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

## Minutes of Board and Committee Chair Meeting March 19, 4pm, via Zoom

**Board Members Present:**  Irene Bugge (Co-President), Beth Wood (Co-President), Kris Surbaugh (Vice president), Evanne Hunt (Secretary), Kathy Streitz (Member Services Chair), Barb Katt, Rita Kearns, Edna Early (Director), Patty Van Nevel (Director)

**Absent:**  Kate Manecke (Treasurer). Vicki Harmon (Program Chair)

**Welcome**

# 4:02 – 4:26 Board/Committee Chair Discussion

GOTV strategies

How to spread LWV Constitutional Amendment info

Annual Meeting conversation – location, times, speaker set up.

# Business Meeting is called to Order

Co-President Beth welcomed participants and called the meeting to order at 4:26 pm.

**Approve Agenda**

Unanimous approval of the agenda.

**Approve Minutes**

Unanimous approval of the February 20, 2024, meeting.

**Approve Financials**

Financial will be reported every three months.

**New Business**

* Request from Voter Services to move Candidate Forums to the Program Committee.
  + Discussion ensued.
  + Consensus is to make forums a special project, separate from a committee.
* New Member dues structure coming from LWVUS.
  + Requires updates to the by-laws.
  + Decided to wait for further instructions.
  + Does not require implementation until the end of 2024.
  + Change can be made at any general or special meeting, unless not allowed in chapter bylaws. Our chapter bylaws stipulate that bylaws changes can only be made at the annual meeting.
  + Irene will send a draft to the board of a bylaws change that allows changes to be made at annual, general and special meetings of the membership. This one change will then be voted on at the annual meeting.
* Any events to add to Planning Calendar
  + No additions
* Earth Day, April 6 – Co-sponsoring Youth Panel on the Environment, Taylors Falls. League will have material in the back of the room. Irene is attending.
* Annual Meeting - April 28, 2-5pm, Amery Community Center
  + Will discuss details at April board meeting.
  + The topic of the speaker is Civics 101.
  + Invitation announcing agenda, speaker, etc. sent to membership in April.
* LWVWI Annual Meeting is on May 31 & June 1 in Green Bay, WI. Kris, Irene, and Beth are hoping to attend. All are welcome.
* We need a policy with criteria guiding our donations to various organizations.
  + Consensus was to look to other Leagues for example policies. Barb and Irene volunteered to research.
  + Braver Angels – donation approved
  + St Patrick’s Day parade – donation approved
* Summer picnics in a public handicap accessible location – Consensus was to hold at least one picnic this summer in Grantsburg at private home and to be cognizant of assist/accommodate members with mobility issues. We will reconsider the winter gathering site with respect to accessibility.

# Old Business

Forums – consensus was they were well-received and good opportunities for community outreach.

# Next Meeting Dates

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 4:00-5:00 Board/Committee Chairs Meeting over zoom.

# Adjournment

Beth closed the meeting at 5:07 pm.

# Addendum to March 19, 2024 Minutes.

On March 21, 2024 All eight Board of Directors members voted yes via electronic vote to approve the following proposed changes to the bylaws. After this unanimous vote, these changes were sent to the full membership 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting and will be voted on at the April 28 Annual Meeting.

Highlighted below are the proposed changes.

*Section 1. Amendments.*

*These bylaws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at an annual, regular or special meeting, providing the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.*

*Section 2. Suspension.*

*Parts of Articles IV through IX of these bylaws may be suspended, if necessary, for up to one year by a two thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at an annual, regular or special meeting. if notice of intention to do so has been submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.*