-3 times per year. The motion passed.

New Business: Moss gave reports on the National and State Conventions (NC & SC). Attracting new members was a key topic at the NC. She introduced a resolution at the NC to hold BP accountable for all the oil spill cleanup costs and it passed. At the SC it was discussed whether we should have an observer's corps.

The 2009-10 meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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2010-2011 BOARD MEETING
June 30, 2010

Members Present: Earnest Moss (President), Kathy Johnson, Lisa Bu, Priscilla Thain, Carol Dutton, Deborah Speckmann, Earnestine Moss, Gail Bliss, Gloria Meyer, Barbara Mortensen

President Moss called the meeting to order at 9:11 p.m.

The next meeting is August 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Moss passed out a packet containing the Member Handbook and other materials.

The 2010-11 meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mortensen, Secretary