

**League of Women Voters of Dane County
Board Meeting
January 12, 2009**

Minutes

Members Present: Pam Rewey (President), Teague Harvey, Janet Kane, Helen LeRoy, Gloria Meyer, Donna Norton, Brook Soltvedt, Fred Wade

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

The November minutes were conditionally approved.

Treasurer's Report. Deferred until February.

President Rewey reviewed the plans for Saturday's Lively Issues Luncheon. State Senator Lena Taylor will speak on predatory lending. The board list of attendees was divided up among board members so that everyone could be called if the luncheon had to be cancelled.

The Executive Committee decided to publish Candidates' Answers for the spring primary as well as for the general election. There are 156 candidates, including 8 for statewide offices. Board members advised highlighting the request for contributions to the League that is included in the publication.

Two MATC students will be at Saturday's luncheon to receive the Voter Service Award.

President-elect Norton updated the board on Dean Bowles invitation to make a presentation on immigration as part of the annual conference of the Wisconsin Council for Social Studies. Next year the conference will be a Midwest regional event. The League was asked to do a presentation about its consensus approach and conclusions for health, education, and legal issues. The session would be 120 minutes. Norton will talk to those who were most involved with the study group to see if they are available to participate in the conference. Norton will give a keynote address on International Literature.

Bulletin. Soltvedt will work on the next Bulletin this weekend. She led a discussion about the website. DaneNet is discontinuing their web-hosting service so we need to find another host. The move provides an opportunity to revise the content and design. The board discussed possible features, including information for members as well as resources for the board. To access these materials, people could log in with a member name and a password. Both the national and state websites have member login.

The board authorized Soltvedt to convene an ad hoc committee to explore hosting and website design. The committee will get a cost estimate of options and bring them to the board.

Fundraising. Wade reported that Borders gift wrapping was very successful, with \$953.21 in donations from Borders West and \$200.02 at Borders East. Thanks to Joanne Elder and Cheryl Furstace Daniels for making everything run smoothly.

The next deadline for grants to the Evjue Foundation is March 31. The application will be submitted once the League's 501(c)3 status is clarified. Wade also mentioned the workshops on community fundraising sponsored by the Department of Professional Development and Applied Studies at UW-Madison.

The board reviewed a draft of the Valentine fundraising letter requesting contributions for the League's 89th birthday. The letter is sent to League members. With only minor changes, the letter could be used as an appeal to area businesses and organizations.

Membership. Harvey reported that an Edgewood College student will attend the League Luncheon on Saturday to learn more about the organization. Harvey is also talking with representatives of the Wisconsin Association of School Councils to explore ways we could work together and to promote the League as a way for student leaders to continue to be involved in policy issues after high school.

Program. LeRoy reported that the February and March programs are in place. In February, Professor David Canon is speaking on the national popular vote compact. Study materials are now available. The March program is on Four-Year-Old Kindergarten, sponsored by two committees – Children and Families at Risk and Education. Representatives of the committees are getting the study materials together.

The board had invited members to stop by this evening to discuss program planning for next year. Because of the dangerously cold temperatures, the meeting was cancelled and members were encouraged to send in their program ideas. Several members submitted ideas and the board discussed the suggestions. Soltvedt proposed that members complete the state program making form and return it on Saturday. Recommendations to the state office are due Monday, February 2.

Public Relations. Meyer and Rewey submitted an article to the Wisconsin State Journal about getting involved in local government. It was published on January 2. In response to the article, the League received three requests for the publication on how to run for local office.

Meyer has a press release for the Lively Issues Luncheon ready to go as soon as it is OK'd by the speaker. The talk could be publicized to banks and other lending institutions. Harvey volunteered to take photos on Saturday. Meyer also asked for a volunteer to take photos on February 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The next meeting is Monday, February 9th, 6 – 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Kane, Secretary