

## League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m. (Zoom)

1. Welcome and call to order (4:00) In attendance were: Linda Bjella, Julie Evers, Jacqui Klimiszewski, Marti Hemwall, Cindy Fallona, Diane Putzer, Brian Post, Kathy Voigt, Jeanne Roberts, Renee Gralewicz, Jan Quinlan. Linda called the meeting to order at 4:04.

2. Consent Agenda (4:00-4:10) Please read all reports in the board meeting folder (2022-02-02) prior to the meeting. This information won't be discussed unless questions are raised prior to the meeting.

Link to [2022-02-02](#) folder in our Google drive. (Click on file upload to the left to upload your document to the file.)

- a) Minutes from January 5, 2022
- b) President's Report
- c) Membership
- d) Action / Advocacy
- e) Program
- f) DEI / Study Committee
- g) Communications and Technology
- h) Voter Service
- i) Treasurer's Report

Marti made a motion to remove the membership report for discussion. Diane seconded the motion. Some ideas for increasing membership were a recruiting contest and offering small prizes for bringing in new members. Marti made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Kathy seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed.

3. Old Business (4:10-4:40)

a) Lively Issues wrap-up The event went well, 38 attended. Nancy Jones did a great job sorting and grouping ideas. These ideas will inform programs and advocacy for the next year. It would have been helpful to prioritize topics.

b) Legislative Town Hall update 4 legislators have agreed to attend. Questions are being developed, run through scheduled for Thursday.

c) Website and new name launch:

1. Plans for the launch and roll out, celebration at Annual Meeting (swag) Quietly live at this time, finishing touches are being completed, once membership is in place, a mass email will go out to members. Press release will be going out on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

2. Implications for name change (by-laws, legal requirements, costs) By-laws committee will convene in March. Marti, Linda, Kathy, Diane, Cindy, Jacqui will be on committee.

d) Hosting LWV-WI Annual Meeting:

1. Responsibilities & volunteers 06/10 – 06/11 Mayor will do welcome. We will need volunteers. There will be an opportunity for a silent auction to sell our swag. We're looking for

speaker suggestions that will tie into the theme. Madeline McDermott was suggested by Renee, Isabella Devine was suggested by Jeanne. Jeanne and Renee will reach out and see if they're interested. State has final say, but we can suggest speakers. Possibly a panel? Jacqui will try to contact Grace & Elena. We like the idea of a panel the best. All are previous MSWA youth recipients, and it would highlight our efforts in this area.

2. Theme is "Developing Change Makers and Engaging Wisconsin's Youth"

(Focus on youth and youth voting) Speaker suggestions?

3. Opportunities, swag, Flag Day Parade When can we register for the parade? Will we try to get the trolley again? Sue is working on trolley and possible sponsorship by Spectrum. Visitor's bureau will provide volunteers for registration table and provide welcome packet.

#### 4. New Business (4:40-5:15)

a) DEI program February 21 Study team is not prepared for consensus at this time. There will be DEI focused program.

b) Shared google calendar for LWV account Zoom meetings & Mail Chimps It would be nice to have a shared calendar so we can all see when events take place. The calendar on the website will eventually be able to have 2 views, one public, one private. We need to know if there are conflicts with our Zoom account, as we can only host one Zoom meeting at a time. Should we use personal accounts for committee meetings? For the month of March, Voter Services should have priority because of forums. We could purchase an additional Zoom account for a month. Maybe we should contract someone to do the tech for a month.

c) Coordinating Candidate Forums Cindy, Linda and Jeanne will be moderating some of the forums, so we can expand to other parts of the Fox Cities.

d) Who can speak for the League Current policy is the President speaks for the League. See Jan's draft policy. Take time to read and digest the policy and it will be brought up in next months' meeting. Check for guidance from State. Is this a topic we should present at the annual meeting?

The DEI committee is looking at getting committee members on all committees to view activities through a DEI lens.

Missing/Murdered Indigenous Women Memorial Day is Feb 14. There will be an event from noon to 2:00 at Houdini Plaza

Jacqui made a motion to adjourn. Jan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Evers  
Secretary

Upcoming: February 7 Legislative Town Hall, Candidate interviews, February 14 – LWV name change and website launch, February 15 primary election, February 21 T.B.D. Program

