

**League of Women Voters of Collier County (LWVCC)**

**April 25, 2012 – Minutes, General Fund**

US Trust, 765 Seagate Drive

9:15 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Meeting

Board Members Present: Lydia Galton, President, Joyce Fletcher, Paul Kardon, John Levy, Tom McCann, Becky Newell, Linda Penniman, Bernice Schmelz, Vi Steffan and Donna Suddeth,  
Incoming Board Members: Charlotte Nyckelmoe, Nina Ribinski and Nancy Wolfe  
Social Policy Committee Chair: Ann Campbell  
Absent: Mollie Ottina

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Lydia Galton at 9:30 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Welcome to Incoming Members and Social Policy Committee Chair: Lydia formally welcomed the new board members and Ann Campbell to the meeting.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved.

Email Approval of Bylaws Change: Subsequent to the March meeting, approval was granted via email by the board to make a change to the bylaws regarding the Treasurer chairing the budget committee. ARTICLE VI, Finance Administration, of the bylaws now reads as follows:

Section 4. Finance Committee: A finance committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at its first meeting. The treasurer shall serve as its chair. It is responsible for reviewing and providing guidance for the organization's financial matters including the preparation of a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members at least one (1) week before the annual meeting.

Girls in Conflict Report: Lydia congratulated the committee on their report and recommended that it be posted to the website and that the oral report be given to the general membership. Bernice reported that the committee is finalizing the written report, which they then plan to distribute to the active Justice Committee members and new chair with recommendations for next steps. If accepted by the Justice Committee, the report with recommendations will then be sent to the Board for discussion at the October Board meeting.

Study on School Referendum: Becky Newell provided a handout with information on the school referendum issue, moving funds from the capital budget to the operating budget, with her goal being to provide sufficient information and detail to allow LWVCC members to make an educated decision. Becky and John Levy will meet to discuss the figures to be included in the study to include what logically would be requested for an informed decision. Following additional suggestions of a mock meeting before the actual presentation and soliciting public relations advice, it was decided, via a "straw vote" of the Board, that the study presented sufficient data, with additions as discussed and agreed upon, to be presented to the membership at a meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. The date and time will be confirmed

subject to room availability at the Chamber of Commerce building or at the Orange Blossom location.

Adjournment: The General Fund Board Meeting was recessed at 10:30 a.m.

Reconvening of Meeting: The meeting was reconvened at 10:50 a.m. with the gavel being passed to President Elect Vi Steffan with the understanding that although decisions will be made, any actions to be taken will be pending election of the incoming board members.

Thank you to Lydia Galton, Outgoing LWVCC President: The board acknowledged Lydia's dedication as the LWVCC President and sincerely thanked her!

General Meetings and Programs: It was decided that General Meetings would continue to be held at the Hilton as other locations have not proved satisfactory. A motion was made to that effect and passed. Due to higher costs being charged by the Hilton, a motion was also made to raise the price of the luncheon to \$25 per attendee (members and guests). The motion passed.

The dates of the General Meetings and Programs for the upcoming year are as follows:

Friday, October 12, 2012 – Guest Speaker Tiffany Smith, Tax Counsel for the Senate Finance Committee (US Senate)

October 2012 – Joyce Fletcher will determine an appropriate date and locale for a Candidate Forum

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 - Climate Change

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 - Government

December 2012 – Holiday party, no meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2013 – To be determined

Tuesday, January 8, 2013 – Social Policies

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 – Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 – Justice

Board Meetings: It was determined that the board meetings would continue to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday morning of the month, or as close to that date as possible. Tom McCann will check with US Trust re: continuing holding the meetings at this same location.

Board Committee Assignments: The following assignments were made:

Executive Committee: Vi Steffan, Joyce Fletcher, Lydia Galton, Becky Newell and Nina Ribinski

Nominating/Governance Committee: Paul Kardon, Tom McCann and Becky Newell

Finance Committee: Carol Golightly, John Levy and Nancy Wolfe

Board Orientation: Pending approval of a grant by the Community Foundation during June, Lydia Galton and Vi Steffan will determine the date (after November 1), time and location (presumably the room at the Community Foundation) for a Board Orientation.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna L. Suddeth, Secretary