

**League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley
Board and Committee Chair Zoom Meeting Agenda –
THURSDAY March 19 2026, 4:00-5:00 pm**

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

Others Present: Kay Brooks, VS Chair

4:00 – 4:10 Welcome and Conversation

4:10 Business Meeting is called to Order

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."*

Approve Agenda

Unanimous approval of the agenda with the additions of the Readers' Theater copyright.

Approve Minutes

Unanimous approval of the Feb 17, 2026, Board and Committee Meeting.

Financials – Katrina Larsen provided the February financial report. She reported on the recent budget meeting:

- Vote 411 costs \$75. Discussion ensued on whether to continue participation. Unanimous approval to forgo involvement this year.
- League is a member of the Upper Miss River Region. Cost is \$25. Discussion ensued on whether to continue participation. Unanimous approval to continue our membership. Kris will put a link to the organization in the next newsletter.
- Katrina is working on a Venmo connection for donations and selling items.
- She asked for a budget item for the storytelling initiative if we agree to pursue.

New Business

- Changes to the LWVSCV membership form - Katrina and Kay presented suggested changes to the membership form. Discussion ensued. Katrina will continue to work on the form.
- Pre-Fall Retreat Planning Meeting/Conversation – Focus on sustainable leadership structure. Scheduled for May 19 after our business meeting. Location will be at the St Croix Falls Library.

- Creative storytelling proposal – Tabled.

Current Business

- LWV SCV website – Evanne will add links to articles in the Hudson Star Observer with candidate profiles. She has added written answers to each candidate as they come in.
- Reflection on Candidate Meet & Greets – Barb reported there were over 2,000 views of the videos. Irene mentioned the partnerships for the events were instrumental in getting attention.
- DEIJ - update on Title IX transgender protections in New Richmond School District
- Voter Services organizing information for a yearly calendar for next VS Chair
- Hub Leadership updates – Kay will be creating a calendar and spreadsheet for HUBz leaders.
- Los Amigos, Monarca training and DEIJ work –Barb Katt reported that training is ongoing.
- Summer Picnic Dates and Planning – Vicki Harmon suggested we have two picnics (Baldwin and Grantsburg). She has proposed dates and will firm up details
- Obtained copyright application for the Readers’ Theater. Vicki also reported the video is available for watching and asked what we should do with the video. Group agreed to have a separate meeting to discuss.
- Annual Meeting is April 26 – Irene shared a draft agenda for the meeting. She needs input from the Nominations Committee about open slots for the Budget Committee and the Nominations Committee to fulfill bylaws requirements by April 21 Board Meeting. Officer and Director slots are filled. Discussed possibility of increasing the number of Director at large positions. Poster needs to be created.

Adjourn Meeting at 5:30 pm

Next Board Meetings:

April 21, 2026 @ 4:00 pm over Zoom

April 26, 2026 @ 1:30 – 4:30 pm LWV SCV Annual Meeting, in person, Amery Area Community Center

IN PERSON - May 19, 2026, 4:00 pm, business meeting followed by Pre-Retreat Planning.
Location: SCF Library