

League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley

Board and Committee Chair Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025, 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

4:00 – 4:14 Welcome and Board/Committee Chair conversation

4:14 – Business Meeting is called to Order

League of Women Voter's Oath

Beth read aloud the oath, which is on the website.

Approve Agenda

Unanimous approval of the agenda. Beth added a request from the Board to respond to the Upper Mississippi River Region request to join; cost is \$25.

Approve Minutes

Unanimous approval of the minutes for the January 21 meeting. Correct the date of the last meeting.

Fundraising Report: Nancy/Kate

Attached to the end of these minutes is the most current Bremer Bank Statement for the League of Women Voters, St. Croix Valley dated January 31, 2025.

This balance does not include a \$2,000 donation made February 5, 2025, as well as a \$500 check for the Community College Event Grant application that was submitted.

The current available balance is \$12,575.16.

Kate reported we have one more membership dues payment to the state and national Leagues.

Update on raffle fundraising with Quilt

Tickets are available.

Update on Grant money

The grant check was found by LWVWI and sent to LWVSCV. It was sent to the wrong chapter.

Membership

Current Membership: 84 or 94

Evanne has not updated the website with a new link; waiting for Tami to give her the go-ahead.

New Business

Events to add to the Planning Calendar – no changes

Book Study

Date for first meeting is February 26 (Wednesday).

Update on dues structure change including transition to new membership dues software called ChapterSpot required by the LWVUS – Tami

No report.

Immigration Event April 8

Irene gave a brief update in the absence of Committee Chairs, Barb and Edna. The ten-person committee is making excellent progress. Beth suggested notifying the Amery police about the event.

LWVUS Federal Judiciary Study/Survey

Every US League is being surveyed about asking for term limits and a code of ethics for the US Supreme Court. Deadline is April 14. They are asking for a membership-wide conversation and agreement that the US League should go ahead.

Discussion ensued. Beth has convened an ad hoc committee and will take responsibility for fulfilling LWVUS request for input from our League.

Leadership Structure Review and Redesign Charter

Katrina presented the charter distributed to the Board. Recommended establishing an ad hoc committee to review the current leadership structure to determine what is working and what needs improvement. Committee will also research leadership models of other LWV chapters. The committee will make recommendations to the Board about Board and Committee leadership structure, including detailed descriptions of leadership roles and responsibilities.

Annual Meeting – April 27

Kathy has a draft invitation for everyone to review. Plans are in progress. Volunteers needed and requested in the newsletter.

Readers Theater update

Vicki reported that WI Humanities grant funding was terminated. She is exploring other funding options.

Voter Services update

Patty reported that several libraries are willing to display League educational materials about the April 1 election.

Old Business

League 105th Birthday events

Patty reported that three birthday celebrations are planned at local colleges. The first was successfully executed at River Falls.

Coffees

Kay has planned one for St. Croix Falls on Thursday, February 27, from 12:30 - 2PM, at Arrows Coffee Company.

SCC Judicial Candidate Forum

Beth reported the forum was well attended and provided excellent information to the public. Excellent partnership with the NR library. Great visibility for our League

Adjournment

Meeting at 5:14 pm.

Next Board Meeting – March 18, 2025, at 4:00 via zoom
