

Minutes June 2, 2021  
League of Women Voters Appleton Board Meeting  
Wednesday @ 4:00 PM Zoom Meeting

Social gathering (3:45-4:00)

Welcome to the new board (4:00-4:05)

The meeting was called to order by Linda Bjella at 4:01 pm. In attendance were: Linda Bjella, Julie Evers, Marti Hemwall, Diane Putzer, Kathy Voigt, Renee Gralewitz, Barb Kelly, Dave Strange, Jeanne Roberts, Jan Quinlan and Jacqui Klimaszweski.

Call to order (4:05-4:10)

New board procedure: Use of the Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda involves lumping routine items together and voting only once. Committee reports should be in by Monday so everyone has a chance to review them prior to the meeting. Any questions should be sent to the author before the meeting. If discussion is required, notify Marti or Linda so it can be added to the agenda.

Approval of consent agenda (4:10-4:15)

(reports in Dropbox / please read all reports prior to the meeting)

Minutes of May 5, 2021 meeting

Presidents

Treasurer

Membership

Voter Service

Action / Advocacy

DEI

Program / Women's Equality Day

Communications & Technology

The following reports were removed because the reports were not posted in a way to be available to all board members before the meeting: Minutes, President's Report, Membership and Communication reports. We will vote on these items in the August 4 meeting. Marti made a motion to accept the consent agenda after removing these items. Diane seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business (4:15-4:30)

Club Express website questions -Dave Strange & Cindy

Dave had questions regarding membership configuration:

1) How to handle the different types of memberships. Eventually, we will be able to "map" our membership types to national and they will automatically transfer the national portion of dues to LWVUS. Currently, our regular member dues are \$75 and secondary members are \$35. How do we want to set this up in Club Express? Also, in Club Express, the regular member identifies a

secondary member. Any additional members in the same household are tertiary members with no voting rights or web access.

2) Renewals - Club Express can handle renewals on a single date, or on a rolling basis based on joined date. Eventually, the membership database will be updated to LWVUS daily.

3) Open door memberships - Currently the state fee is waived for open door memberships and at this time we are recovering dues with sponsoring memberships.

4) We need to identify what questions we want to be included with new membership applications.

Donation in honor of a deceased member – Marti

Cindy will contact this person again to find out which League he wants to be part of. He is in the Ripon League, but his mother was in the Appleton League. She will find out how he wants his donation directed.

LWV WI Convention -June 11 & 12 - Linda

Linda will send out email to those attending to coordinate workshops.

New Business (4:30-4:55)

Communication guidelines on nonpartisanship – Kathy

Committee heads will post their own items. All posts must be in line with DEI and non-partisanship standards. Please use the communication planning form in Dropbox. The deadline for the newsletter is Friday. Kathy will include an article introducing new board members and would like each of us to send a selfie to be included in the article by Friday.

Advocacy summer engagement - Jan

Jan will be calling members regarding their interest areas in June. The Action Executive Committee will track interests and alert appropriate committee heads.

Co-sponsorship discussion - Legislative Town Hall (Senate District 2) - Linda & Jan

Linda is working with the Greater Green Bay League on additional legislative town halls, probably starting in September

LWV Office – Marti

Marti & Linda are dreaming of a League office. Marti will start putting out feelers regarding non-profit office space. Jacqui suggested checking with Concordia.

Announcements (4:55-5:00)

Newsletter deadline – June 4

Board social at Alicia Park – June 10

Juneteenth at Jones Park – June 13 sponsored by [African Heritage Inc.](#)

History of the Asian Community Program – June 17

Legislative Town Hall with Greater Green Bay League (Senate District 2) - September

Ongoing work on Club Express website transition

Next board meeting – August 4, 2021 (Zoom)

Board training – early September

Infrastructure meetings:

**Series Schedule: Thursdays, from 3-5 p.m.**

- May 6: Energy
- May 27: Bridges and Roads
- June 17: Transit and Aviation
- July 8: Inland Waterways and Ports
- July 29: Stormwater and Dams
- August 5: Drinking Water and Wastewater
- August 19: Hazardous Waste and [HYPERLINK](http://bit.ly/LWVWIHazardousSolidWaste)  
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LWV WI Report on DMV Restrictions Disenfranchise Voters

LWV WI Report on Equal Justice is Smart Justice (Voting in County Jails)

Linda adjourned the meeting at 5:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Evers  
Secretary