

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NORTH COLLIER GOVERNMENT CENTER, NAPLES
April 7, 2008**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Collier County, held April 7, 2008, at the North Collier Government Center, was called to order at 10:28 a.m. by President Chris Straton. Present: Jeannette Boucher, Rose DiBiassi, Joyce Evans, Lydia Galton, Marge Joder, Anne Lewallen, Bernice Schmelz, and Chris Straton. Absent: Nicole Ryan and Jen Walker. Also attending: Marilyn Bogen, Ann Campbell, Bonnie Michaels, Sandy Parker and Stuart Warshauer.

Upon motion made by Ms. Galton, seconded and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 17, 2008, which was the only item on the Consent Agenda, were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$10,531.70 as of March 31, 2008, was ordered filed.

OLD BUSINESS

Womens Network for Change (WNC)

Input from League board members concerning a list of survey questions for candidates for the 2008 elections that have been prepared by WNC, an organization formed by AAUW, was discussed, with numerous changes suggested and agreed on. It was decided that the final result might be fine tuned further in discussions with AAUW.

Governance, Collier County School Board

Ms. Straton provided an update. She has urged the School Board to take all steps to retain accreditation for CCPS.

Social Policy Field Trip

Following discussion and a pledge of support, **upon motion made by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to have League sponsor a Field Trip to Immokalee in 2009 as proposed by Social Policy Chair Ann Campbell.**

Delegate to National Convention

Ms. Galton announced that she would be unable to attend League's National Convention. Ms. Straton was then nominated, after which, **upon motion made by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried, Ms. Straton was approved as our delegate to National Convention.**

NEW BUSINESS

LWVUS Immigration Position

The immigration position recently adopted by the LWVUS was reviewed in detail and discussed, after which, **upon motion made by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed that LWVCC would officially support the**

LWVUS immigration position. It was decided that an email blast would carry this news first to our members. An amendment to the LWVCC Program, adding a goal and activities addressing immigration, will be prepared by Mr. Warshuer, with assistance from Ms. Straton, for presentation from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Ms. Parker volunteered to draft a press release to be sent to the recent Immigration Panelists, the BCC, the Constitutional Officers, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Proposed State PMP Increase

A proposed increase of \$1.20 by LWVF was discussed. It was noted that our local dues are among the highest in the state was suggested that the next Membership Chair survey other Leagues to see how they keep their dues so low.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Straton at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette M. Boucher
Secretary

APPROVED BY THE BOARD APRIL 21, 2008