

**League of Women Voters of Collier County (LWVCC)**  
**March 28, 2012 – Minutes, Education Fund Meeting**  
US Trust, 765 Seagate Drive

Board Members Present: Lydia Galton, President, Joyce Fletcher, Paul Kardon, John Levy, Tom McCann, Mollie Ottina, Linda Penniman, Bernice Schmelz, Vi Steffan, Donna Suddeth, and Officer Nominees Carol Golightly and Nancy Wolfe

Call to Order: The Education Fund meeting convened at 11:00 a.m.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved, to include the two email decisions to move the venue of the monthly meetings back to the Hilton Hotel and to change the date of the Annual Meeting to April 30, 2012.

Annual Meeting Report: President Lydia Galton will prepare an abbreviated Annual Report.

Education Fund Budget: Vi Steffan presented the proposed budget. A motion was made, seconded and approved to amend the proposed budget to correct the dates to read “Proposed Budget 2012-2013.” The proposed budget as amended was approved. Vi thanked the members of the Finance Committee, Lydia Galton, John Levy and Jen Walker for their considerable time and help in putting together the proposed budget.

Voter Service Report: Joyce Fletcher reported that 34 high school students participated in the “Know Your County Government” program with the County Commissioners staying through lunch.

The issue of candidate and amendment forums was then discussed. Candidate forums are being arranged by the Chamber of Commerce and the NDN within the three commission districts in which county commissioner elections are being held, but, they will not be televised. Believing there is value in having all candidates at one forum and the forum conducted and televised, Joyce has reserved the Commission chambers on June 27 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. so that such a forum can be conducted. It was agreed that Joyce would go ahead with a candidate forum on June 27.

Joyce also asked for a vote as to whether or not to hold an amendment forum in October. A vote was taken, and, all approved. Lydia, Vi and Linda have agreed to work with Joyce to develop the forum. The amendment forum conducted two years ago was very successful. The Chamber would likely be a sponsor but does not have the manpower to take a lead. The forum was broadcast at significant expense, which was covered by an individual. The CD’s from the broadcast were sent to the Collier County and Collier School Board TV channels and Pelican Bay, and, portions were also broadcast on Channel 3.

Joyce had asked for potential yes-no questions to be asked of candidates and published in a survey compiled jointly with the AAUW. Lydia went through the questions submitted thus far to decide on their inclusion.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna L. Suddeth, Secretary