

League of Women Voters of Appleton and the Fox Cities Board meeting

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 -- 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

- I. Welcome and call to order (4:00) **Marti Hemwall, Julie Evers, Renee Gralewicz, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Linda Bjella, Brian Post, Jan Quinlan, Diane Putzer, Jeanne Roberts, Cindy Fallona, Kathy Voigt**

**Marti called the meeting to order at 4:03**

II Consent Agenda (4:00-4:05) Please read all reports in the board meeting folder (2022-01-05) prior to the meeting. This information won't be discussed unless questions are raised prior to the meeting. **Cindy made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Jan seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed.**

- 1) Minutes from December 1, 2021
- 2) Presidents' Report
- 3) Committee reports **-Please post in our Board meeting folder by Monday, January 3, 2022**
  - a) Treasurer / Fundraising
  - b) Voter Service
  - c) Membership
  - d) Action / Advocacy
  - e) Program
  - f) DEI / Study Committee
  - g) Communication and Technology

III) Old Business (4:05-4:35)

1) New Year Brunch – announce name change, and Club Express? volunteers needed? program updates; other questions **Voices of Hope do not want to present due to Covid. They offered a video, 2<sup>nd</sup> option is to share link, ask attendees to watch and have a discussion, 3<sup>rd</sup> option is to find something else. Many are hesitant to attend due to Covid. Renee believes Bubolz will hold our downpayment until next year. Should we delay or cancel? We could present the MDWA at the annual meeting. We could also have on-line auction with the new swag available. Marti proposed that we give this feedback to committee to consider. No one is opposed to cancelling the brunch for this year. Renee made a motion to cancel the brunch, Cindy seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed.**

2) Club Express - remaining tasks; roll out planning; Board member names on website; Home page photo **Just a few more tweaks being worked on. We need to decide where to put the president's statement. Kathy feels it needs to be more prominently displayed. We are looking for opportunities to get a good photo for the home page. Maybe at the Fair Maps rally? Take a look at the board member names and see if the way they are displayed is OK. Make sure your position and title are correct.**

3) Hosting the LWV -WI annual meeting in June **We're responsible for key note speaker plus one other, and technology. Marti and Linda are meeting with Ellen Penwell at the Red Lion, more details to**

follow after that meeting. The Flag Day parade may be part of this. Last year we had a commitment from Kobussen for their trolley for the parade, would they still offer this year?

IV) New Business (4:35-5:00)

- 1) Membership – helping with renewal contacts and sending Valentines Card to members (Cindy) 106 have renewed to date. Cindy is working on contacting the remaining 25 previous members. 5 open membership, 24 sponsoring members. The Valentine cards are a good way to get members involved. Valentines day is the official anniversary of the League, this will be the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.
- 2) Voter Services forums – plan to address our larger area and changed districts; Zoom or in-person? (Jacqui) There will be some February primaries, how do we inform voters? Forums? In person? Should we do a forum for primaries, or just general? Proposal to only do forums for general election with the exception of school board. For school board do separate questions and answer for each primary candidate and post to website.
- 3) LWV Milwaukee speaker (Jeanne) Are we being asked to fund a speaker related to the Milwaukee area? Are we being asked to fund something that is out of our area? We're better off spending money on local events. Jeanne recommended that we say no.
- 4) Possible change in Program Committee structure? Add Events component or a new Events committee to handle Women's Equality Day, Holiday Brunch, Annual Meeting? (Marti and Linda) Do we need to have additional people to help coordinate all the events?
- 5) Co-sponsorship - Fair Maps Statewide rallies – Noon January 21 (Linda) Fair Maps Coalition asked us to co-sponsor the local rally Jan made a motion that we co-sponsor, Jacqui seconded. All in favor, no opposed.

Date for budget discussion: January 29, 9:30 am.

V) Adjournment (5:30 p.m.) Renee made a motion to adjourn, Kathy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38. - Next board meeting Wednesday, February 2

**Upcoming: Fair Maps Rally – 12 Noon Friday, January 21; Lively Issues -- Saturday, January 22; Rescheduled Brunch – Saturday, January 29; Legislative Town Hall – Monday, February 7;**

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Evers

Secretary