League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley

Board and Committee Chair Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026, 4:00 p.m. to about 5:00 p.m., via zoom

Board/Leadership team present: Beth, Kris S, Kathy S., Evanne, Barb K, Katrina, Kay Brooks, (quorum requirements met)

4:00 – 4:11 Welcome to any membership joining us! Conversation.

4:11 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 one addition:

- Add Readers' Theater update regarding the storage of materials and copyright.

Approve Minutes

Unanimous approval of August 18, 2026, Board and Committee Meeting with one correct:

- Katrina did not call the meeting to order. Beth called the August meeting to order.

Financials

Update from Katrina

- Approve Proposed 2026-2027 LWV SCV Budget (see report at the end of these minutes)
- FY26 YTD August 2026 (see report at the end of these minutes)

Unanimous approval of the YTD financial report.

Katrina reported

- We agreed that it is appropriate to use the *Urgent Initiative Fund* for educational activities, mileage, candidate forums, etc.

- Discussed whether we can use the funds for thank you gifts to municipal officials that speak or help us. NO. We agreed it is not appropriate and the LWVSCV will not do this.

- $150 remains from Thrivent grant that was secured by Janet L.

- Our PayPal is still not working. We are using ChapterSpot.

Current Business

Membership/Renewal on our website

- Evanne changed the link to ChapterSpot. Members have the option to pay on-line or print a membership form and mail in a check.

Observer Corp

- Kay reported she does not have insight into what other events observers attend.

Constitutional Amendment on November ballot

- Beth reported that our Board agreed we will not adopt the "vote no" initiative. We have continued to evaluate, and we will continue our focus on educating people.

Collaboration with GROWW on Election Security response and Support of Election Officials

- Beth reported that GROWW is a powerful organization and anytime it fits with our mission we can take the opportunity to partner with them.
- Kay reported that the Monarca training is alarming. They are preparing for the worst and asking us *what are you going to do?*

ADRC and senior center voter access

- Kay reported that she will follow up with the team working on this.

Readers' Theater

- Beth reported she has all the material and copyright safely stored.

Fall Retreat update

- Katrina reported we will be inviting <u>all</u> League members.

DEIJ and Los Amigos program

- Barb reported everything is good.

V/S – Farmers Markets and Community Events, materials

- Discussion ensued on getting lists of people for postcards. Kathy and Kay will reach out to the State office to see if we will get a new list of addresses.

HUBs update

- Kay asked whether she should send weekly suggestions and reminders to just the HUB leaders or all members. We agreed to she should just contact the leaders.

Barb asked who will receive follow-up from *100 women who care*. Katrina expects she will be contacted.

Next Board Meeting

October 20, 2026, via Zoom – 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Adjourn Meeting at 5:05 pm

LWV SCV Budget 2026-2027, Effective July 1, 2026		7/1/2026	
INCOME		**Budget**	**Notes**
Membership Dues*		1,090.00	Assumes 80 members paying $75. LWVSCV gets 20% of dues paid. Of the recommended $75 dues, $13.61 goes to us. (20% of $75 is $15 minus credit card fees.)
Donations			
	Individual	3,000.00	
	Other	500.00	Free will donations at events
Grants		-	None planned currently
Fundraisers		5,675.00	Figure generated to balance the budget
Sales, income		-	Income from clothing & other sales
TOTAL INCOME		**10,265.00**	
EXPENSES		**Budget**	
Administrative			
	Legal Fees (WI DFI annual fee)	30.00	Anticipate increase from $25 to $30
	Computer/Web	275.00	Gravity form annual payment (PayPal) anticipated increase to$175, misc repairs & updates to
	Saris Web Design	660.00	Currently $50/mon, anticipate increase to $55/mon for contracted web support
	QuickBooks subscription	480.00	Anticipate QuickBooks monthly cost to go up like last 2 years on July 1, $38 to $40
	Zoom subscription	200.00	Anticipate increase to $200
	Postage/Copies	125.00	Increased to be close to actual use in 2025-26
	Supplies	350.00	Hospitality bins and unanticipated expenses, increased to be close to actual use in 2025-26
	Insurance	425.00	Increased to adjust for increased membership
	Room Rental	300.00	3 rentals@$100
	LWV Upper MS River Region Du	25.00	Per LWVUSRR treasurer
	Equipment	500.00	Canopies, wagon, etc.
	Urgent Initiative Fund	2,500.00	Fund to address unanticipated initiatives such as addressing 3 new amendments on Nov 3 election
Total Administrative		**5,870.00**	
Programs			
	Sound/Video	100.00	
	Speaker Fee	250.00	
	Readers Theater	475.00	Print costs, refreshments & room rental
	Unite & Rise	100.00	
Total Program Costs		**925.00**	
Member Services			
	Packets	75.00	
	Printing	100.00	
	Postage	150.00	
	Hospitality for member events	300.00	Reimbursement limited to $100
Total Member Services		**625.00**	
Voter Services			
	Signs	320.00	Type of signs to be determined
	Copies/Publicity	300.00	
	Postage	600.00	Postcards, postage
	Candidate Forums/Meet & Greets	300.00	
	Supplies	300.00	
	Bookmarks	500.00	
Total Voter Services		**2,320.00**	
Budget/Fundraising			
	Fundraising, miscellaneous fe	250.00	$100 for Give Big 2027
	Fundraising, letter	275.00	
Total Budget/Fundraising		**525.00**	
Sales, expenses		-	Payment for clothing & other sales
TOTAL EXPENSES		**10,265.00**	
*Anticipated income once all payments between LWVUS &LWVSCV reconciled.			

