**League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley**

## Minutes of Board and Committee Chair Meeting February 20, 4pm, via Zoom

**Board Members Present:**  Irene Bugge (Co-President), Beth Wood (Co-President), Kris Surbaugh (Vice president), Evanne Hunt (Secretary), Kate Manecke (Treasurer). Directors: Patty Van Nevel, Barb Katt, Rita Kearns,

**Absent:**  Kathy Streitz (Member Services Chair), Vicki Harmon (Program Chair), Edna Early (Director)

**Others Present:** Cheryl Redman

**Welcome**

Welcome to Cheryl Redman

# 4:08 – 4:30 Board/Committee Chair Discussion

Discussion topics:

* Three candidate forums are on the calendar (see *New Business*).
* Voter Services had three registration events the week of February 14. 50-60 visitors at Tech schools, 35 at UW-RF.
* Kate reported that she filed information with State and will be filed with the IRS (990EZ) for new grant applications.
* Beth reported that there was some feedback that the location of the Winter Gathering and summer picnics are not ADA accessible. Suggestion that summer gatherings be public outreach events. No final decision made. Discussed merits of social gatherings and outreach events.

# Business Meeting is called to Order

Co-President Irene welcomed participants and called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

**Approve Agenda**

Unanimous approval of the agenda.

**Approve Minutes**

Unanimous approval of the January 16, 2024, meeting.

# Old Business

Annual meeting is April 28 at the Amery Community Center. More details to come.

# New Business

**Board of Supervisors Candidate Forums.** Need help from Board members and other members the evening of each event (5:30-7:30pm). Irene and/or Beth will be at all of the forums.

* March 5 Polk County – Barb
* March 7 St. Croix County – Kay, Kate, Rita
* March 12 Burnett County – Kris, Barb

**Budget Committee.** Update on 2024-2025 Budget preparations. Preparations have begun and will be ready for the annual meeting. Kate also reported that a grant was being written to United Way.

**Donations and Fundraising.** Questions about the LWVUS change in how dues will be collected.

* Talked about importance of educating our membership about making donations to the League.
* Board is not comfortable fundraising beyond encouraging members who are able to donate.

**Braver Angels**. Do we want to be a $100.00 sponsor for the Main Street Voices October 15 Braver Angels event with Bill Doherty?

* Decision was tabled until next meeting to allow time to discuss.

How many of these sponsorships we can afford or budget for? If a member is willing to donate funds like some did to purchase wheels, or pay a Farmer’s Market fee or for school bookmarks is this acceptable?

* Consensus is that we need criteria on who we accept donations for as speakers, events, equipment.

**Membership Mailing List.** Contact Tami H (roster manager) to update the membership contact list. A new list is updated and distributed every month if there are new members,

# Next Meeting Dates

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 4:00-5:00 Board/Committee Chairs Meeting over zoom.

Sunday, April 28, 2:00-5:00 pm, Annual Meeting, Amery Community Center.

# Adjournment

Irene closed the meeting at 5:04 pm.