



League of Women Voters of the Ripon Area

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President's message:

Greetings everyone, we have kept busy this summer with our new schedule and the busy election season. We are including in this bulletin information from the state gear up to vote which we would like to include when we register the Ripon college students on Sept 28 and Oct. 12th. If anyone would like to help or suggest other places to have the informational table contact me or Art Baseler. On Sept 28 the state league gear up to vote will also be here and anyone who wants to help with staffing a table somewhere besides at the college let me know.

Cindy Diemer will tell you about our August 11 meeting on our poverty study at 6:30 at Prairie Lakes Unitarian-Universalist church. This has been a very rewarding study and it is not too late to take part if you have not yet. We will have one more combination informational meeting and development of consensus questions in October at the new/old Ripon school.

Gary Wetzal took part in the Winnebago league's voter forum for the August 9 primary election for Democrats Sarah Lloyd and Michael Slattery for the state representative election with Republican Glenn Grothman in November. Do not forget to vote in the primary. The rules for the elections seem to keep changing so we have to pay attention.

Sept 20 Cindy Diemer will be running an informational-social event for potential new members, recent members and anyone else interested about the LWV at the high/middle school. We used to do this more often and it seems like a good idea to try it again. We can look over the new school then too. This is a good opportunity for you to invite anyone whom you have been thinking about getting into the Ripon area league.

As part of our action on ground and surface water I am including information on improving action on recycling. We all need to do more to make a difference. Some cities are going for no waste. That will probably not happen soon but we do not want to have recycling as just token.

Hope to see you all soon.

Jean Johnson

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT MEETING

JOIN THIS EFFORT TO LAUNCH THE YEAR WITH NEW MEMBERS.

We're planning a Membership Information and Recruitment meeting to be held Thursday, September 8 at 6:30pm at Ripon High School. It will be short, informative, friendly and fun.

We don't need everyone to attend but would welcome your suggestions and contributions.

We have two new (and young) members joining! Let's keep the momentum growing!

Please contact Cindy Diemer cindydiemer4@gmail.com to share your ideas and contributions.

1. Do you have friends or acquaintances who would be interested in finding out more about the League of Women Voters? Please share names and whether you could bring them or ask that another member bring them to the September 8th meeting?
2. Would you be willing to help with refreshments? We're going back to early protocol to welcome members and guests with drinks (ice water, coffee, tea?) and cookies or fruit.
3. Please share why you joined the League, in Ripon or elsewhere?
4. Please share why you have found your membership and participation to be rewarding and beneficial.
5. Would you be willing to speak or write about important local studies that have impacted the City of Ripon such as the taxi system, the City Administrator position, or the recent water study?
6. Memorable State of National League studies and positions?
7. What information do you think would be most important to share? History of the League, both men and women are members, studies lead to consensus and action?

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Poverty Study Meeting- Focus on Housing and Homeless Issues

The third year of the League of Women Voters study of poverty in Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Waushara Counties begins with a discussion of information related to housing and homeless issues and programs in our area.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11th at 6:30pm at the Prairie Lakes Fellowship Hall, 315 Eureka Street in Ripon.

Lu Scheer, the ADVOCAP Affordable Housing Director who oversees their programs in both Fond du Lac and Green Lake Counties will be the speaker. Other specific information related to Green Lake County will be provided by the Green Lake County UW Extension Family Living Educator Katie Gellings.

League of Women Voters meetings are open to all who are interested. Please contact Poverty Study Chair Cindy Diemer at 748-2797 if you have questions.

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Minutes of the July 28, 2016

Present: Jean Johnson, Gary Wetzel, Rich Diemer, Lelani Sanchez-Gatske, Cindy Diemer and Ellen Sorensen

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm

Welcome to new board member Lelani Sanchez-Gatske.

Motion by R. Diemer second by Wetzel to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year 2015 ended with \$5,944.16 which is an increase over the 2015 balance.

There was \$4,148.00 in revenue and \$3,068.36 in expenses with a surplus of \$1,079.64. No one attended National convention this year and there has been no request for State Convention reimbursement.

Fundraising

Discussion of donations and whether any contributions in Neola Hannaford's name have been submitted. R. Diemer reported none so far. Another request should be placed in the next newsletter.

Membership

C. Diemer discussed the September membership meeting. The following individuals will be contacted as a follow up to previous discussion to join the League: Brenna Lynn, Carissa Sorensen, Pat Sias, Chris Stewart, Roberta Martin, and Jonathan Gatske.

Discussion regarding the 1 ½ membership available for potential new members. Motion by C. Diemer to expend membership support to the following people: Carissa Sorensen and Jonathan Gatske ½ membership support. Second by R. Diemer. Motion was passed unanimously.

