

League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley

Board and Committee Chair Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2025, via Zoom

Board Members Present: Irene Bugge, Beth Wood, Kris Surbaugh, Evanne Hunt, Kathy Streitz, Katrina Larsen, Vicki Harmon, Barb Katt, Edna Early

Other Members Present: Karen Roberts, Kay Brooks, Pat Seidl

4:00 – 4:10 Welcome and Conversation

4:10 Business Meeting called to Order

LWV Oath

Approve Agenda

Kay/Kathy added a Voter Services and Member Services update.

Unanimous approval of agenda with one addition.

Approve Minutes

Unanimous approval of September 23, 2025, minutes.

Financials

Katrina Larsen submitted the report, FY26 FYD November 2025; it is attached to the end of the minutes. She also highlighted some items.

Unanimous approval of financial report.

Current Business

Winter Gathering/January Jumpstart – Kathy Streitz, Irene Bugge, and Vicki Harmon gave a status update.

- January 11, 2026, Amery Community Center, doors open at 1:00 pm; program begins at 1:30 pm.
- Karen Roberts is our guest speaker.
- Kris has a slideshow of pictures highlighting our year's events.
- Barb said the DEI committee would like to hand out a survey at the event.
- Request that some Board Members bring wine.

Refocus on Core Mission: Non-Partisan Education – Kris Surbaugh & Beth Wood asked for a renewed focus for education in our activities.

Candidate Forums/Meet & Greets – A Planning Committee consisting of Irene Bugge, Kathy Streitz, Carolyn Saunders, Kris Surbaugh, Miriam Flysjo and Janet Lestock has been formed to organize Meet & Greets for Board of Supervisor Candidates in all three counties. The committee will have their first meeting the week of January 12. Onsite teams will be formed in each county. Kathy and Irene have also reached out to LWVGCV to learn about a “Mixer” – this is more informal than a Candidate Forum and similar to a Meet and Greet but involves candidates running for multiple offices. Such an event may be a possibility for the future.

Voter Services and Member Services Update: Kay and Kathy’s roles are changing as we move toward greater autonomy in HUBz. Discussion on how to facilitate this change. Goal is for Kathy and Kay to provide information, reminders and resources to the HUBz to empower them to take action.

- Kris would like a blurb for the newsletter and for Evanne to add to the calendar.
- Kay would like HUBz to ask their members to monitor local newspapers and report back who is running in the upcoming elections.

Board Oversight of HUBz and Project Proposals – Beth Wood, Irene Bugge, Kris Surbaugh, Katrina Larson

- Beth wants the Board oversight to ensure HUBz are not “reinventing the wheel”, using the existing materials, and staying on message.
- Recommended additions to HUB Guidelines:
 1. Each HUB will choose to request time on the Board agenda and/or provide HUB updates to newsletter.
 2. Proposals for new initiatives will be brought to the Board for review. Expedited review of projects by the Exec Team can be requested.

Current Project Proposals

- **Ordering Civics Game Questions by Age** -- Pat Seidl
Proposal Available. Evanne will export the PDF file of the 128 civics questions used in the citizenship test to Word and Excel.
- **Election Integrity Presentation** -- Karen Roberts asked for content input for the presentation. Send her your suggestions and input by early January so she can have the presentation done for the Winter Gathering.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm

Next Board Meeting

January 20, 2026 4-5 p.m. via zoom.