

League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley

## Board and Committee Chair Meeting Agenda

October 22, 2024, at 4:00 pm via Zoom

### 4:00 – 4:10 Welcome and Board/Committee Chair Conversation

Questions/comments about agenda or anything else?

### 4:10 Business Meeting is called to Order

**Attendance:** Rita Kearns, Kris Surbaugh, Katrina Larsen, BethWood, Kathy Streitz, Barb Katt, Kate Manecke, Nancy Stewart

**Approve Agenda:** unanimous approval

**Approve Minutes** Kate/Kris approve with changes

August 27, 2024 (meeting at Kathy Palmquists) (changes correction location and spelling of Katrina Larsen

**Financial Report:** **Kate** reported that the current balance from the Bremer bank account is \$13,130.38. Kate went ahead and paid the memberships dues owed to the State and National even though they weren't officially due until June, 2025. This is the membership dues for 2023 which is billed on January 31, 2024.

Paid now instead of next May to facilitate our balance— and felt that it may be useful to the State and National to have those funds before the Election.

Fundraising: Nancy and Carolyn sent out letters to current and former members in August/September (106 letters sent/ received \$1715 )

LWV education fund grant money still missing – some confusion about it and Beth will follow up

(Rita/Barb) unanimous approval of financials

Update on fundraising with Quilt (Nancy/Kate)

Raffles through the mail are illegal—will have to consider how to use this for fundraising

**Nancy** will contact 100 Women Who Care to see if it is something can be done with them

Update on Grants – Rita (no report)

## **Membership**

**Current Membership:** Kathy Streitz sent out letters to members who are behind on the dues. Various reasons—some didn't open their emails, some opened but may have lost track of them. This is a 'final call' for members. We will need to remove inactive members from the roster by December 31 or we will have to pay dues to the State/National for them.

## **New Business**

- Events to add to Planning Calendar (Evanne) up to date no new dates at this time
- LWVWI – Issues Briefing(s) 3 Sessions A LWVSCV zoom in Nov to discuss to be determined at a later date.
- By-law changes as directed by the LWVUS regarding the New Membership Model, approval by Board and document will be sent to membership for virtual vote of approval
  - Will have to educate membership about how to pay dues and donations kept separate
  - Will mail out Bylaws changes to membership on November 16 with instructions to attend a portion of the December Board meeting to vote. Board will meet from 4-5 December 17 then at 5PM membership can attend and vote to approve the Bylaws by responding in the chat box. Two-thirds of attending members are required to adopt the Bylaw changes.
- Beth summarized the changes to occur when transition to new membership dues software called ChapterSpot is required by the LWVUS –
- Winter Gathering has been set for Amery Community Center for January 12, 2025

With a snow date of January 19, 2025 (Board)

## **Old Business**

- Kris gave a brief summary of our participation on Oct. 17 at Know Your Nonprofits Expo in Siren which Barb and Kris attended. Well worth the effort to share an evening with other non-profits and the folks who like to support them. Lots of VOTE buttons given away (they were a big hit!)

- Beth summarized the success of collaboration with Mainstreet Voices on October 15 with Braver Angels speaker. Very well attended included many League members. Will look to future events with Braver Angels in 2025.
- Zoom presentation on Election Integrity with Meagan Wolfe, Administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission held on October 8, 2024 at Amery Library with Watch Parties at Frederic, SCF and Hudson Libraries. Considered a good success with lots of press.
- CANCELLED – Nov 5 gathering at the Quilt Shop in NR (Beth)

**Next Board Meeting – November 19, 2024  
at 4:00 via zoom**

**Adjournment 5:02 PM**