

League of Women Voters of Appleton-Fox Cities
Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 3, 2025 - 3:30 p.m.
Held virtually

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. Members present: Jan Quinlan presiding, Kathie Kinnaman, Linda Bjella, Patti Clark-Strojke, Jacqui Klimaszewski, Nancy Jones, Jan Smith, Kathy Voigt, April Savage, and Deb Otteson.

Patti Clark-Strojke moved to accept the Consent Agenda and Jan Smith seconded. All in favor, with no opposition or abstentions.

There was discussion about whether recent year-end donations should be included in the spring finance drive. Linda and Jan and Patti will meet to discuss how these donations should be categorized since they fall in a separate fiscal year.

Old Business

Holiday Brunch

Jan Smith asked that we consider the investment of work versus return on the silent auction. Jan Quinlan suggested the events committee discuss this following the event and bring their recommendations back to the board. Kathy Voigt will send a blast e-mail that will tell members they can pay online or at the door but they must register one way or the other. Kathy is also working on the printed programs.

Jan Smith will be there at 8:15 to set up tables. April Savage will be there at 9:00 to set up the technology. Linda Bjella will be recognizing Lifetime LWV members who have fifty plus years as members with a certificate. The lifetime members are; Marcia Hittle, Sue Kinde, Marlys Fritzell, Donna Weiss, and Cathy Thompson. Gordon Lind will present The Making Democracy Work Award to Penny Bernard Schaefer. Shirley Strange will do a call to action after the panel presentation. DEI will be putting post cards and addresses on each table for each member to fill out.

Communications & Technology

Kathy Voigt will be meeting with Allie, the LU student who is now on break. Allie has been doing research on social media accounts, an area where she is willing to help. Kathy Voigt reported that Club Express is making visual changes. She will forward an email about this to board members.

Unite and Rise

- Civics/Gaming: The Crisis in the Judiciary Issues Briefing is tonight or recordings will be available. Jacqui Klimaszewski is adding new questions on local government to the Civics wheel. Denise Fenton's *How to Run for Office* pamphlet will be available at Nov and Dec tabling events at the APL. There was a discussion of doing the Civics game in High Schools.
- Coalition Building: emails have sent to several dozen organizations inviting one or two members from each group to the December 4 meeting at the APL. We are happy with the response so far
- Arts: is considering a curated walk through the Trout Museums Resilience exhibit and a number of additional ideas.

- **Media and Visibility:** Contact and talk to local media decision makers. Allie could research which social media is used by which ages. Nancy Jones suggested a shared repository of stories of local impact.

LWWWI Tracking. Jan Quinlan has completed a google spreadsheet to help with the quarterly tracking of information requested by the state League. She will involve other board members only as needed.

New Business

Unite and Rise expense tracking: Patti Clark-Stojke suggests a separate line item in the budget for Unite and Rise. There are grants available from the State and National Leagues so we should track our Unite & Rise expenses separately from our standard expenditures.

January 10 Lively Issues: Discussion of considerations for a New Study. Jan Smith suggested carrying forward ideas from previous years. Some ideas included: towns and annexations, natural resources (recycling, water quality), Intergovernmental collaboration. Jan Quinlan will work with Jan Smith on the agenda.

Public Safety Committee: Will host a January 26th virtual program explaining terms and what has been included in the committee's research.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 4:00pm

Jacqui Klimaszewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Voigt seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Otteson
Secretary