

League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - 4:00 p.m. Zoom

1. Welcome and call to order (4:00) Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm on Zoom. Members present: Linda Bjella, Karin Alvarez, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Renee Gralewicz, Jan Quinlan, Cindy Fallona, Kathy Voigt, Diane Putzer, April Savage.

2. Consent Agenda (4:00-4:10) Please read all reports in this [folder](#) prior to the meeting. This information won't be discussed unless questions are raised prior to the meeting.

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- a) Minutes from December 6, 2023 board meeting
- b) Presidents' Report
- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Action
- e) Communications & Technology
- f) DEI
- g) Finance Drive / Development
- h) Lens Study Committee
- i) Making Democracy Work Award
- j) Membership
- k) Program
- l) Silent Auction
- m) Voter Service

Motion by Cindy Fallona to accept the consent agenda, Kathy Voigt seconded. All in favor of accepting the consent agenda, none opposed.

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

a) LWV WI data tracker update (Linda) For January, reviewed the following: the number of events, the number of individuals engaged in committee or project work (online and in person), the number of state and local partners engaged, the number of meetings with stakeholders, the number of trainings attended and held, the number of Leagues and volunteers recruited.

b) Website work session for the Board (Kathy) To keep the website up to date, we should be looking at our respective pages on the website. Discussed doing a 2-3 hour work session deciding what to keep on/ take off of the website, and when to schedule to do this.

c) PAC event with Dasha Kelly Hamilton (Kathy) About a half dozen people at Lively Issues volunteered to help with this. Discussed setting up a table to register voters, set up, and refreshment options. A blast email has gone out to members and community contacts, and the PAC was excited to host this event as well.

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

a) Lively Issues review (Renee & Jan) We spent over an hour on the review team work, and people added to the issues that were presented. Once Linda and Jan look over the document

for Lively Issues, Renee will send members a document outlining issues from this. Turnout was also good for this meeting.

b) Legislative Town Hall review (Jan) There were some technical difficulties with the town hall login. Before the next one, we can consider alternative ways to do the technical part (assistance from the state League). The content was strong, and legislators were talking to each other about what is happening in the legislature. Renee Gralewicz commented that having the questions on Powerpoint slides was helpful.

c) Membership update (Cindy) For what's happening in Black History Month, a speaker from UWO is speaking at different events throughout the community. Members and county/ village/ town clerks will be getting a Valentine from our League. 116 out of 132 have renewed, 8 new members have joined from January 1 to today, so we are only down 8 from the end of 2023. It is newer members who tend not to renew.

d) Budget Committee (Diane) Needs to update YTD financials.

e) Nominating Committee (Linda) Jim Bowman is chair. Committee includes Sarah Companik, Miriam Douglas, Gail Hart and Cindy Fallona.

f) Change of address on our google profile? (Linda) Our address is not a street address on our Google profile, so our information doesn't come up first when we are searched on a search engine. Are there legal issues/ otherwise if we changed this to Morrison St. address?

g) Annual Meeting - caterer? beer and wine? (Linda) Meeting will be at the Hillside at Plamann Park. Michels is proposed to be the caterer and can provide a buffet. They are not on the approved caterer list for the parks, but they can be (with some paperwork). Stone Arch is on the approved list and may be cheaper (pizza, salad, dessert). If we give beer/ wine away we don't need a liquor license; otherwise we do (get a bartender, etc.). Linda made a motion to consider Stone Arch, Cindy seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

h) Holiday Brunch - larger room? (Linda) Upstairs room for half day is \$700 and lower room is \$550. Also discussed different table options. Jan Quinlan moved to consider the other room, Jacqui Klimaszewski seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

h) Donation to APL capital campaign? (Jan) Any donation made now will be doubled, due to Mary Beth Nienhaus. \$1000 is the amount to give to be recognized. Discussed if \$1000 is possible, and how much we may use the library when it is open. Cindy Fallona noted that some members may not be in favor of giving money to the project if they don't live in Appleton. Jan Quinlan made a motion that we highlight the opportunity to donate to the capital campaign in the newsletter, Jacqui Klimaszewski seconded. Motion carried.

i) Candidate Forum / Tabling opportunity questions (Jacqui) Sponsored by May 4th, sponsored by the Wisconsin Grassroots Network, at Lawrence University. John Nichols is the speaker. This is a nonpartisan event, though the LU Young Democrats will be there (not sponsoring). \$45 for a table, entry is free for those who volunteer. Jacqui Klimaszewski made a motion to have a table here, Jan Quinlan seconded. Motion carried. Regarding future candidate forums, the board reached consensus that the pledge does not necessarily need to happen in the beginning.

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

a) February newsletter articles

b) Website updates

Diane Putzer moved to adjourn, Kathy Voigt seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Alvarez

Secretary

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, February 13: 6:30 p.m. Environmental Justice in Wisconsin (virtual)

Tuesday, February 20: Primary Election

Tuesday, February 27: "Makin' Cake" event with Dasha Kelly Hamilton at the PAC

Wednesday, February 28: Workshop with Dasha Kelly Hamilton at the PAC

Wednesday, March. 6: March board meeting

Monday, March 18: Consensus meeting at Van Zeeland meeting room

Saturday, March 23: ALL REPORTS DUE FOR ANNUAL MEETING PACKET

LWV WI Annual Meeting: May 31-June 1 in Green Bay

LWV US Convention: June 27-30 in Washington DC (also hybrid)