

**League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities  
Board Meeting  
Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025 - 4:00-5:30pm**

**LWV Office Board Room**

Welcome and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. Members present: Jan Quinlan presiding, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Linda Bjella, Jan Smith, Kathy Voigt, Kathie Kinnaman, Nancy Jones, Patti Clark-Stojke, and Deb Otteson.

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes from July 29, 2025 board meeting
- b. Presidents' Report (Unite & Rise, Legislative Town Hall) (JQ)
- c. Treasurer's Report (PCS)
- d. Action (NJ)
- e. Communications & Technology (KV)
- f. DEI (KK)
- g. Events (LB)
- h. Programs (JS)
- i. Membership (LB)
- j. Public Safety Study (AS)
- k. Voter Services (JK)

Patti Clark-Stojke has included the treasurer's report for the entire 2024-2025 fiscal year in this month's folder.

Nancy Jones moved to accept the consent agenda and Linda Bjella seconded. All in favor, with no opposition or abstentions.

**Old Business**

Unite and Rise 8.5

Power Mapping: Board members added to the PowerMapping spreadsheet the names of people in our League with connections to organizations we identified during our July Board Retreat.

Member Survey: Our local member survey was designed to identify those areas of interest our members have in Unite & Rise. It also lets us know which of our members have signed the LWVUS Pledge and/or the LWVWI Commitment forms. The State League's commitment form is designed to share the information collected with the local Leagues while the LWVUS pledge will not. Jan Quinlan stressed getting the survey out to all members with follow-up on new members that haven't responded with an offer to walk them through it.

The State League is putting out a bi-weekly newsletter. Jan Quinlan and Nancy Jones will send board members [a link to register for that newsletter](#). The State League has recommended picking three action opportunity areas. We will use the membership survey and discussions with our Unite & Rise team to determine what our three areas of focus will be.

Nancy Jones recommended listening to the [interview with Dr. Erica Chenoweth, Why Civil Resistance Works author on the League's first podcast](#).

October 6 Unite and Rise program: Jan Quinlan has invited the Winnebago League. Our Unite & Rise team led by Nancy Jones and Sue Abrahamson will develop that program.

### **New Business**

- a. Our League will have a voter registration table at the Appleton Public Library for National Voter Registration Day September 16. Jacqui Klimaszewski will send a sign-up link to all board members. We are hoping to have one Board member at each of the available slots if possible.
- b. Kathy Voigt will pull together the 2025-2026 monthly program calendar for a postcard which will be mailed to each of our members. Linda Bjella will meet with others to address and stamp these postcards when they are done.

### **Wrap-up\Assignments**

- a. Newsletter: Jan Quinlan will do a piece on the Legislative Town Hall along with her President's Address on Unite & Rise. Kathie Kinnaman will write about the DEI meeting, Jacqui Klimaszewski will do an article on voter services tabling events. Linda Bjella will write asking for nominations for our Making Democracy Work Awards. Nancy Jones will have an Unite & Rise article to submit. There will also be a Public Safety information article from April Savage or Karen Pfefferle.

Kathie Kinnaman requested Kathy Voigt keep space in the next newsletter asking for volunteers to drive immigrants to Chicago in November. This is a program Helene Pohl is helping organize.

Reminder of "Let's Talk Trash" program Monday at the Outagamie County Recycling Center with an optional lunch at Galvins at 1:30 p.m. Jan Smith has everything under control with about 25 people registered.

### **Next Board Meeting: Wednesday October 1 at 4:00 P.M.**

Jacqui Klimaszewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Jones seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Otteson,  
Secretary