

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – EDUCATION FUND
NORTH COLLIER GOVERNMENT CENTER
February 2, 2009**

Present: Chris Straton, Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz, Anne Lewallen, Stu Warshauer, Kathleen Slebodnik, Marilyn Bogen, Lydia Galton, Marge Joder

Absent: Rose DiBiasi, Judy Weintraub

Also Present: Pat Snyder, Ann Campbell

The meeting was called to order by President Straton at 9:35 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Reading of the Minutes of January 5, 2009 was postponed until the March board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report ending January 31, 2009 was distributed, discussed and filed for audit. Financial records will be given to the auditor for review and approval.

The Collier Athletic Club has raised its luncheon price to \$18 per person, an increase of \$1. It was decided to keep our price at \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.

A discussion was held regarding the evening meeting location. The expense of holding the evening program should be a wash for next year. We will check to see what the charge would be to hold evening meetings at the CAC, although Sandy prefers to keep the program at the Naples Hilton. The location will be part of the evaluation of the entire evening program. The afternoon and evening meetings will both have printed programs.

A motion was made by Sandy Parker to authorize an additional \$400 in the budget for evening programs. The motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business: Immokalee Bus Trip – Fourteen people have paid. An effort will be made to fill the bus.

March General Meeting – Jack Bovee, Social Studies Coordinator for the Collier County Schools, will speak on the status of civics education, one of League's priorities this legislative year. Sheila Jackson from Rep. Matt Hudson's office will be asked to attend as Mr. Hudson will most likely be

in Tallahassee in committee meetings. Mr. Bovee will be asked to repeat his presentation for the evening meeting.

The Lively League meeting prior to lunch will be an attempt to reach consensus on the National Popular Vote Compact using LWVUS questions. The background information will be presented and discussed at February's Lively League.

April General Meeting – Bernice reported that speakers have accepted the Justice Committee's invitation for April 20. The topic will be Delinquency Prevention.

April Annual Meeting – At the Annual Meeting we must approve the budget, hear the Nominating Committee Report and approve local program. Committees must meet prior to the March board meeting to update their 2009-10 program and make any necessary changes.

New Business: The possibility was discussed of replacing our string name tags with magnetic name tags for those who wish to purchase them. If the cost could be kept to under \$10 each, board members were in favor of making the change.

LWVCC has been given a complimentary membership in the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. A motion was made by Sandy Parker to extend one reciprocal, local League, nonvoting membership to the Chamber without cost to them or us. Motion passed.

Hispanic voter turnout continues to be low. In order to increase our presence in the Hispanic community, Chris suggested that we consider becoming a member of the Collier Hispanic Business Professionals (CHBP) organization. Sandy Parker so moved; the motion passed. Chris will be our liaison to this group.

The Voter deadline is March 20 for annual committee reports. These reports can include topics of past meetings and names of committee members. A meeting with the new Voter editor will be held soon to review the purpose and importance of the Voter to our organization.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Slebodnik
Secretary

