

MINUTES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
EDUCATION FUND
Wednesday, April 6, 2011
U.S. Trust

Present: Present: *Lydia Galton, *Anne Lewallen, Kris Bruer, *Bernice Schmelz, **Donna Suddeth, *Joyce Fletcher, *Tom McCann, *Jinny Johnson, **Paul Kardon, *Mollie Ottina, **Vi Steffan, *Marjorie Joder, *Chris Straton, *Rose DiBiasi

*Board members **board members to be elected

Board members absent: **John Levy, Eileen Mann and **Linda Penniman

TOPIC	ACTION
Call to order/confirmation of quorum	With a quorum present, Lydia Galton called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.
Consent agenda -	MOTION: The consent agenda was unanimously approved. The financial report was filed for audit.
Candidate Prep Program	Lydia provided background regarding the reasoning behind the proposal. The board appreciated the value of the proposal but decided not to pursue this program.
Speakers' program	The board discussed the possibility of hiring a professional coach to aid us in the preparation of our speeches to assure a polished presentation in both content and delivery. Both Joyce Fletcher and Donna Suddeth related their very positive personal experiences regarding speaker training. Joyce Fletcher underscored the need to either create curriculums or tap people with particular areas of expertise. All who spoke noted the importance of honing in on topics worthy of development. The point was made that some organizations looking for speakers want both sides of an issue, while others want only the League position. The board supports Lydia's exploration of this topic regarding possible trainers. Also, polling members to ascertain interest would be a key factor. A suggestion was made that if we decide to pursue this concept, we could apply for a professional development grant from the Community Foundation of Collier County to cover a portion of the costs.
Campaign for Leadership	Last year's Campaign for Leadership agenda was included with the board package as point of illustration of their program. Either U.S. Senator Bill or Grace Nelson was noted as a suggested speaker. The dates for next season's program are November 4 and 5, 2011 (a day and a half).

	<p>The need for more racial and ethnic diversity in participants was noted, along with various suggestions for the accomplishment of that goal.</p> <p>Joyce and Lydia will work on this program over the summer.</p>
Miscellaneous business	<p>Lydia provided an informal summary of the March LWV-FL legislative seminar and convention in Tallahassee.</p> <p>She will report soon on the status of our website update (a project funded in part by a Community Foundation grant received several months ago).</p>
Review and adjourn	MOTION to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by
Jinny Johnson, LWVCC Secretary