LWV SCV Budget 2026-2027, Effective July 1, 20		9/3/2026	Corrected										
		6/30/2026	**July**	**Aug**	**Sept**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**	**Ap**	**N**	**Ju**	**YTD**	**Notes**
Checking Account Balance		15084.74	14,646.37	########									
INCOME		**Budget**											
Membership Dues		1,090.00	192.16	614.89								807.05	Assumes 80 members paying $75. LWVSCV gets 20% of dues paid. Of the recommended $75 dues, $13.61 goes to us. (20% of $75 is $15 minus credit card fees.)
Donations													
	Individual	3,000.00	100.00	125.00								225.00	
	Other	500.00	-	-								-	Free will donations at events
Grants		-	-	250.00								250.00	Thrivant Action Grant
Fundraisers		5,675.00	118.89	-								118.89	Figure generated to balance the budget, matching grant from Give Big
Sales, income		-	190.00	225.13								415.13	Income from clothing & other sales
TOTAL INCOME		**10,265.00**	**601.05**	**1,215.02**								**1,816.07**	
EXPENSES		**Budget**										**Remaining**	
Administrative													
	Legal Fees (WI DFI annual fee	30.00	-	-								30.00	Anticipate increase from $25 to $30
	Computer/Web	275.00	-	-								275.00	Gravity form annual payment (PayPal) anticipated increase to$175, misc repairs & updates to website outside contracted service
	Saris Web Design	660.00	50.00	50.00								560.00	Currently $50/mon, anticipate increase to $55/mon for contracted web support
	QuickBooks subscription	480.00	38.00	38.00								404.00	Anticipate QuickBooks monthly cost to go up like last 2 years on July 1, $38 to $40
	Zoom subscription	200.00	-	179.25								20.75	Anticipate increase to $200
	Postage/Copies	125.00	-	-								125.00	Increased to be close to actual use in 2025-26
	Supplies	350.00	-	-								350.00	Hospitality bins and unanticipated expenses, increased to be close to actual use in 2025-26
	Insurance	425.00	-	-								425.00	Increased to adjust for increased membership
	Room Rental	300.00	-	-								300.00	3 rentals@$100
	LWV Upper MS River Region D	25.00	-	-								25.00	Per LWVUSRR treasurer
	Equipment	500.00	-	-								500.00	Canopies, wagon, etc.
	Urgent Initiative Fund	2,500.00	-	-								2,500.00	Fund to address unanticipated initiatives such as addressing 3 new amendments on Nov 3 election
	Dues paid to National/State		525.00	150.00								(675.00)	
Total Administrative		**5,870.00**	**613.00**	**417.25**								**4,839.75**	
Programs													
	Sound/Video	100.00	-	-								100.00	
	Speaker Fee	250.00	-	-								250.00	
	Readers Theater	475.00	-	-								475.00	Print costs, refreshments & room rent
	Unite & Rise	100.00	-	-								100.00	
Total Program Costs		**925.00**	**-**	**-**								**925.00**	
Member Services													
	Packets	75.00	-	-								75.00	
	Printing	100.00	38.75	-								61.25	
	Postage	150.00	5.72	-								144.28	
	Hospitality for member events	300.00	100.00	-								200.00	Reimbursement limited to $100, donation to Heritge Center
Total Member Services		**625.00**	**144.47**	**-**								**480.53**	
Voter Services													
	Signs	320.00	-	-								320.00	Type of signs to be determined
	Copies/Publicity	300.00	87.50	78.75								133.75	
	Postage	600.00	-	-								600.00	Postcards, postage
	Candidate Forums/Meet & Greets	300.00	13.75	-								286.25	
	Supplies	300.00	104.45	-								195.55	
	Bookmarks	500.00	-	-								500.00	
	Farmers Mkts/similar entry fees		25.00	60.00								(85.00)	
Total Voter Services		**2,320.00**	**230.70**	**138.75**								**1,950.55**	
Budget/Fundraising													
	Fundraising, miscellaneous f	250.00	-	-								250.00	$100 for Give Big 2027
	Fundraising, letter	275.00	-	-								275.00	
Total Budget/Fundraising		**525.00**	**-**	**-**								**525.00**	
Sales, expenses		**-**	-	**-**								-	Payment for clothing & other sales
TOTAL EXPENSES		**10,265.00**	**988.17**	**556.00**								**8,720.83**	