

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ROBB & STUCKY, NAPLES  
February 5, 2007**

The regular February meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Collier County, held February 5, 2007, at Robb & Stucky, Naples, was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Chris Straton. Present: Jeannette Boucher, Joyce Evans, Marge Joder, Bonnie Michaels, Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz, Kathleen Slobodnik, Chris Straton, Jen Walker, Nancy Wolfe. Excused: Nicole Ryan, Pat Doherty. Off-Board: Ann Campbell.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Remaining as part of the Consent Agenda after it was reconstituted were the acceptance of the resignation of Pat Doherty from the Board of Directors, the appointment of Steve Weisberg as the League representative to the Collier County Non-Discrimination Coalition, the acceptance of the January 8, 2007, Board Meeting Minutes as submitted, and reports from the Government, Justice, Membership, VOTER Publisher, Web Manager, and Natural Resources Committees.

**Upon motion made by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda as reconstituted was approved.**

**Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer's Report, showing a net worth of \$11,808.55 as of January 31, 2007, was ordered filed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**February, March and April Lively League and Regular Programs**

**February:** Every effort is being made to inform all members about our change of location for this meeting and the focus of the program (Concierge Medicine). The meeting will be coordinated by Ms. Campbell. At Lively League, the Board's Strategic Plan will be provided by Ms. Straton, and committee plans will be spotlighted.

**March:** In Ms Straton's absence due to the Legislative Workshop, Ms. Slobodnik will chair Lively League in the a.m. on the Workforce Housing consensus, and Ms. Schmelz will chair the afternoon meeting at which Dr. Howard Simon will speak on Rights Restoration.

**April:** The Annual Meeting will precede the regular meeting which will focus on responding to a pandemic. Ms. Campbell is coordinating the speakers.

**Roster Status**

Ms. Evans will distribute the draft to Ms. Straton, Ms. Schmelz and Ms. Boucher by Friday for review.

**Bylaws Revisions**

**It was moved by Ms. Walker, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the Bylaws changes as submitted and subsequently revised for presentation to the membership in April.** Additional changes made include: Article VI, Section 2: "Annual dues may be automatically adjusted..." "The amount for local use shall be set by members as the annual meeting and shall be payable by December 31. Any member who fails to pay... by January 30 ... Dues received from those initially joining after January 31 shall be credited to the amount due the following December 31."

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Budget Committee**

Ms. Straton appointed a Budget Committee as follows: Ms. Straton, Ms. Evans, and Ms. Joder (ex-officio). Ms. Straton will also ask Sheilah Crowley to serve.

### **Legislative Seminar Delegates**

Ms. Straton recommended the appointment of herself, Kathy Ryan, Anne Lewallen, Sandy Parker, Joyce Evans and Lydia Galton as delegates. **A motion was made by Nancy Wolfe, seconded and unanimously carried to approve these delegates and pay \$112.50 to each towards their expenses.**

### **Location for 2007-8 General Meetings**

Ms. Wolfe reported on her research to date and suggested there are three alternatives: 1) Move the location and pay more, 2) Change the General Meeting dates, or 3) Keep the location and move meetings to another location only for the two holidays. Ms. Wolfe and Ms. Straton will continue to research alternatives so that the current Board can make a recommendation to the new Board.

### **March 2007 VOTER**

Ms. Parker thanked members for their recommendation and reviewed the chart she provided which outlines the layout and responsibilities for the March issue. The Board concurred with deleting the contact information for new members and with adding two pages for a total of 10. **Ms. Parker made a motion that was seconded and unanimously carried that discussion of content for the following VOTER be placed on every Board agenda. Included will be the responsibility for each regular article and a decision on the content of the two additional pages. Ms. Parker then made a motion that was seconded and unanimously carried that the deadline for submitting VOTER content to the publisher be the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before publication, with mailing to those who have requested it being two "mail" days before the end of the month.** Ms. Schmelz requested that a draft of the layout for the April VOTER be distributed before the Board meeting to give additional time for members to prepare their articles given the special format of the April issue.

### **Recommendation of new study to LWVF**

Ms. Straton withdrew her motion to propose that LWVF study election of members for the Water Management Boards.

### **Appointment of George Lopes**

**It was moved by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried that George Lopes serve as the LWV Collier's representative on the JAC Advisory Committee when a community vacancy occurs to which he could be nominated.**

### **New Member Orientations**

Following discussion, the Board concurred to cancel the February coffee and hold the first orientation for new members on March 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Ms. Parker's home (clubhouse if attendance is too large). E-mail invitations will be sent to all members who have joined since the April 2006 Annual Meeting and to all LWVC members via the VOTER. Prospective members will be invited by personal invitation only. All committee chairs will attend and make a 5-minute presentation following a 30-minute League 101 which is being prepared by Ms. Parker.

### **LWVF Business**

Ms. Straton advised that LWVF has requested an additional voluntary PMP of \$5.00 to help the state treasury. No action was taken.

Regarding the KidCare item, Ms. Straton noted that it was pulled because LWVF has established Legislative Priorities which do not include health care. Ms. Straton suggested a letter to our local legislators (Ms. Campbell will prepare a letter to be sent over Ms. Straton's signature).

### **New Membership Application**

Ms. Evans will incorporate the suggested changes, including the addition of the Web site address and revision of the mission to comply with that of the LWVUS.

### **Collier County Non-Discrimination Coalition**

Ms. Slebodnik, Ms. Straton, and Steve Weisberg will be attending the meeting on Feb. 11. Two more LWVC delegates are needed. Ms. Slebodnik advised that our dues to the organization are due.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Straton at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette M. Boucher  
Secretary  
(with gratitude for notes made by Ms. Schmelz)

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED 03.05.07