

League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. Conference Room
120 N. Morrison St., Appleton, 54911

1. Welcome and call to order (4:00) **Linda Bjella called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm. Members in attendance: Linda Bjella, Jan Quinlan, Renee Gralewicz, April Savage, Karin Alvarez, Diane Putzer, Cindy Fallona, Kathy Voigt, Jacqui Klimaszewski.**

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 [20231101](#) folder in our Google drive. (Click on "+New" button to the left to upload your document to the file.) **Jan Quinlan moved to accept the consent agenda, Kathy Voigt seconded. All in favor to accept, none opposed.**

- a) Minutes from October 4, 2023 board meeting
- 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) Email contact list (Linda) **Discussion of permissions for viewing/ sharing on Google Drive.**

i) organizations, local government, school districts **Reviewed if we have contact information for local government officials, and who still needs to be added. Kathy Voigt made motion for everyone to look at all contact lists by November 20, April Savage seconded motion. Motion amended with suggestion from Jacqui Klimaszewski to make changes when needed, but also add initials and date of when changes are made; column added to document for this purpose (column H, with title "Update"). Diane Putzer seconded this amended motion. All in favor, none opposed. Discussion also covered when changes should be reviewed (i.e., in April and September when turnover in local government occurs with elections). Tab added to this document for state representatives and senators (Jan Quinlan will add this information).**

ii) county and municipal clerks **Jacqui Klimaszewski described the process for how information is gathered and added into Vote 411. Candidates for elected positions answer**

questions, and the information they add in isn't changed by LWV. Candidates for local elections (county, city, school board) would be contacted for this, through the clerks. Question presented of how wide of a net we want to cast (e.g., include Town of Bovina?). Linda Bjella suggested to Cindy Fallona that she make a list of where our members live, and focus on those areas (e.g., Buchanan, City of Kaukauna, Hortonville, Freedom, Appleton, Combined Locks, Greenville, others). Smaller municipalities, such as Black Creek, Bovina, Town of Dale, Town of Hortonia, Town of Liberty, Village of Bear Creek (and others) not to be included on clerk contact list. Jacqui Klimaszewski will compile the finalized list, and Coalesce will then upload.

b) Update on LWV Transformation Journey & our website (Linda and Kathy) Discussion of estimated timeline for ChapterSpot implementation, with "LWV League Management" website as base of reference. Stripe will process dues payments, so Leagues will need to set up accounts with Stripe. Diane Putzer reviewed how dues payments are changing: members can select how much they can pay (range of \$75 to a floor of \$20).

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

a) Holiday Brunch

i) Panel (Jan) The panel is set, and Cindy Fallona has agreed to be the moderator. Representatives from AASD school board, and large and small public libraries will be on panel.

ii) Registration process (Kathy) Two people have registered on the website, but Renee Gralewicz needs to know the cost. After a cost has been determined, she will email those who have registered already to ask them to re-register.

iii) Silent Auction update (Kathy & Linda) Some items have been picked up already and silent auction will be on/ around November 11.

iv) MDW Award (Linda) (Making Democracy Work Award); choices will be made for who will be recipients (students and adults)

b) Committees to set in motion; Should be up and running by the beginning of the year

i) Budget (Diane) Sue Silton, Denise Fenton, Kris Alfheim; Ex-officio: Diane Putzer and Linda Bjella

ii) Development / Finance Drive (Linda): Gayle Hardt, Sue Silton, Shirley Strange, Rick Bjella, and Marti Hemwall

iii) Nominating (Jan) Jim Bowman (chair), Gayle Hardt, Miriam Douglass, and Sara Companik. 2 board members to be appointed: Cindy Fallona and #2 TBD at next meeting.

5. Events to amplify (Linda)

a) Election Heros Day (November 6-LWV WI) How do we want to recognize this? Discussion of a small gift, and to whom. Appleton City Clerk has been recognized in the past, Grand Chute clerk also will be recognized this year. Jacqui Klimaszewski will have flowers and chocolates, and a card from the League. Discussed delivery of things to offices and logistics such as ordering, payment, etc. Cookies and chocolates will come from small businesses in the area (Simple Simon Bakery, Wilmar's Chocolates).

b) Bridging Political Divides (Celebrate Diversity) Question of if we want to amplify the event "Bridging the Political/ Ideological Divides," led by Celebrate Diversity Fox Cities, on our Facebook page and website; the group was in agreement to do this.

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

- a) Newsletter articles (due 11/3) **Articles will be about the the DEI Book Share event**
- b) Website updates

Kathy Voigt made a motion to adjourn, Cindy Fallona seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Alvarez

Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, November 6, 4:00-6:00 or 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Thrivent Ballard Community Open House

Tuesday, November 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin Open House

Our on-line silent auction runs from November 10-December 13.

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)

Monday, November 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
"Government Accountability and Transparency"
Grand Chute Town Center Park (hybrid)

Monday, November 27, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Book Share – "Obreros Unidos" by Jesus Salas (about migrant farm workers in Wisconsin)
Conference room @ the LWV office, 120 N. Morrison St., Appleton

