

League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - 3:30 p.m.
Conference Room at the LWV AFC office

Welcome and call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 3:52 p.m. Members present: Jan Quinlan presiding, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Jan Smith, Linda Bjella, Nancy Jones, Kathy Voigt, Patti Clark-Strojke, and Deb Otteson. April Savage joined the meeting on Zoom.

Nancy Jones moved to accept the consent agenda and Patti Clark-Strojke seconded. All in favor, with no opposition or abstentions.

Old Business

Communications and Technology

The board discussed and suggested people that would have the skill set and be interested in joining Kathy Voigt on the committee. Jan Quinlan has met with Allie Kratochvil, a Lawrence student volunteering on voting rights. Kathy Voigt mentioned that some Leagues have created a board position for a college student. Jan Quinlan and Kathy Voigt meet again with Allie soon. Linda Bjella will contact Amy Nasr from Fox Cities Advocates and explore the idea of helping with our communications with her.

Unite and Rise

Nancy Jones reports that we have received Unite and Rise merchandise from the Wisconsin League. Many items went with members at the November 3rd program. The following work teams have formed from the October 6th program responses: Civic education and gaming, Arts and visibility, Coalition building, and Media and story-gathering. The theme for LWVUS Play Book Three of U&R is coalition and building partnerships. Nancy Jones has received a list from the LWVWI of possible coalition groups they have identified. The U&R Civics Education team is planning public presentations of the Issues Briefings on the Constitutional Crisis. They will be held at the Appleton Public Library in three sessions. The Winnebago League is planning for a Civics Trivia night at the Grand Opera House in Oshkosh for January. The State League is promoting economic boycotts for Black Friday and encouraging shopping local. Sign up for the LWVWI Unite & Rise newsletter for a great overview of resources and news.

New Business

Unexpected unrestricted donations.

There was a total of \$750.00 in donations from various donors. We discussed if there were special financial needs where we could use this.

Jacqui Klimaszewski reported a \$170.00 subscription to Sign Up Genius, the program we use for Voters Service volunteers in order for it to be ad free. Nancy Jones moved to upgrade the Sign Up Genius account to a paid subscription. Linda Bjella seconded. All in favor, no opposition or abstentions. The motion carried.

Linda Bjella reported more funds will be needed for printing. We will apply for the \$250.00 grant from the LWVWI for Unite and Rise expenses.

Membership

The LWWUS will send an email to members sixty days and thirty days before membership renewal is due. This means most of our members will be contacted by the LWWUS in early December. To explain this new system, our local league should mail a letter before November 30th outlining our year's accomplishments. In that mailing we can explain how the LWWUS renewal page works and also how to give directly to our league. Jan Quinlan will work on the year's highlights. Linda Bjella will work on the explanation of the new renewal system and also write an article for the newsletter.

LWWWI tracking

Jan Quinlan will make a google spreadsheet to fill out and sign the LWWWI "tracking" sheet. This quantifying of our work from each local League is needed as the LWWWI works on grant proposals.

Wrap-up assignments

Spam has been going out in Jan Quinlan's name to random members asking them to buy things like gift cards. Jan will put something in the newsletter alerting the membership. Kathy Voigt will report this to Coalesce and Club Express. Patti Clark-Stojke will report it to the American National Bank.

Jan Quinlan's President's Letter topic to be on the competency and professionalism of our local governments. Nancy Jones will include an article about the Unite and Rise groups and how to sign up. Jacqui Klimaszewski will report on the No Kings Rally and the 3rd Saturday of the month tabling at the Appleton Public Library. Jan Smith will write an article about the November 3 Immigration program and how to donate and/or volunteer at the organizations that participated.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 4:00pm

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Otteson
Secretary