

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – EDUCATION FUND
CALISTOGA BAKERY CAFÉ
January 5, 2009**

Present: Chris Straton, Bernice Schmelz, Marilyn Bogen, Anne Lewallen, Lydia Galton, Rose DiBiasi, Stu Warshauer, Kathleen Slebodnik, Marjorie Joder

Also Present: Ann Campbell, Judy Weintraub

The meeting was called to order by President Straton at 9:30 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of December 1, 2008 were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: It was the consensus of the Board that expenses for speakers' luncheons will appear as a program budget item.

After review, the treasurer's report for December, 2008 was approved and filed for audit.

President's Report: Chris Straton requested a motion to appoint Judy Weintraub to the Board. A motion was made and passed. She was given Assistant Treasurer as her portfolio.

Old Business: January 19, 2009 General Meeting – Chris will do the Internet Workshop from 10 to 11 a.m. Ann Campbell confirmed the program on Children's Health Services.

February 16, 2009 General Meeting – An energy audit done by the City of Naples will be the program focus.

The Lively League will discuss the National Popular Vote Compact whereby each state legislature agrees to give all their electoral votes to whomever wins the popular vote in their state. This is a way to circumvent the Electoral College without amending the U. S. Constitution. Background information is in our National Voter from a link in our Voter.

March 16, 2009 General Meeting will be an update of the January evening education meeting with emphasis on funding because the state legislature will have met and determined the dollars allotted to schools in this year's budget.

February 16, 2009 Evening Meeting, Hilton Hotel, will repeat the energy presentation.

Know Your County Government - Following discussion, it was Board consensus that we withhold sponsorship this year because planning has been so late. Chris will inform Kathy Ryan and Jack Bovee that we support the program and will consider being a program partner in 2010.

Immokalee Trip Status – Ann Campbell gave an itinerary update on the trip scheduled for February 26, 2009. The program is limited to 26 participants with a cost of \$50 each. She will present this program to the membership at the January General Meeting.

There was no interest from state in distributing cloth grocery bags with the League logo. Lydia will write to Publix to see if bags can be obtained from them and will also check on printing costs.

New Business: There will be a new member meeting at Sandy Parker's home on the 16th of January. Anne Lewallen will call new members to invite them. Potential members can also be included.

Bernice presented her Justice Committee's suggested program, Delinquency Prevention, for the April 20, 2009 General Meeting. It met overwhelming approval of the Board and she will proceed with inviting speakers.

Project Innovation: We were asked to be a participant in the program sponsored by the Collier County Economic Development Council and to promote it among our members. Program luncheons will be listed on our calendar of events, and a PI logo will be on our website with a link to their website for 5 months. January 29th will be the next luncheon with Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp as speaker.

Participation in this project can be supported by League positions under sustainability and government. Board discussion resulted in the consensus that we can endorse this initiative process of community-wide economic development but not the product until a final report is issued and evaluated.

The Mangrove Festival will be held at the Conservancy on Saturday, February 7. Marilyn, Chris and Anne will volunteer.

Bernice moved that we fill the office of 2nd Vice President with Chris making the appointment of Sandy Parker to that position. The motion was seconded and passed.

A discussion was held regarding a fund raising event to be held in late October of this year, possibly a dinner honoring a retired legislator. Chris will pursue this idea.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Slebodnik
Secretary