

**Board and Committee Chairs Present:** Carolyn Saunders, Irene Bugge, Edna Early, Pam Girtz, Vickie Harmon, Evanne Hunt, Barb Katt, Rita Kearnes, Kate Manecke, Marla Olson, Kris Surbaugh, Patty Van Nevel, Beth Wood

## Welcome & Call to Order

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Chair Carolyn Saunders welcomed participants and called the meeting to order at 5:25 pm.

## Approval of Agenda

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Unanimous approval of the agenda.

## Approval of Minutes

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Unanimous approval of the 4/18/23 minutes.

Unanimous approval of the Annual Meeting minutes with one correction.

Unanimous approval of the 5/24/23 minutes.

## Review Events

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Annual Meeting – many comments from the board; consensus it was a good meeting.

Hudson Pride Co Valley Wide Pride Fest – had plenty of volunteers! Counted 280 people stopped at table. Our presence was appreciated.

Farmer’s Market – markets are just now opening, so we have not attended.

Wagon, canopy, signs, etc. – need to locate all stuff, update the list, let everyone know. List will live on document repository. Kay Brooks is the repository for stuff.

T-shirts – details to order are in the latest newsletter.

## Grant Possibilities

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Kathie Nelson suggested we write a grant from the United Way of St. Croix Valley. Grant application due in February.

Patti Hurd is willing to write a grant to the Polk Burnett Electric Coop Operation Round UP Program. Grant application due Sept. 1.

Unanimous approval to ask Nancy Stewart and the Budget Committee to explore applying for these grants. Possibly to pay for Zoom account and document repository (Dropbox, to be determined, etc.)

Committee Chairs should create a “wish list” of things to buy if money was available.

## Financial Report

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The Treasurer submitted a new bank statement. Current balance is \$12,578.80 as of May 31, 2023. Unanimous approval of the 5/31 of the statement.

Reminder to submit expense reimbursements as soon as possible.

## Membership Update: 72 members

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Three new members: Kathy Surbaugh, Charlene Rae Mayry, Meg Farrington.

## Committee Reports

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All asked for a private calendar for internal planning.

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEIJ)** – [Edna Early and Barb Katt, co-chairs] working on how to work with and communicate with the Board, set goals for the committee. Toured all Native American reservations in our area.

**Voter Services Committee** – [Patty Van Nevel and Rita Kearns, co-chairs] previously attended farmers markets; questioned who is managing attendance at these markets. Voter Services and Member Services will meet to coordinate activities. The Committee confirms registration for the next league event, which is the New Richmond Fun Fest Parade on July 16.

**Program Committee** – [Vicki Harmon, chair] June 27 picnic on Bass Lake; August 24 picnic in Grantsburg.

**Communications & Media Committee** – [Kris Surbaugh, chair] Kris is on vacation and the next newsletter is July 15. No formal meetings until late August.

**Member Services Committee** – [Marla Olson and Nanette Del Monaco, co-chairs] will attend farmers market in Osceola on July 28 at United Methodist church. Updated the welcome packets and will work on more outreach (not just at election time).

## Leadership Transition

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Outgoing Chair Carolyn shared some words of wisdom and practical advice to the incoming Board and Committee Chairs and thanked everyone for their dedication. She received a round of applause and thanks for her service.

## Future Meetings

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Next Board meeting is 20 June on Zoom.

## Adjournment

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Unanimous approval to adjourn the meeting at 7:40.

**Minute Taker:** Evanne Hunt

## **ADDENDUM to the Minutes of June 20 2023**

### **Minutes for May 24, 2023 Zoom Meeting, 6:30-7:15**

Zoom meeting attended by Carolyn Saunders, Beth Wood, Rita Kearns, Edna Early, Barb Katt, Pam Girtz, Kate Manacke, and Irene Bugge

Discussed the invitation by Liz Malanaphy, member of the LWV SCV and the Vice President of Hudson Pride for our League to have a booth or table at the Hudson Valleywide Pride event, Saturday, June 17 (9:00am-8:00pm) at Lakefront Park with a primary emphasis on voting.

Edna Early made a motion to accept the invitation from Hudson Pride to have a booth or table at the Hudson Valleywide Pride event, Saturday, June 17 (9:00am-8:00pm) at Lakefront Park with the following stipulations: 1) focus on voting, 2) signage indicating that LWV is nonpartisan, 3) booth location positioned away from partisan booths. Beth Wood. seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Carolyn Saunders will take leadership of this project. She will contact Liz Malanaphy with the Board's decision and questions including the number of hours required to staff the booth and if LWV needs to bring their own table. She will also contact Committee Chairs and League members living in the Hudson area to help staff the booth.

Edna Early will paint signs for the table if needed.

Rita Kearns will print the LWV graphic: *Defending our democracy and ending discrimination go hand in hand.* for use at the booth

Minute Taker: Irene Bugge