

League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. Conference Room  
120 N. Morrison St., Appleton, 54911

1. Welcome and call to order (4:00) **In attendance were: Marti Hemwall, Renee Gralewicz, Julie Evers, Kathy Voigt, Linda Bjella, Jan Quinlan, April Savage, Cindy Fallona, Jacqui Klinaszewski. The meeting was called to order at 4:02**

2. Consent Agenda (4:00-4:10) Please read all reports in the board meeting folder prior to the meeting. This information won't be discussed unless questions are raised prior to the meeting. Link to the [20230503 - Google Drive](#) folder. (Click on file upload to the left to upload your document to the file.)

- a) Minutes from April 5, 2023
- b) Presidents' Report
- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Action
- e) Communications & Technology
- f) DEI
- g) Events
- h) Membership
- i) Nominating Committee
- j) Program
- k) Voter Service
- l) Women's Action Coalition

**Cindy moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Kathy seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed.**

3. Old Business (4:10-4:15)

- a) Ratification of Nominating Committee slate approved by electronic vote (Marti) **Jan made a motion to ratify, Kathy seconded the motion. We'll have to explain to membership why Jacqui's term is only 1 year. All were in favor.**
- b) Insurance (Diane)
- c) Spring finance drive update (Diane) **\$1,300 in donations so far**
- d) LWV WI Annual Meeting - baskets (Linda) **For state meeting with the theme of "Water" Renee and Linda will get together and come up with some things for our basket.**
- e) Appleton for LWV Award - finalize (Linda) **Linda has to submit by Sunday. She needs attendance numbers and membership numbers, how we promoted our events, how have we been successful with our DEI efforts.**

4. New Business (4:15-5:25)

- a) Annual meeting preparations (Marti and Linda) **Set up will be handled by caterer, Power Point slides are being prepared. Help will be needed starting at 8:30 to set up and decorate.**
- b) April 17 program debrief (Kathy and Renee) **April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting went well, was well attended. Facility was well suited to this type of meeting. About 50 in attendance, plus virtual**

listeners. Co-sponsored with Winnebago County League. Good discussion of role of big newspaper vs. smaller, local papers. Video screen showing zoom listeners next to presenters was distracting. We should turn screens off during presentation and turn them back on during Q & A.

c) Memorial Day Parade (Linda) We are in, Barb Kelly will drive her Cadillac, we will need people to go along.

d) June end-of-fiscal-year newsletter - deadline (Kathy) Deadline June 9. Will recap annual meeting, results of votes at annual meeting. Info on summer events

e) Communication - LWV WI workshop (Kathy) State League is working on a spokesperson workshop, how to turn it away from negative and stick to your message. They would like to have program by September. Looking for feedback about timing. Will be a virtual program.

f) June board orientation - set tentative date and agenda (Linda and Marti) Retreat type of meeting, onboarding new members and share job descriptions. Use regular meeting, but extend the time, or have it as a dinner meeting. Block out from 4:00 to 8:00.

g) Summer book group proposal: process; book choice approval. (Renee) Renee is taking the lead. Board should be aware of the book to approve to make sure we remain non-partisan.. "An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States". In Alicia Park. Open to members, encourage to bring a friend. Kathy Kinneman will continue with the program in the fall.

h) Summer event - date? plans? (Cindy) Mid to late July? Stay with picnic concept? Cindy will check to see if July 19 or 20<sup>th</sup> are open.

i) Online store for swag - update (Cindy) We have new swag, online store will be live on May 18. Cindy will be responsible for responding to online orders.

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

a) Website updates Any updates needed? Memorial Day Parade, Summer Social

b) No May newsletter; A May/June newsletter will contain annual reports and annual meeting summary.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:39.

### **Reminders and Announcements:**

May 20: 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Annual Meeting Brunch- Scheig Center, Memorial Park, Appleton

May 29: Memorial Day Parade

June 7: LWV AFC Board meeting

June 9-10: LWV WI Annual Meeting, Home2Suites- LaCrosse

July – summer social?