

## MINUTES

League of Women Voters of Collier County

General Fund

May 4, 2011

U S Trust, 765 Seagate Drive

9:15 AM socialize & coffee; 9:30 AM Meeting convened

Board Members Present: Lydia Galton, Bernice Schmelz, Joyce Fletcher, Tom McCann,  
Paul Kardon, John Levy

Guest: Joyce Evans, Chair of Charter Government Committee

Board Members Excused: Donna Suddeth, Vi Steffan, Mollie Ottina, Linda Penniman

The meeting was called to order by Lydia Galton, President with a quorum of 6 Board members present at 9:30.

Consent agenda was approved, noting, financial report not available.

Joyce Evans gave the Charter Government Committee report and update on the two consensus meetings. It was approved unanimously after several questions by Bernice for clarification.

Conflict of Interest forms were signed and submitted to Lydia for posting.

Lydia stated she has accepted a nomination to a board position on Leadership Collier and no one could see a conflict of interest, rather that community involvement is positive to increase our visibility.

Informational Review of Board meetings and calendar for 2011-12

Holiday Party will be 12/12/11 and Mollie and Lydia will host, bring back details concerning catering, parking, and to recruit volunteers

Paul requested a discussion of the League's policy on lobbying and the League's nearly non-existent efforts on bills regarding women's reproductive rights. Both Joyce and Bernice commented it is not discussed in Florida Study and Action. Lydia pointed out that League has limited resources and priorities and that there are other groups for whom this is a priority. She stated she thought it was addressed in US Study and Action. Joyce and Bernice both identified that legislative priorities are approved at convention. Bernice questioned if we could have a local discussion, perhaps as a priority for social policy committee, or a Lively League. John stated the public has no idea what is in bills before the legislature and felt we should take a stronger role in educating. For this year we will attempt to do so post legislative session.

Committee volunteers needed and appointed:

2 Board Members for Nominating Committee: Paul Kardon, Joyce Fletcher

3 members for Finance Committee: Vi Steffan, John Levy, \_\_\_\_\_  
2 members for Audit Committee: Lydia to pursue from names suggested

Executive Committee will be Lydia Galton, Joyce Fletcher, Vi Steffan, Tom McCann and Donna Suddeth

Lydia announced that Florida state re-districting public meeting will be held in Naples 8/31/11 in the NDN Community Room, 11 Immokalee Rd. Naples. There is money if we want to publicize or provide coffee.

We also need to try to get schedule for local county redistricting public presentations as soon as they are available. Joyce to follow-up

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Joyce Fletcher  
Acting Secretary