The September meeting is expected to last one hour. It is scheduled for 6:30 pm at the High School. A brief history of the League at the local, state and national level will be given. Discussion will allow focus on the contributions of this League to the Ripon Community including but not limited to: the taxi service, city manager position and storm sewers. Refreshments will be served, Ellen and Lelani will work on the refreshments. A discussion on State material resources was discussed. Louise Petering is a contact for the State League membership materials. She also does outreach and will visit Ripon to discuss issues related to local Leagues. This could be done at a future board meeting.

Voter Services

College Voter Registration is tentatively scheduled for October 21st or 27th. Ann Shommer, City Clerk will train the election deputies. Discussion of **Gear Up to Vote** a possible resource for getting out the vote which is willing to come to Ripon if a date that includes several opportunities for the group to utilize different sites or events in Ripon to address. Can we partner with Ripon College? Ripon College has its Constitution and Citizenship day on September 17th the same day as SeptemberFest. Johnson thought they already indicated they were not available that day but will follow up with them. Another possibility is to have them come in and do the area public libraries all on the same day.

Election Reporting

R. Diemer and Todd Berens will take this on for August. Wetzel reporting on the Oshkosh forum for the 6th congressional district which also included a few other statewide candidates. A DVD of the event has been given to the local cable access channel.

Poverty Study

The meeting is scheduled for August 11th. Participants include: Lou Sheer of Advocap, Affordable Housing Director, Louis Gudex, Director of the City of Fond du Lac Housing Authority, Jan Greda – Advocap in Berlin and Kathie Gellings of UW Ext in Green Lake County will provide supporting information for the discussion.

C. Diemer is working on questions. The scope of the study includes Waushara County. We will come up with consensus questions with the goal of coming to consensus in November. Perhaps a Lively Issues discussion at the December Gala.

Webpage

Sanchez-Gatske is checking out potential streaming video for our League page. i.e. the Oshkosh forum Wetzels attended.

National Study

There is nothing lined up for a National Study. There may be issues to discuss such as Making Democracy Work, however that is not a study.

Other

Discussion of the Lake Michigan Interleague and whether we should continue membership. Motion by Sorensen to continue that membership. Second by R. Diemer. Johnson will contact Pam Icenagel to ask if she is interested in continuing.

Newsletter

Items for the Newsletter include: Membership meeting information, Poverty Study information, Fundraising and an informational piece on recycling. Also it was determined there is value in including meeting minutes in the Newsletter for members to view. Information is to be sent to Linda Holloway on or before August 4th. If available information on **Gear Up to Vote** will be included.

Next Meetings:

Board meetings

August 25th

Agenda items to include:

Planned Parenthood discussion

SWOT analysis

Review of Chair positions and responsibilities

A motion to adjourn was made by C. Diemer and seconded by Gary Wetzels. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Neola Hannaford was a long time League of Women Voters member who passed away recently. We have had a tradition of remembering deceased League members with memorial donations. If anyone would like to donate in memory of Neola, please send your donation to our Treasurer, Rich Diemer, at PO Box 5, Ripon, WI 54971

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FORWARD

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WISCONSIN

The League is Hitting the Road to Help People Vote



Our bags are packed. The cooler is loaded. The gas tank is full. Electronic devices? Voter registration forms? Supplies? Check. Check. Check. The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin is ready to roll!

We're heading out on an epic road trip for a first-of-its-kind voter education and registration campaign. Our Gear Up to Vote minivan will make stops at community events along our route to register voters, help them find their polling places, and inform them about acceptable types of photo ID and where to find information about candidates and issues. The tour will highlight the great work of our local Leagues to educate and assist voters in their communities—work that continues when the van leaves town.

The campaign is designed to draw attention to the importance of being a

registered voter, having an acceptable photo ID and voting in the August and November elections. LWVWI staff and volunteers will have everything needed to assist and register voters at every stop. In addition to promoting voter services, the Gear Up to Vote initiative will generate visibility for the League through social networking, flyers and earned and paid media, as well as provide opportunities for member recruitment.

The Gear Up to Vote tour will travel statewide, from the shores of Lake Michigan to the banks of the Mississippi River to the towns along Lake Superior and our southern border. The first few tour stops are listed at right. For the full schedule, news, photos and updates, go to GearUpToVote.com. ❖

TOUR SCHEDULE:

Kick-Off Event & Neighborhood Canvass

July 18, Madison

Whitewater City Market

July 19, Whitewater

Farmers Markets

July 30, Manitowoc & Two Rivers

National Night Out

August 2, Janesville

Grand Affair

September 11, Wisconsin Rapids

UW-Stevens Point

SIEO Job Fair

September 13, Stevens Point

More Events to be Announced!

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