

League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities
Board of Directors meeting
Wednesday, January 4, 2023
4:00 p.m. – LWV office

Welcome and call to order (4:00-4:05) **The meeting was called to order at 4:04. In attendance were: Jacqui Klimaszewski, April Savage, Marti Hemwall, Linda Bjella, Cindy Fallona, Jan Quinlan, Renee Gralewicz and Julie Evers.**

Consent Agenda (4:05-4:10)

Please read all reports in our board meeting folder prior to the meeting. This information will not be discussed unless questions are raised prior to the meeting.

- A. Minutes – November 2, 2022
- B. Presidents' report
- C. Reports
 - 1. Treasurer and fundraising **Plaques for MDW award and contributions to organizations that participated in Holiday Brunch removed from consent agenda.**
 - 2. Voter Services
 - 3. Action
 - 4. Program
 - 5. Membership
 - 6. Communications and Technology
 - 7. DEI Study
 - 8. DEI Committee
 - 9. Events Committee
 - 10. Awards Committee

Cindy moved to accept the consent agenda, Linda seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Budget for plaque for MDW winners would be about \$150. Do we do a separate one for youth winners? Lifetime achievement award would go on the same plaque. \$300 if we do separate plaques. Jan made a motion to approve buying 2 plaques contingent on there being money in the budget. Marti seconded the motion. All were in favor. Should we make contributions (\$100) to organizations that participated in holiday brunch? Marti made a motion to make contributions, Jan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

New Business (4:10-4:40)

- A. Nominations Committee **Has started – meeting set.**
 - a. Proposed change in vice-president portfolios (Linda and Marti) **Advocacy, Action and Voter Services. Directors can be at the committee level and not necessarily on the board. Does the board lose the big picture by removing committee heads from board? What items need to be approved by the board and what can be decided at the committee level? 1st/2nd Vice presidents and directors.**
 - b. Notify committee of your intentions - remember that our revised bylaws allow 3 consecutive terms.

- c. Committee members: Cindy, Jan (board); Stephanie Malaney (chair), Brian Post, Jeanne Roberts (at-large members)
- B. Upcoming events
 - a. Lively Issues – discuss covering the cost of breakfast items. (Renee) **Snacks brought by board members, League to provide beverages. Signs, paper needed.**
 - b. April program - make decision about topic (Open Meetings / Open Records OR 1)Local journalism, or 2) ranked choice voting (maybe next year?) Is State doing something on ranked choice and/or final five voting. 3) Open meetings/open records. April 17th.
 - c. **March 20th is consensus meeting. Could we do it remotely rather than face to face? Hybrid does not work well for consensus. We will do it in person.**
- C. Budget Review and 2022-23 budget –
 - a. Setting timetable for board **Board members please get budget requests in by 02/01/2023. Renee will probably submit an addition to budget for program space since Appleton Library is not available.**
 - b. Committee members: Marti, Diane (board); Barb Kelly, Kristen Alfheim, Lois Bresette (at-large members) **Jan made a motion to approve members, Renee seconded the motion. All were in favor.**
- D. Bylaws -
 - a. We received a direction from the membership at the Annual Meeting 2022 to add (s) after ‘president’ to account for co-presidents. Should we just allow for shared positions in any officer capacity or board position? Language should be added that each position, even if shared, has only ONE vote. (Marti and Linda) **At this point, only presidents should share a position. We should acknowledge in the bylaws that it is permitted. It’s helpful for continuity to have the position shared, co-presidents could alternate terms. Change bylaws to permit co-presidents, add an (s).**
 - b. Change section titled “Program” to “Study”
 - c. The membership also identified the importance of a document retention policy - will have draft to review before February meeting (Marti)
 - d. Any other bylaw questions?
- E. Annual Spring Fund Drive - set dates **Dates? Send letter by March 6.**

Old Business (4:40-5:00)

- A. Debrief on brunch - The Events Committee will be meeting to debrief about the Holiday Brunch and use takeaways for planning the annual meeting. Any feedback? What did we learn about the role of Coalesce? (Marti) **Ask recipients for notes on their speech to be printed in the newsletter. Give them time limit, and make sure they know we are non-partisan. Should we put something in the newsletter and have a program on immigration law in the future. Think about what to do with the leftover food. We need to consider hearing loops for hearing impaired.**
- B. Oral history project - review membership list to identify who should be interviewed; develop questions and make interview assignments - **Cindy** please send out current membership list identifying long term members.
- C. LWV-WI resources for the board (Linda) **State has nine people on staff. We should use staff at state office. Our nonpartisan policy should be presented at any program/event.**

Wrap-up 5:00-5:15: Set priorities for newsletter articles and home page on website updates

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted

Julie Evers, Secretary

Reminders and Announcements:

January 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: "Imbalance of Power: How Shifts in State Government Undermine Wisconsin's Conservation Legacy - ZOOM (co-sponsoring with LWV LaCrosse)

January 14, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lively Issues - Kaukauna Public Library

February 1, 4:00-5:30 p.m.: LWV AFC Board meeting, LWV office

February 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: Legislative Town Hall - ZOOM

March 1, 2023 4-5:30 - LWV AFC Board meeting - ZOOM

March 20: Consensus meeting details TBD

April 5, 2023 4:00-5:30 p.m.: LWV-AFC board meeting, LWV office

April 17: April program details TBD

May 20, 10 am - Noon: Annual Meeting and Brunch - Scheig Center, Memorial Park, Appleton

June 9-10: LWV WI Annual Meeting - La Crosse, consider attending

Summer picnic?