

37th ANNUAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - COLLIER COUNTY
GENERAL AND EDUCATION FUNDS
April 30, 2012
The Hilton Hotel, Naples, Florida

CALL TO ORDER: Lydia Galton, President, called the joint Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters Collier County General and Education Funds to order at 10:00 AM. Ms. Galton declared a quorum present.

APPOINTMENT OF MEETING OFFICIALS: Appointments by Ms. Galton were as follows: Parliamentarian, Ira Sharp; Timer, John Levy; Minutes Reading Committee, Karen Sendik (Chair), Bernice Schmelz, Charlotte Nykelmoe; Tellers, Anne Lewallen, Ann Campbell. The appointments were accepted.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND RULES: A motion to adopt the agenda and rules as printed in the Annual Meeting materials was unanimously approved without discussion.

REPORT OF THE 2011 MINUTES READING COMMITTEE: Chair Nina Ribinski reported the minutes of the LWVCC General and Education Funds 36th Annual Meeting April 11, 2011 are correct. The report was accepted.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT: Vi Steffan reported that the General Fund cash balance at the end of the fiscal year, March 31, was \$16,668.57, but LWVF and LWVUS dues are due early in the new fiscal year. The Education Fund Balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$15,686.99. Expenses from a lunch program are due in the new fiscal year. Those obligations will be reflected in the upcoming budgets. Ms. Steffan's assessment is that both funds are in good condition. John Levy, reporting for the Audit Committee, stated that annual financial reports were accurate. The report was accepted as presented.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE: Vi Steffan, chair, presented the proposed 2012 Budget for the General Fund, footnoted with explanations concerning twelve line items. Ms. Steffan then presented the 2012 Education Fund budget similarly noted for nine items. She noted the benefit to LWVCC of members renewing or joining LWVCC at the higher level of membership. She also noted that LWVCC Education Fund will benefit from Adopt a Precinct this year.

Sandy Parker noted that LWVCC Education Fund carries a cash balance of over \$13000 and questioned the need for increasing that balance. The Treasurer commented that funds for improvements to the web site would be needed in the future. She requested that Ms. Parker send a note to the incoming Treasurer expressing her thoughts. The budgets as amended were adopted unanimously.

REVISION TO LWVCC BYLAWS: Due to unforeseen circumstances none of the Bylaws committee members were in attendance. Ms. Galton presented the proposed revisions to the following Bylaws:

Article IV Board of Directors, Section 1, paragraph 2, Immediate Past President

Article V Officers, Section 2 President

Article VI Finance Administration, Section 4 Finance Committee

Article VII Meetings, Section 2 Annual Meeting

Article VIII Governance Committee and Elections

Section 1 Governance Committee

Section 2 Governance Committee Duties

Section 3 Report of Governance Committee and Other Nominations

Jinny Johnson moved to delete part of a sentence in Article VIII, Governance Committee and Elections, Section 1, line 7 as follows:

“If the immediate past president is not available to chair the committee, the new chair shall be selected by the sitting governance committee ~~and voted on at the annual meeting.~~”

A discussion of the proposed revisions to the Bylaws included the rationale for deleting nominating committee and adding a governance committee.

Lydia Galton moved to adopt all of the proposed changes to the Bylaws as amended; Ira Sharp seconded the motion and the revisions to the Bylaws were unanimously adopted.

PROPOSED PROGRAMS, GENERAL FUND 2012-13: Vi Steffan moved to adopt the proposed committee programs for Climate Change, Education, Government, Justice, and Social Policy. John Levy seconded the motion and all proposed programs were adopted unanimously.

PROPOSED PROGRAM, EDUCATION FUND 2012-13: The proposed Voter Service program was adopted unanimously.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: After turning over the gavel to the Vice-President, Ms Galton noted the many accomplishments of LWVCC over the past year and thanked the board and the members for their work. Joyce Fletcher asked that the report be accepted.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rose DiBiasi, Chair, gave the report.

Officer and Director Nominees are as follows:

President 2012-13, Vi Steffan

First Vice President 2012-13, Joyce Fletcher

Second Vice President, 2012-14, Mollie Ottina

Secretary, 2012-13, Nancy Wolfe

Treasurer 2012-13, Carol Golightly

Director 2012-14, Becky Newell

Director 2012-14, Nina Ribinski

Director 2012-14, Tom McCann

The slate was unanimously approved.

Since the Bylaws were amended to create a Governance Committee the necessity of voting for the Nominating Committee members was removed.

Retiring President, Lydia Galton, urged the membership to give their active support to the new board. Then Ms. Galton presented the Member of the Year Award to Marjorie Joder, who had served as LWVCC Treasurer for many years.

There being no further business the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters – Collier County General and Education Funds was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wolfe
Secretary Elect