

League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room, 120 N. Morrison St., Appleton

1. Welcome and call to order (4:00) Meeting called to order at 4:06p. Attendees: Jacqui, Linda, Cindy, Kathy, Jan, Renee, Diane, April. Discussion item- Cindy- Have had 9 new members join this year- current total is 126 members- will likely surpass last year (2 Appleton, 1 New London, 1 Menasha have joined in February). Jacqui is working with potential new member in New London- poll worker, trying to register people and working with the clerk- supply training/ materials. Also mentioned Sue Abrahamson, who is in that area and comes to alot. Restated that DMV project has been a huge success. Estimate that we have averaged 10 / day, for 14 days. Capture some vignettes- Farmer who need help with the kiosk, etc- in the newsletter. Channel 26 news coverage as well.

DMV Improvement/ suggestions- the kiosk is very subtle, they should let people know it's there/ what it's for. Jacqui will check in with site manager Cliff, to see how we are doing and suggest including information about the voting kiosk in the ad-reel that plays. Assuming WEC will need to approve.

Newsletter/ Email Blast- vote NO on constitutional amendment. Renee will draft. Jacqui will share with AAUW. Esther did a recent program. State league has a letter to the editor template, Jan & Linda on Focus Fox Valley WHBY with Haley Tenpas on this as well next Wednesday.

ERA is dead, should we remove it from the webpage? There is no bill. There will not be another session unless 'special' in the fall or lameduck after election- presumably after the new legislature is sworn in.

Bread and Butter as a caterer based in Neenah (Coalesce used, comes highly recommended from Kathy!)

Women's Day History Presentation, Guest of Honor Kathy Flores, in addition to human trafficking experts, Love the skin your in, etc... Will share with Kathy V for facebook and Women's Fund. Event is Tues 3/12 at Appleton West HS, 5-7p.

Lawrence: Rachel Flom, former director of community engagement has left, Dean Kevin Graw (CCE & Career Center), started in May 2023 made announcement. April will reach out to Prof. Boyd-Kramer & Prof. Brozak, Cindy to reach out to contact- find out if there are issues with student voting, etc. Jacqui will reach out to City Clerk Kammi Lynch as well- once we have a handle on situation, will reach out to the Dean to see what's next.

Budget committee- Sue Stilton, Denise Fenton, Diane Putzer (consider Nadine Miller). Renee is on the nominating committee. Jim is asking for treasurer. Jan Smith is seriously considering it

2. Consent Agenda (4:00-4:10) Please read all reports in this [folder](#) prior to the meeting. This information won't be discussed unless questions are raised prior to the meeting.

Link to the in our Google drive. (Click on “+New” button to the left to upload your document to the file.)

- a) Minutes from the February 7, 2024 board meeting
- b) Presidents’ Report
- c) Treasurer’s Report
- d) Action
- e) Nominating Committee
- f) Communications & Technology
- g) DEI
- h) Finance Drive / Development
- i) Lens Study Committee
- j) Membership
- k) Program
- l) Voter Service

Motion to accept consent agenda- Cindy move, Jan seconds. Motion carried, unanimously.

3. Old Business (4:10-4:20)

- a) LWV WI data tracker update (Linda) (added Makin’ Cake/ Truth Evolution, Legislative Town Hall- educational events), Lively Issues, Individuals engaged >100 (workshop, website, Town Halls/ candidate forums, youtube views), state/ local partners (ERA press conference, PAC, DMV, Fair Maps), Stakeholders (Town Hall, 2 candidate forums, Governor), Trainings- (PIES, Presidents, DMV Pilot), Constitutional Amendment Webinar in March
- b) Website work session for the Board - recap (Kathy) Got high priority changes made this week (Vote411, Hmong, Spanish on homepage); weekly process on a Wednesday- keep suggestions coming
- c) PAC events with Dasha Kelly Hamilton - recap (Kathy) Kathy & Linda spent time with Dasha afterwards. Right before they came from this trip, her home was destroyed by fire- she & husband bought RV and are road tripping.
- d) Change of address on our google profile (Linda) Address is updated, with help from Coalesce. Name rises to the top, but it is not visible.
- e) Annual Meeting caterer update (Linda) Stone Arch was more expensive than Michaels, so we will go with them and keep cost at \$25 cover additional costs
- f) Holiday Brunch reservation update (Linda) at Bubolz for \$512 for larger room (discount for nonprofit, and attended their reception).

4. New Business (4:20-5:25)

- a) Bylaws change (Linda) Reviewed- from Brandi, in the shared folder. We need a few people to look at this before early April, for the annual meeting packet. What is the process for by-law changes? Linda will take the lead, April willing to help- Linda will ask Sara, Gayle.
- b) Parade of Leagues for LWV WI Annual Meeting (Linda) May 31-June1 in Green Bay and Hybrid. Need an intro. Highlight but keep moving, 3 min, use powerpoint and include videos, etc?
- c) Table at LWV WI Annual Meeting? (Linda) Do we want an issue based table or anything? April will follow up with Jeanne to see if CAC subgroup for DEI best resources could be something to do.

d) [Meg McClane Award](#) (Linda) Nancy Jones was suggested by Linda & Jan. April agreed, Equity network is astounding amount of highly-impactful work. schedules vacations around County Board meeting.

e) Memorial Day (5/27) and/or /Flag Day Parade (6/14) (Linda) Memorial Day parade 5/27, Flag Day is 6/08- City of Appleton invited us to both.

f) Vermont LWV request (Linda) Want to move the US league to add healthcare as a right. Would need Concurrence to adopt, but could decide as a board to support advocating at the national level. Vote: Renee moves, no discussion, Kathy second. Motion carried unanimously.

g) Speaker in July (Linda) Winchester Academy, Speaker in July from Door County, Ben Judgsen Retired Judge. would like us to engage him the following day (7/23), will also be speaking at Lawrence.

5. Wrap-Up / Assignments (5:25-5:30) (Linda)

a) March newsletter articles

b) Website updates

Meeting Adjourned 5:27 p Kathy Moved, Jacqui Second, carried unanimously

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 18, 6:30 p.m.-

Consensus meeting -Van Zeeland meeting room

Tuesday, April 2: Spring election & presidential primary

Wednesday, April 10, 4:00 p.m.- Board meeting -conference room

Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.- Program on affordable senior housing - Brewster village

Saturday, April 23: ALL REPORTS DUE FOR ANNUAL MEETING PACKET

Thursday, May 23, 5:00-8:00 p.m.- Annual Meeting-The Hillside at Plamann Park

LWV WI Annual Meeting: May 31-June 1 in Green Bay

LWV US Convention: June 27-30 in Washington DC (also hybrid)