

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – GENERAL FUND
FIFTH THIRD BANK CONFERENCE ROOM
April 5, 2010**

Present: Rose DiBiasi, Joyce Fletcher, Lydia Galton, Anne Lewallen, Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz, Kathleen Slebodnik, Pat Snyder

Absent: Marjorie Joder, Chris Straton

Off-Board: Sheilah Crowley

Guests: Jinny Johnson, Eileen Mann, Vi Steffan

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Parker at 9:40 a.m. A quorum was deemed present for conducting business.

Following introductions of current and incoming Board members and a review of the Board meeting process, the agenda was approved as amended, and the following **Consent Agenda** items were moved, seconded and passed unanimously:

1. Minutes of March 1, 2010 – General Fund
2. Acceptance of President’s and Committee Reports for filing.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Redistricting Program** – It was agreed that holding a Hot Topics meeting for our members this spring is unnecessary as a majority of our members are aware of our position on Amendments 5 & 6. What is needed is a forum for the community-at-large. L. Galton, J. Fletcher and K. Slebodnik will be responsible for planning an evening forum in October before early voting begins prior to November’s election.
2. **Sale of Sponsorships as Fund Raiser** – J. Johnson had volunteered to contact other Florida Leagues regarding their policies for seeking financial sponsorships for their *VOTERS*. Leagues responding so far indicate little to no financial support from elected officials. Most do not think the League should solicit funds from elected officials, certainly not candidates.

J. Fletcher moved and B. Schmelz seconded that LWVCC adopt a policy that we will not solicit or accept funds from elected officials, candidates for office or political parties. Following discussion, L. Galton moved with R. DiBiasi seconding that we amend the original motion to add “for ads in

our *VOTER*.” The amendment passed unanimously. The original motion as amended passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. **FairDistrictsFlorida Campaign** – K. Slebodnik reported that she, J. Fletcher, L. Galton and Mary Schell attended the fund raiser for FDF at the Bonita Bay Club on March 31. Ellen Freiden, Campaign Chair, stated that the campaign is going well at the state level, and enough funds were raised for all petitions to be certified. Additional campaign materials were received for distribution. It was agreed to continue to support LWVF’s direction to our Local League in this campaign effort.
2. **Project Innovation** – J. Fletcher asked for Board approval to submit two LWVCC Action Projects for Producing Success (APPS), Voter Service and Know Your County Government, to Project Innovation. It was agreed that Fletcher would add to the KYCG APP in the section on “How Others Can Help,” the names of the elected officials and government offices needed to participate in the program to make it a success. She was also asked to be sure the 4-H and Collier County Public Schools members we work with on KYCG are informed that LWVCC is submitting KYCG as an APPS. B. Schmelz moved and Lydia Galton seconded to approve our submission. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Appointment of Delegates** – LWVCC is entitled to send two delegates to LWVF Council in Winter Park, May 21-22; L. Galton and S. Parker were appointed to attend. We are entitled to send two delegates to LWVUS Convention in Atlanta, GA, June 11-15; L. Galton and C. Straton were appointed to attend.
4. **Possible Climate Change Study Group** – Linda Denning informed the Board that she is interested in starting a study group on climate change. Directions will be given to the new Board to gauge interest in forming this committee.
5. **Board Resignation** – L. Galton moved and A. Lewallen seconded to accept the resignation of K. Slebodnik from the Board with regret and gratitude.
6. **Membership Report** – P. Snyder recommended that future Membership Committee members use only mail rather than phone calls or emails to follow up with non-renewing members to find out why they did not renew.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Slebodnik
Secretary