

League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 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 4:09p by Linda Bjella. Members present: Jacqui Klimaszewski, April Savage, Kathy Voigt, Renee Gralewicz, Diane Putzer, Cindy Fallona, Karin Alvarez, Jan Quinlan, Linda Bjella.

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.) Jan Quinlan moved to accept the consent agenda, Cindy Fallona seconded. All in favor of accepting consent agenda; none opposed and no abstentions.

- 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) Events Committee
- i) Finance Drive / Development
- j) Membership
- k) Program
- l) Voter Service

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

a) LWV WI data tracker update (Linda) Tallied number of events in March (rallies, forums, in-person, virtual, etc.), number of people engaged in person and online, topics covered, volunteers recruited.

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

- a) Annual Meeting packet
 - i) By-laws changes (Linda) Jacqui Klimaszewski moved to accept, Cindy Fallona seconded. All in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
 - ii) 2024-2025 Proposed budget (Diane) Change in dues structure will not affect us in the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. After that, the status will change because of dues changes, though it is not clear exactly how. Reviewed draft of expected income for 2024-2025 (e.g., projected silent auction proceeds) and expenses. Projected expenses are down primarily because there are no national conferences. Renee Gralewicz moved to accept the proposed budget, Jacqui Klimaszewski seconded. All in favor; none opposed and no abstentions.
 - iii) Nominating Committee Report (Renee) Jim Bowman gave the nomination committee report: Jacqui Klimaszewski has agreed to one more two year term, and Kathy Voigt has agreed to an additional year but would like to separate out the technology part. Jan Smith has been nominated for a two year term as program director, and Miriam Douglass for a two year

term as treasurer. Diane Putzer moved to accept the nominating committee report, Jan Quinlan seconded. All in favor; none opposed and no abstentions.

iv) Recommended new study (Renee) Public safety is #1 priority. We have to be clear about what the approved area for study is. Renee would like individuals involved in the study to indicate what they are willing to help with for the public safety study (such as from a checklist), to get an idea of which “bits” have the most interest for the program director. This will also include ambulance and fire department topics, so this study will be big. Jan Quinlan moved to present this at the study for next year at the annual meeting, Jacqui Klimaszewski seconded. All in favor; none opposed and no abstentions.

v) Consensus (Jan) Reviewed consensus packet, from consensus meeting on 3/18/24. Renee suggested sending a follow up email about this chart to follow up with members. Jan will clean up the report. Jan Quinlan made a motion to accept Question 1 and 2, Jacqui Klimaszewski seconded. All in favor; none opposed and no abstentions.

b) April 15 program at Brewster Village (Jan) 4:00 is tour; meeting at 5:15.

c) Finance Drive (Linda) Tomorrow afternoon, a group is getting together to address envelopes (enclosure envelopes for contributions), and these will be mailed out to members Monday. We will email members and also add graphics to social media. Drive will hopefully be wrapped up in May.

d) Flag Day parade? (Linda) If we want to participate in the Flag Day parade, someone would need to take charge of this. Currently no one has indicated interest in doing so.

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

a) April newsletter articles due 4/12/24

b) Website updates

Diane Putzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Voigt seconded. All in favor; none opposed and no abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 6:08p.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Alvarez

Secretary

Upcoming Events:

Monday, April 15, 5:00-6:30 p.m. (4:00 p.m. optional tour of Brewster Village)- Program on affordable senior housing - Brewster village

Friday, April 19: ALL REPORTS DUE FOR ANNUAL MEETING PACKET

Tuesday, April 23: ANNUAL MEETING PACKET TO MEMBERS

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.: [Wisconsin Grassroots Network](#) conference at Lawrence University

Theme: [Rural and Urban Together: Our Future Our Choices](#) (featuring John Nichols, Garrison Keillor, and the Raging Grannies)

Wednesday, May 10, 4:00 p.m. - May board meeting - office conference room

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

Appleton Flag Day Parade: June 8

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

Voter assistance at the DMV: July 8-24

Summer picnic: July 18 at Thousand Islands Nature Center