

League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley

Board and Committee Chair Zoom Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2025 4:00-5:00 pm via Zoom

Board Members Present: Kathy Streitz, Kris Surbaugh, Beth Wood, Katrina Larsen, Edna Early, Vicki Harmon ; Members Present: Tami Halcomb, Kay Brooks (Interim Voter Services Co-Chair) Janet LeStock

4:00 – 4:16 Welcome and Conversation

4:16 Business Meeting is called to Order by Co-President Irene Bugge

LWV Oath: *"We do solemnly swear that we will empower voters and defend our democracy. That we will faithfully execute our civic responsibility as nonpartisan advocates. We do this fearlessly, reflectively, and collectively. We act from a place of hope and collective power. We affirm that we will work to provide democracy education and election administration support, restore and defend voting rights protections, abolish the Electoral College, protect democracy organizations and fight for reproductive freedoms. We will not be deterred from these tasks. So, join us to protect life, liberty, freedom and justice."*

Approve Agenda

Unanimous approval of the agenda with three additions: a Motion to co-sponsor the LWVGCV event on September 11; A request by Irene Bugge from Patti Hurd to sponsor a term limits presentation by Assemblyman Duke Tucker; A DEIJ update by Edna Early

Approve Minutes

Motion made and 2nd with unanimous approval of July 15, 2025, minutes.

Financials

- Katrina Larsen reported we have \$18,021.80 in our account with a extensive spreadsheet showing ongoing Income and Expenses.
- Review of LWV SCV Budget for 2025-2026 with an explanation of her record keeping system.

Financials were approved unanimously with a heartfelt Thank you to Katrina in her new position as Treasurer.

Current Business

Proposed Board Meeting Schedule Changes - Irene requested changes to the Board Meeting Schedule due to the upcoming activities and there was no objection by the Board. Next two meetings will be:

September 23, 2025

November 4, 2025 (no October meeting)

- Member Services – discussion by Kathy Streitz and Kay Brooks relating to the new HUBS idea. Work on Voter Services projects and Membership continue to overlap and the implementation of geographic membership HUBS in locations throughout our league based on where members live is going to be introduced with the intention of making coffees, carpooling, phone trees, library and school contacts, Farmers Markets easier for members to engage in.

The hub concept is being developed by Kathy Steitz, Membership Chair and Kay Brooks, Interim Voter Services Co-Chair.

- Unite Rise 8.5 update given by captain Beth Wood. Materials from the Playbook remain difficult to access and share. The project continues to move forward with our intention to incorporate Unite Rise materials and information in all of our league work.
- 100 Women Who Care – 2nd Place award. Amount to yet be determined. Update by Katrina Larsen regarding her presentation and the experience. Katrina reminded us that it was a team effort and that the success was due to collaborative work with Barb Katt, Carolyn Saunders and Nancy Stewart. Katrina appreciated the support of the Board and the members that attended the presentation.
- Readers Theater update from Vicki Harmon, the script has been completed, the rehearsals are being set, all of the plans are coming together. The Board unanimously approved a donation to the New Richmond Heritage Center of \$100 as they have generously donated the use of the facility for the recent picnic, the RT rehearsals and the RT performances. Janet LeStock was thanked for securing a Grant that will help with expenses.
- LWVSCV Letters to the Editor – it was agreed that we are moving toward implementing a Table of Guidance on LTE and Public Service Announcements ensuring that those submitted for publication will all meet the same criteria. Kris Surbaugh and Kay Brooks are working on the project and Katrina Larsen will help put together the Table of Guidance.
- Member Patti Hurd has proposed that LWVSCV sponsor a nonpartisan event in Burnett County where Assemblyman Duke Tucker shares the legislation (bill) he is putting forward related to imposing term limits at the State level for Senators and Assembly. It was agreed by the Board that we move forward in supporting this request. Kris Surbaugh will facilitate the communication with Patti Hurd.
- Edna Early representing DEIJ requests any information from our Board or members that would identify a Spanish speaking translator that she could contact; a Wisconsin Immigration Attorney contact information and local School District Administration contacts as the committee continues to be exploring all the ways our league can support the Immigrant community in our 3 County geographic area.

Adjourned Meeting at 5:16 pm

Next Board Meeting:

September 23, 2025, 4-5:00 p.m. via zoom