

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – GENERAL FUND  
FIFTH THIRD BANK CONFERENCE ROOM  
February 1, 2010**

Present: Rose DiBiasi, Joyce Fletcher, Lydia Galton, Marjorie Joder, Anne Lewallen, Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz, Kathleen Slebodnik, Pat Snyder, Chris Straton

Absent: Marilyn Bogen

Guests: Eileen Mann

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Parker at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was deemed present for conducting business.

The Board Agenda was approved as amended, and the following **Consent Agenda** items were moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

1. Minutes of January 4, 2010.
2. Financial Statements ending January 31, 2010 for filing.
3. Acceptance of President's and Committee Reports for filing and posting on website. (See New Business, Item 4, below for clarification.)
4. Approval of Officer and Director Job Descriptions, with the understanding that the Policies & Procedures Committee will standardize formatting and can move any procedures included in the draft job descriptions to a related procedures document.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Conflict of Interest Policy** – C. Straton reporting. A discussion on the proposed conflict of interest policy was held. L. Galton moved and R. DiBiasi seconded to have C. Straton prepare a draft that reflects the results of the discussion for approval at the next Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Proposed Bylaws Changes** – The Bylaws Committee developed its final recommendations which were distributed prior to the meeting by email. L. Galton moved and P. Snyder seconded that these changes be approved and that a final document with marked changes be prepared for approval at the March Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. **Board Resignation** – The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of

Marilyn Bogen from the Board of Directors of the General Fund.

2. **Membership Committee** – Pat Snyder reporting. Current membership stands at 140 renewals and new members. The committee plans to ask non-renewals why they have discontinued membership.
3. **Annual Report Proposal** – Discussion ensued about what should be included in the Annual Report. L. Galton moved and A. Lewallen seconded that the names of new members be included in the Annual Report. Motion passed 8-2 with J. Fletcher and P Snyder dissenting.  
  
B. Schmelz then moved and Joyce Fletcher seconded to approved the Annual Report draft. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Committee Reports on Website** – After discussion, L. Galton moved and A. Lewallen seconded to not post committee reports on our website. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Finance Committee Report** – S. Parker reporting. Following discussion, L. Galton moved and A. Lewallen seconded the acceptance of the Finance Committee Report approving committee members reviewing the financial statements for fiscal year 2008-2009. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Treasurer’s Report** – M. Joder reported that to date, we have a fund surplus (\$8,843) in the General Fund. Much of this is due to members paying dues at the newly instituted Susan B. Anthony and Carrie Chapman Catt levels.
7. **Directors and Officers Insurance** – M. Joder will continue to look into coverage and compare our policies with other organizations as well as LWVUS.
8. **Anniversary Journal LWVF** – State has requested that all local leagues purchase a half-page in their commemorative journal celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LWV. B. Schmelz moved and J. Fletcher seconded that we not contribute \$100 to the LWVF Commemorative Journal. Motion passed unanimously.
9. **Luncheon No-Shows** – L. Galton moved and C. Straton seconded that we charge no-shows for lunch who have failed to notify us in sufficient time. Motion passed on a 5-4 vote.
10. **Filing Fee** – M. Joder informed us that we will be required to file with the Division of Consumer Services for fund raising for the General Fund. There is a \$10 fee attached to the application.

11. **Per Member Payment (PMP)** – There is a strong possibility that LWVF will raise state dues this year. B.Schmelz moved and C. Straton seconded that we raise our dues to \$70 contingent on state increasing dues following State Council. Motion failed unanimously. The Finance Committee was given a direction to deal with this issue should the increase occur and come back with a recommendation.
  
12. **FairDistrictsFlorida** – L. Galton moved and C. Straton seconded that we have a Hot Topics luncheon in late April and that this luncheon be a positive presentation on Amendments 5 & 6. Motion passed unanimously. Galton will check on available dates at the Collier Athletic Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Slebodnik  
Secretary