

League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room

1. Welcome and call to order (4:00)The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m. Members present: Jan Quinlan, Kathy Voigt, Cindy Fallona, Linda Bjella, Jan Smith, April Savage, and Deb Otteson.

2. Consent Agenda (4:00-4:10) Please submit your reports for September to this folder as soon as possible, and be sure to read them prior to the meeting. This information won't be discussed unless questions are raised. (Click on "+New" button to the left to upload your document to the folder.)

Cindy Fallona moved to accept the consent agenda. Jan Quinlan seconded. All in favor, no opposition or abstentions.

- a) Minutes from the September 4, 2024 board meeting
- b) Presidents' Report
- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Action
- e) Communications & Technology
- g) DEI
- h) Events
- i) Membership
- j) Programs
- k) Voter Service

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

- a) Update on monthly programs (Jan S., Jan Q., and Linda)

Linda Bjella reports eighty people have registered for The Reproductive Rights program.

The November program When We Walk By will include three previously unhoused people brought to the program by Ester. Jan Smith will reach out to Scott Peoples from Pillars. Ester will be providing access to the documentary "The Invisible Class"October 29th at the Ester Center.

It has been proposed that giving back to the community replace the silent auction at the Holiday Brunch.

Linda Bjella suggested holding the April program in a school since the topic concerns education. She will contact a school board member about this.

- b) Update on Public Safety Study and positions review (Jan Q. and Linda)

The Public Safety Study is on hold until two chairs are found for the committee.

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

- a) Discussion on guidelines for promoting other non-profit events

Jan Quinlan suggested promoting other non-profit groups on Facebook. April Savage proposed a flow chart to determine if the organization is non-partisan and aligned with our mission. Linda Bjella requested a guidance document that would be approved at the next meeting. Kathy Voigt will write a paragraph to discuss at the November meeting.

- b) LWV AFC rep for National Popular Vote campaign (Linda)

Jan Quinlan volunteered to be the point person for the National Popular Vote campaign.

- c) Update on candidate forums (Jacqui)

A Forum with Ron Tusler and Jason Schmitz was held and recorded. Interviews will be held with Lee Snodgrass on November 9th, Emily Tseffos on November 14th, and Kristen Alfheim on November 15.

d) Vote NO postcards

Cindy Fallona will organize a postcard writing party at the office October 11th at noon.

e) Access to local government meetings and issue alerts (Jan)

Jan Quinlan suggested setting up alerts as a new way to do the observer core. Outagamie and Winnebago Counties have the ability to do this. She will see who else has the capabilities. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

A transition team for the new due structure from the national league will be comprised of Cindy Fallona, Diane Putzer, Kathy Voigt, and the league treasurer.

The Making Democracy Work Award will be accepting nominations through November 15. Nominations should be sent to Linda Bjella.

a) Newsletter deadline: Friday, Oct. 4

Jan Quinlan will post about the November program.

b) Website updates (Kathy)

Kathy Voigt will add the tool kit from the state for vote no to the website.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, October 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m. - LWV AFC webinar on Reproductive Health Care in Wisconsin

Wednesday, October 9, 11:10 a.m. - WHBY interview with Jacqui and Linda

Wednesday, October 16, 1:00 p.m. - LWV AFC Book Share at conference room

Deadline to register to vote on-line

DMV voter assistance continues through October 16

October 22-November 3: early voting dates

Thursday, October 31: Last day to request an absentee ballot

Wednesday, November 6, 4:00 p.m. - LWV AFC Board meeting

Respectively submitted,

Deb Otteson

acting secretary