

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

**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
<b>Call to order/confirmation of quorum</b>	With a quorum present, Lydia Galton called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
<b>Consent agenda</b>	<b>MOTION to approve the consent agenda was unanimously approved.</b>  The financial report was filed for audit.
<b>Email votes between meetings</b>	Any interim votes taken between board meetings should be noted in the board minutes for the following month. The President should include this information in the monthly agenda. (See addendum at end of minutes.)
<b>Other organizations' events</b>	Chris Straton summarized the ad hoc meeting of her committee (Chris and Joyce Fletcher) regarding the announcement of other nonprofits' fundraisers, with a suggested policy titled "Guidelines for Announcing Events/Activities Sponsored by Other Organizations."  After much discussion, it was concluded that if a member is being honored by a nonprofit, even if the event is a fundraiser, LWVCC may announce this fact to its membership. A contact person may be designated to coordinate those who are interested in participating. The board agreed that it would be best for this contact person to NOT be the current president.  Individual committee chairs and committee members are also permitted to share appropriate announcements with their committees pertaining to the focus of the committees.  <b>MOTION to approve the policy as amended was unanimously approved.</b>
<b>May Monthly Meeting</b>	Various speakers were proposed for the May general meeting:  - Kim Grant – Collier County Government (performance evaluation)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Winona Stone – Collier County Government (more general information)</li> <li>- Leo Ochs Collier County Manager, (instead of the above or in addition to)</li> <li>- Legislative session discussion</li> <li>- Issue of adding two at-large commissioners (panel with Commissioner Coyle and a member of the President's Council)</li> <li>- Issue of change to all at large commissioners</li> <li>- Supervisor of Elections re controversial bill</li> </ul> <p>Lydia will follow on speaker selection. If no speaker, May's meeting will consist of lunch and a discussion of legislative session. Winona Stone will likely be used for a government meeting, versus a monthly one.</p>
<b>Annual meeting</b>	<p>Lydia posed the question of whether we need two totally separate annual meetings or if we could just have the two unique sets of minutes and financials, with the rest of the meeting being combined.</p> <p><b>MOTION to combine the general and education fund annual meetings was unanimously approved.</b></p> <p>Lydia asked the board if they were comfortable that we had no formal swearing in of officers, and they were.</p>
<b>Summary of board survey</b>	<p>Lydia reported that only a few board members completed the form. Some respondents (1) expressed unhappiness with specific board members' exerting too much influence on decisions and (2) stated the need for more training of new board members.</p>
<b>Location for general meetings next year</b>	<p>The Club at Pelican Bay will not be a contender because of the club's Monday bridge players. Country Club of Naples is also ruled out because they are closed on Mondays. At this point, the Hilton will be our location for next season.</p>
<b>P&amp;P</b>	<p>To be finished over the summer.</p>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<p>We received \$500 grant from the Community Foundation toward expenses to attend the LWV State Conference.</p> <p>Anna Allen donated \$250 toward program costs for next year. Anne Lewallen will write her a note in thanks.</p> <p>The banners are ready for pickup. At the annual meeting, Lydia will acknowledge funding for banners.</p>
<b>Review and adjourn</b>	<p><b>MOTION to adjourn was unanimously approved at 10:10 a.m.</b></p>

Respectfully submitted by  
Jinny Johnson, LWVCC Secretary

## **ADDENDUM**

### **SUMMARY OF BOARD E-VOTE ON BYLAWS REVISIONS OF MARCH 2, 2011**

Bylaw change proposal by Bernice Schmeltz, Bylaws Committee chair, on March 3, 2011, via email to the board: *"They include changes approved at yesterday's board meeting . . . The committee's recommendation is to leave election of president, etc. to odd-numbered years as to change it to even-numbered would mean changes to other offices, and there is some logic to keeping it on cycle with State."* Lydia Galton's explanation at the meeting was that it would be two years before the change to a two-year service for the president will be implemented.

**FOR PROPOSAL:** Rose Di Biasi, Joyce Fletcher, Lydia Galton, Eileen Mann, Tom McCann, Mollie Ottina and Bernice Schmelz,

**AGAINST PROPOSAL:** Jinny Johnson, Marjorie Joder and Chris Straton