

League of Women Voters of Collier County (LWVCC)
January 25, 2012 – Minutes, Education Fund Meeting
US Trust, 765 Seagate Drive

Board Members Present: Lydia Galton, President, Joyce Fletcher, Paul Kardon, Tom McCann, Mollie Ottina, Linda Penniman, Bernice Schmelz, Vi Steffan and Donna Suddeth

Board Members Excused: John Levy

Call to Order: The Education Fund meeting convened at 11:20 a.m.

Consent Agenda: Added to the Consent Agenda were the email decisions not to support Baby Basics and the decision to ask Nick Penniman to speak at the April meeting. The Consent Agenda was approved.

Voter Service: Chris Straton has resigned as chair of Voter Service due to involvement in partisan activities. **ACTION:** Mollie Ottina moved and Bernice Schmelz seconded a motion to appoint Joyce Fletcher as Chair of Voter Service. All approved. As Joyce was Chair of the Government Committee, that position is now open for an appointment.

Poll Workers: **ACTION:** Joyce Fletcher moved and Tom McCann seconded that lunch be paid for the poll workers. All approved.

Terms of Office: The issue of continuity was discussed as terms of three board members are expiring in 2012 and three more in 2013, and, some members are not fulfilling the full terms. Upon further review Joyce Fletcher advised the board that it “will be okay.”

Bernice suggested that the Nominating Committee advise all nominees of the requirements of the non-partisan policy in order that they realize the board requirements prior to accepting nominations. Discussion ensued regarding participation in phone banks and recent invitations to board members.

New Business: Vi Steffan advised that the fiscal year ends March 31 and to submit any bills due to attendance at the convention or state meeting. Any unused funds can be rolled over to the next fiscal year.

The issue of who might go to the national convention and the issue of potential reimbursement was discussed. **ACTION:** Subject to the question of “who pays?” Lydia will draft the wording to clarify who goes to the national convention and the reimbursement policy.

Membership Renewals: Becky Newell confirmed that there is follow-up to any non-renewals.

New Member Tea: Lydia asked that as many board members as possible attend the New Member Tea on February 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna L. Suddeth, Secretary