

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

1. Welcome and call to order (4:00). Linda Bjella called meeting to order at 4:08p. In attendance were: April Savage, Kathy Voigt, Jan Quinlan, Linda Bjella, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Cindy Fallona, Karin Alvarez, and Diane Putzer. Renee Gralewicz absent.

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 [20231004](#) folder in our Google drive. (Click on "+New" button to the left to upload your document to the file.) Kathy Voigt moved to accept consent agenda, April Savage seconded. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

- a) Minutes from September 6, 2023
- b) Presidents' Report
- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Action
- e) Awards (MDW Award)
- f) Communications & Technology
- g) DEI
- h) Events
- i) Lens Study Committee
- j) Membership
- k) Program
- l) Voter Service
- m) Women's Action Coalition

3. Old Business (4:10-4:20)

a) February meeting (Renee) Jan Quinlan made motion to co-sponsor meeting, Jacqui Klimaszewski seconded. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

b) Email contact list (Linda) April Savage will work on DEI contacts for list. Discussion about if having a separate list for clerks would be helpful, what municipalities to include as Fox Cities, what partnering with clerks could involve.

4. New Business (4:20-5:25)

a) Update on LWV Transformation Journey (Linda) Review of organizational goals for future in both long and short term. Salesforce has been chosen as the database of record for all information. ChapterSpot will take the place of Club Express; launch in the end of 2024/ early 2025. Discussion of decoupling dues and fundraising. We will need to find out more about how this software works, what we will need to be prepared, etc.

b) Netgiver vs. PayPal (Diane) PayPal has transaction fees. Netgiver does not but asks for bank account information. Discussed asking donors to cover transaction fees. Diane Putzer made motion to not use Netgiver as payment option but instead stay with current system and add

line item to any transaction pages to cover the credit card transaction fees. Kathy Voigt seconded. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

c) Budget and fundraising (Linda & Diane) Linda Bjella working on a drive to raise \$10,000 (\$5,000 already pledged) and has recruited individuals to work on a committee for this.

i) Silent auction

ii) Spring fundraiser

d) LWV talking points (Linda & Kathy) Review of the current statement about what the League does/ their mission, and development of “elevator speech” versions. Discussed wording/ general impressions of elevator speech versions. Linda Bjella suggested putting these in the board folder and making it a working document so people can comment, make suggestions, etc.

5. Wrap-Up / Assignments (5:25-5:30) (Linda) Items discussed: 1) National survey opening up early November 2) LWV members will be attending ESTHER meeting to accept their award. 3) *Stamped* is the book that will be covered in upcoming book study event.

a) Newsletter articles (due 10/6)

b) Website updates

Diane Putzer made a motion to adjourn, Linda Bjella seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Alvarez

Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, October 15, 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Moving from Charity to Justice Advocacy Workshop (sponsored by Esther)

First Congregational Church

(Register by October 12)

Monday, October 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Local Law Enforcement

Appleton Police Department

Wednesday, November 1, 4:00 p.m.

Board meeting

LWV WI Fall Issues Briefing: (all virtual)

Thursday, November 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

“Redistricting in Wisconsin”

Saturday, November 11, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

“Citizen Action at the State Level: Proposed State Constitutional Amendments

Tuesday, November 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

“Overcoming Barriers to Voting & Election Administration Challenges”

(Registration links are included in the 9-20-23 Presidents’ Call Minutes)