

League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. Conference Room
120 N. Morrison St., Appleton, 54911

1. Welcome and call to order (4:00) **Meeting called to order at 4:08pm. Members present: Linda Bjella, Renee Gralewicz, April Savage, Karin Alvarez, Kathy Voigt, Jan Quinlan, Diane Putzer, Jacqui Klimaszewski. Cindy Fallona 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 [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, none opposed.**

Brief discussion of Hmong New Year celebration on 12/23/2023.

- a) Minutes from November 1, 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) **Brief review of additions. This will be uploaded to Club Express by January.**

b) Holiday Brunch / silent auction / MDW award update (Linda) **There are currently 74 registrants. The catering company needed the number of attendees by today so registration is closed. Discussed additional seating needed, and if additional room is needed for a fee of approximately \$200. Linda will call Bubolz and request the additional space. Lois Bressette will also do land acknowledgment at the brunch.**

MDW award: Giving one to an individual (Mai Youa), and another to an organization (Fox Cities Advocates for Public Education). No submissions were received for the youth award.

c) Nominating Committee

d) Update on LWV Transformation Journey & our website (Kathy) **Kathy Voigt and Linda Bjella met with Coalesce. Vendors for renewals/ payments will be compatible with Club**

Express. Club Express has version 2.0 in the works, but specifics on this are not yet known (i.e., if they will fix things that have been requested).

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

a) "Dream List" for our website (Kathy) In Kathy and Linda's meeting with Coalesce they've come up with a "wish list" of what they would want with a website provider (in Google Drive folder). Considerations include: if templates would be a part of this list, if there would be a search option, if version 2.0 is extra cost, how the site appears on different devices, if email addresses are secure, option for covering of credit card fees with payments. In early 2024 we would decide the top 10-20 things for this list along with Coalesce, and then meet with Club Express to see what they could provide.

b) Lively Issues & study update (Renee & Jan) Study update: Renee Gralewicz went to a meeting with state LWV. Study is asking local leagues to fill out "State Program-Making Report Form." Discussion of if/ how the League's state legislative committee could help identify areas on this report form that the League falls short on, as this report is lengthy.

Regarding studies: Jan Quinlan discussed position statements that are old (some as old as 30 years): housing, local transportation, municipal services, law enforcement.

c) LWV-US data tracker (Linda) Completed for October, November, December events/ programs by tabulating events/ programs/ projects (such as the newsletter), and individuals engaged.

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

- a) No December newsletter
- b) Website updates?

Diane Putzer made a motion to adjourn, April Savage seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Alvarez

Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, December 13: last day for the Silent Auction

Wednesday, December 13, 11:30 am, program at noon; History in Indigenous Voices during the Removal Era - Oshkosh Food Co-op Community Room, 155 Jackson St. The speaker will be Dr. Carol Cornelius. The Wisconsin Historical Society Press has recently published Dr. Cornelius's book, "A History in Indigenous Voices: Menominee, HoChunk, Oneida, Stockbridge, Brothertown tribal interaction in the Removal Era".

Saturday, December 16, 9:30-12:00 - Bubolz Holiday Brunch: Saturday (Registration deadline Dec. 6)

Wednesday, January 3: next board meeting

Saturday, January 13 - Kaukauna Library- Lively Issues

Monday, February 15: Legislative Town Hall (virtual)