

League of Women Voters St. Croix Valley Minutes of Board Meeting, January 21, 2023

Board Members Present: Carolyn Saunders, Beth Wood, Kate Manecke, Barb Katt, Irene Bugge

Welcome/Call to Order

Chair Carolyn Saunders welcomed participants at Farm Table Restaurant in Amery and called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. One member participated remotely.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

Beth Wood made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2022 Board and Committee Chairs meeting. Kate Manecke seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report.

Kate Manecke submitted a Statement of Financial Position as of January 20, 2023 and a Trial Balance as of January 20, 2023. Total assets reported were \$13,027.42. There was no activity since the December 20, 2022 financial report. The financial report was approved by consensus.

Membership Update

Current membership is at 68.

Tabled Business from December meeting

- **Liability Insurance** ~ West Bend Mutual Insurance Company. Who keeps the documents?
Irene Bugge made a motion that the liability insurance documents and papers will be managed by the Treasurer. Beth Wood seconded. Motion was approved.
- **Proposed Guideline for Financial Support for Event Hosts – Beth Wood and Barb Katt**
Kate Manecke made a motion to approve the proposed Guideline for Reimbursement of Personal Financing for LWVSCV Events. Irene Bugge seconded. Motion carried.

GUIDELINE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PERSONAL FINANCING FOR LWVSCV EVENTS

The LWV St. Croix Valley is fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice, including the equitable opportunity of all members to participate in hosting events in support of league activities. To reflect the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy through participation in league activities, the LWVSCV would like to establish a guideline of offering reimbursement to members who would like to host events but may not be fully capable of funding the entire event. The decision and amount of funds available for consideration of dispensing to said members would be at the sole discretion of the Board and would be determined by both the costs associated with the event and with the funds available from the league budget.

- **Review of our Non-Partisan Policy.** The Non-partisan policy of the LWVSCV was reviewed. No changes were made to the policy.

New Business

- **Membership Renewal**

From the Bylaws:

Article V. Section 2. Membership and Dues.

The membership roster shall be submitted to the LWVUS in accordance with the LWVUS guidelines. Annual Dues (to include National, State and Local Dues) are due the month of April. Payment plans are available upon request but all dues must be paid in full by December 31 of the current year. People joining after December 31 will have a “gratis” 3 months membership.

Second in household membership shall pay 50% of the dues charged by our League for individual memberships. Life Members and students are excused from making a per member payment (PMP) to LWVUS and a per member assessment (PMA) to LWVWI.

Any member who fails to pay dues by December 31 of each year shall be dropped at the discretion of the Board of Directors after personally talking with the member in question.

Carolyn Saunders will speak to the Member Services Co-Chairs about following through with the requirements of Article V. Section 2. Membership and Dues.

- **New Handbook for the Board of Directors**

Carolyn Saunders brought a hard copy of the Board Orientation Handbook for Local Wisconsin Leagues compiled by the LWVWI Membership and Leadership Development Program Team. Our Chair is currently inserting documents, policies and procedures unique to LWVSCV to individualize it for our league. The Board Orientation Handbook will be distributed to Board members at a later date.

- **Enabling Motion by Irene –Variant Leadership Models**

Irene Bugge proposed that Beth Wood, Kris Surbaugh and Irene Bugge research variant leadership models for LWVSCV and bring information/recommendations back to the February Board and Committee Chairs meeting for further discussion. This proposal was unanimously supported.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Minute Taker: Irene Bugge. This is a DRAFT. These minutes have not been approved by the full Board.

Scheduled Committee Meetings:

Member Services Committee ~ this past Thursday, January 19

Program Committee ~ Tuesday, January 24, 4:30pm

Voter Services Committee ~ Thursday, January 26, 4:30pm

Communications & Media Committee ~ Monday, February 6, 4:00pm

Scheduled Event:

An Evening with Sarah Eskrich ~ Wednesday, February 1, 6:30-8:00pm

Next Board meetings:

Board and Committee Chairs

Tuesday, February 21, 5:30pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 3:30pm