

# League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley

## Minutes of Board Meeting, March 21 2023

**Board Members Present:** Carolyn Saunders, Beth Wood, Kate Manecke, Pam Girtz, Edna Early, Barb Katt, Rita Kearns, Irene Bugge

### **Welcome/Call to Order**

Chair Carolyn Saunders welcomed participants and called the meeting to order over zoom at 5:35 pm.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Beth Wood made a motion to approve the agenda. Kate Manecke seconded. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Beth Wood made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023 Board Meeting. Rita Kearns seconded. Motion carried. Kate Manecke made a motion to approve the March 1, 2023 Addendum to the February 21, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. Kate Manecke seconded. Motion carried.

### **Financial Report – Kate Manecke**

The Treasurer submitted a Profit and Loss by Tag Group report for January 1, 2022 – March 21, 2023. Total revenue was \$12,349.26. Total expenditure was \$7,685.82. Net operating revenue is \$4,663.44. Kate also reported that 20 members had paid their dues for the new year with \$300.00 in donations. The Chair reported that she and the Treasurer met to create the new format for the financial report presented at today's meeting.

**Membership Update:** 68 members

**Membership Renewals** (due in April – Deadline to receive 12/31/23)

### **Annual Meeting**

- Sunday, May 7, 2:00pm at Amery Area Community Center  
608 Harriman Ave. South  
Amery, WI 54001  
715-268-6605  
Director Jen: [aaccjen@outlook.com](mailto:aaccjen@outlook.com)
  - Kate Manecke will write two checks to the Amery Area Community Center: \$100.00 for the facility rental fee and \$250.00 for a refundable damage deposit.
  - Edna Early will deliver the checks one week in advance of the Annual Meeting and pick up the key. She will return the key after the event and pick up the damage deposit.
  - Irene Bugge will contact the Director of the Center to inform her that Edna will be the League contact person for the event. Irene made the initial contact with the Center.
- Program will include two keynotes:
  - Edna Early: Overview of DEI
  - Janet Ellinger and Panel from PFLAG of River Falls
- Refreshments will be provided by the Board. Board will develop specific plans at the April meeting with the intention of making food an integral part of the celebration.
- Kate will give 2022-23 (18 month) financial overview
- Nancy will present 2023-24 budget (to be approved by Board at July meeting)

- Beth will present slate of officers and directors for election, introduce newly elected committee chairs (April 11 ~ committee chairs will be elected by Board)
- Committee Chairs plus DEI Director will present overview of 2022-23 activities.
- The meeting will be hybrid. Beth will ask the Communications and Media Committee to manage the online portion of the meeting.
- It was agreed by consensus that voting will be done by raise of hands.
- Discussed ideas about how to celebrate our league. Further discussion at the next meeting.
- Our bylaws state that twenty percent (20%) of voting members shall constitute a quorum at all membership meetings of LWVSCV, so we need 13 voting members to attend the Annual Meeting.

### **Old Business**

- Reviewed successful and fun St. Patrick's Day Parade in New Richmond with 12 walkers.
- Irene updated Board about Final Five Voting Campaign. According to Danny Akenson with Bridge the Divide, the likelihood that an FFV Bill will be voted on by the WI Legislature in 2023 is low. BTM is reassessing how robust their focus on FFV will be going forward in light of this news.
- Carolyn updated Board about Directors & Officers Insurance. She and Irene attended a recent online presentation that emphasized the importance of all chapters obtaining this coverage in addition to general liability. Another online meeting about D&O Insurance is scheduled for Friday at 10:00.
- Irene reported that the Conversations with Members project launched. Six volunteers are currently making calls and hope to wrap up the calls/in person visits by April 23.

### **New Business:**

- Carolyn discussed the need to establish a Free Zoom Account for LWVSCV when she steps down as chair because she holds the League zoom account at present. Beth reported that Kris and Tami, Communications and Media Committee, are already looking into this.
- Discussed importance of planning ahead for summer parades/festivals/farmers markets/other events. Some possible ideas generated included offering community coffees/conversation at local coffee shops; a table at National Night Out, a table at Grantober Fest in October. Will discuss further at next meeting.
- Discussed the naming of delegates for the LWVWI Annual Meeting in Lacrosse on June 9-10. Carolyn reported that she is unable to attend in person. Beth was unsure if she could attend. Edna and Irene expressed an interest in attending in person.
- Carolyn reported that she is working on the MLD Award Application due May 10, 2023.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13.

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

**Upcoming Event:**

★ **LWV SCV Coffee Klatch**

Friday, March 24, 9:00am ~ scheduled for last Friday of each month with conversation prompts

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81668918418?pwd=Ykh6S0J1OEo2Q0ZwWXN5YS9QeERNdz09>

Meeting ID: 816 6891 8418

Passcode: 209563

★ **LWVWI Annual Meeting, June 9-10**

**LaCrosse and online**

**Theme: “The Currents that Connect US”**

<https://lwvwisconsin.wixsite.com/lwvwi-annual-meeting>

**Next meetings:**

Currently, Committee Chairs are submitting budget requests to Nancy Stewart ... Budget Committee will meet in April to develop budget for 2023-24 ... Budget will be approved by the new Board at the first Board meeting of the new fiscal year (July 18).

April 11, 5:30pm ~ Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

April 3 or 10 ~ Communications and Media Committee

May 7, 2:00pm ~ Annual Meeting

No Board meeting on May 16.