

Minutes League of Women Voters of Appleton Board of Directors Meeting
December 1, 2021, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Pillars Community Room, 605 E. Hancock St.

Feel free to bring a beverage of your choice and a snack or hors d'oeuvre to share. We will have an envelope to collect cash donations for Pillars. (Use of the meeting room has been provided free of charge.)

I. Social time and informal round robin discussion of committee work this fall (4:00-4:30) **Our name change to LWV Appleton-Fox Cities has been approved by LWVUS!**

II. Formal Meeting

A) Welcome and call to order (4:30) **Linda called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm. In attendance were: Julie Evers, Jan Quinlan, Kathy Voigt, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Brian Post, Linda Bjella, Jeanne Roberts, Renee Gralewicz, Diane Putzer, Marti Hemwall.**

B) Consent Agenda (4:30-4:35) Please read all reports in the board meeting folder (2021-12-01) prior to the meeting. This information won't be discussed unless questions are raised prior to the meeting.

- 1) Minutes from October 6, 2021
- 2) Presidents' Report
- 3) Committee reports (covering October and November, 2021)

Please post in our Board meeting folder by Monday, November 29 at this link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1nFJrPwVDB3F0aFKt_kqvhHrc7NXbNjE5

- a) Treasurer / Fundraising
- b) Voter Service
- c) Membership
- d) Action / Advocacy
- e) Program
- f) DEI / Study Committee
- g) Communication and technology

Jan moved to approve the consent agenda, Kathy seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

B) Old Business (4:35-4:45)

1) Mail contact list development **Jacqui is developing a spreadsheet for our mail contact list, which will be part of the launch of Club Express. State has a spreadsheet for Latinx and Hmong partnering organizations, and will be adding black and youth organizations.**

2) Authorization to list additional board member's names to website contact list **The cost to add an additional name to the contact list is \$5 per year. Renee made a motion to authorize the additional name and Kathy seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

3) Remaining Club Express tasks **Kathy is updating the "About Us" page. It was agreed that the President's statement should be under "League Action" and the name should be changed to "What does the League Say?". The most recent statements should be on the page and older ones should be archived. We need a naming protocol to make searching easier.**

C) New Business (4:45-5:30)

1) Policy on board members seeking or serving in elected office **State policy states that only the executive board is prohibited from holding partisan elected office. The feeling of the board was that the**

Director of Voter Services should also be prohibited from holding partisan elected office. Renee proposed a friendly amendment that “or Director of Voter Services” be added to the proposed amended language after the words “vice president”. Jacqui made a motion to approve the proposal as amended. Kathy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2) Holiday Brunch update / silent auction / Making Democracy Work Award Jacqui made a motion to award the Making Democracy Work Award to the Appleton Library. Jeanne seconded the motion. All were in favor. Kathy will do a certificate to be presented at the brunch, and the artistic piece will be created in the future. The silent auction will be held at the annual meeting.

3) Hosting the LWV -WI annual meeting in June State is responsible for the venue. This would be a good way to get new members involved. As part of our DEI efforts, it would be nice to get together a list of local businesses that we could promote to attendees. We should also be more vocal about the accomplishments of the local league to be considered for national awards. Marti/Linda will contact State to let them know we’re interested.

4) Website management and 2022 budget concerns The budget will be an area of concern next year. We’re interested in office space and professional management of technology and social media. We should have a meeting to focus on the vision before the budget meeting.

5) Volunteers to complete LWV US semi-annual survey

D) Adjournment (5:30 p.m.) The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm

III. Informal discussion of LWV -WI Issues Briefing (5:30-6:00)

Upcoming: Lively Issues – Club Express launch / Saturday, January 22 / Policy & Positions DEI review
Lively Issues will be virtual again this year, 1/22/22.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Evers, Secretary