

League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities
Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 1, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room at the LWV AFC office

Welcome and call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. Members present: Jan Quinlan presiding, Nancy Jones, Patti Clark-Stojke, Kathie Kinnaman, Kathy Voigt, April Savage, Jacqui Klimaszewski, and Deb Otteson, Secretary.

April Savage moved to accept the consent agenda and Patti Clark-Stojke seconded. All in favor, with no opposition or abstentions. Patti Clark-Stojke will start including year to date budget data in her monthly treasurer's report.

Old Business

Communications & Technology

Kathy Voigt produces nine to ten newsletters for the League in a year using articles we submit. The Board reports are the official record while the articles in the newsletter are geared for the public. The articles should document the impact from the last month and look at forward actions. Input on social media should promote ideas and actions that support our mission. Kathy's also discussed a wide range of communications priorities. We need to find new people to help with technology and communications. Board members are asked to think of others who can help in these areas. This will be discussed again at next month's meeting.

Unite and Rise

We discussed how our local league should promote the 10/18 No Kings protest and decided that circulating with postcards as we did in earlier rallies would be good. Patti can make more League aprons and Kathy can have more postcards printed. This time we should find a way to share the mailing addresses of our elected representatives. The State League is using commitment forms for one metric of Unit and Rise. We have updated our website to post the State League U&R information and that appears to be working well. After a discussion it was decided that a blast e-mail invitation to the 10/18 No Kings rally would be sent to members only.

October 6 Unite and Rise monthly meeting

There will be a fifteen-minute U&R introduction from Jan Quinlan, Nancy Jones, and Sue Abrahamson. Important to the creation of our local campaign are the responses we have received to the questionnaire. It has shown Elections and Voting Rights along with Constitutional Rights, Duties, and Process to be the top concerns.

Jan Quinlan will be timekeeper for the World Café Topics. There will be five tables for discussion of these topics, each with a moderator. Questions: 1. What is our geographic sphere of influence. 2. What tactics could help accomplish our goal for holding members of congress accountable. 3. What tactics could help accomplish our goal of motivating voters. 4. List creative methods and goals for civic education in our community. 5. What organizations may be partners in the Unite and Rise campaign? The Winnebago League has also been invited to join us. Let's make an effort to bring new and/or fallen away members.

New Business

Adopt a Clerk Project

Jacqui Klimaszewski is looking for volunteers to adopt their local municipal clerk. They would work on building a relationship with their clerk to enable better communication between the league and the clerk. She will put this in the newsletter. The volunteers are needed by January 2026.

Making Democracy Work Award nominations are due by October 15.

LWVWI 10/22, 10/26, 10/28 Issues Briefing on the Constitutional Crisis with each session covering one branch of the federal government. Jan Quinlan will do an article on this for the newsletter.

Nancy Jones reports that Outagamie County Budget Review Sessions will be live streamed on zoom. The calendar is included in this month's folder. Next Tuesday will be the budget review presentation on public safety.

Wrap-up/assignments

Newsletter deadline is Friday, October 3.

- Jan Quinlan: Equal Rights Amendment news conference and an article about the LWVWI Issues briefing.
- Kathie Kinnaman: DEI Bookshare and committee report
- Nancy Jones: Arts and poetry as a way to contribute to Unite and Rise
- Jacqui Klimaszewski: No Kings Rally. Adopt a Clerk article.
- April Savage: Public Safety research
- Kathy Voigt: Holiday Brunch and Auction.
- Jan Smith: The November 3 Immigration Program.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 4:00p

Jacqui Klimaszewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Voigt seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Otteson
Secretary