

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – GENERAL FUND
FIFTH THIRD BANK BUILDING
October 5, 2009**

Present: Rose DiBiasi, Lydia Galton, Anne Lewallen,
Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz, Kathleen Slebodnik

Absent: Marilyn Bogen, Joyce Fletcher, Marjorie Joder, Pat Snyder,
Chris Straton

Guests: Sheilah Crowley, Bethann Kassman

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Sandy Parker. A quorum was deemed present for conducting business.

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended, and the following Consent Agenda items were moved, seconded and passed:

1. General Fund Minutes – April 6, 2009
2. Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2009
3. Establishment of PayPal accounts for LWVCC and posting of links to LWVCC website to facilitate payment of dues and contributions by credit card online only.
4. Application for LWVCC president or her delegate to appear before the SWFL Legislative Delegation on November 24, 2009 to present LWVF 2010 legislative priorities.
5. Spending up to \$75 to purchase pocket-sized copies of the U.S. Constitution at up to \$5 each to give as gifts to speakers.
6. Assignment of check signing authority for Sandy Parker, President; Lydia Galton, 1st Vice President; and Marjorie Joder, Treasurer, for the 2009-10 year and removing authority from all others.
7. Inclusion of a request in the membership renewal letter of those receiving their VOTER by mail for a voluntary contribution to help defray costs of printing and postage. The letter will be drafted by Pat Snyder and signed by Sandy Parker.
8. Discontinuation of the use of bolo name tags. Personalized tags will be offered for sale; Lydia Galton or her designee will handle orders.

9. Approval of a program on Hometown Democracy to be organized by Lydia Galton, Government Committee. LWVF has asked LLs to involve members in recommending a position to the state on this ballot initiative. Final position will be decided by LWVF.

The minutes of April 20, 2009 were approved as corrected.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. **Board Vacancy** – The office of 2nd Vice President will remain vacant for now. Volunteers are needed to fill critical positions: A VOTER Publisher, Website Manager and Publicity Chair are needed. Various contacts were suggested and will be made by next month. Ann Campbell has volunteered to do press releases on an interim basis.

Copy for the November VOTER is due October 18, and a one-time publisher will be needed for this month.

2. **League Leaders** – Sandy Parker expressed a desire to establish a way of identifying and developing future League leaders within our current membership. Lydia Galton volunteered to head a task force of approximately 5 members to develop such a plan. Committee chairs are encouraged to invite an active member to be their co-chair-in-training to succeed at a mutually-agreed time.
3. **CCPS Planning Team** – Sandy Parker has accepted an invitation by CCPS Superintendent Dennis Thompson to become a member of the 30-member Planning Team to oversee the development of the vision, beliefs and essential goals for the Collier County School District. She will participate as a member of the community, not as a representative of LWVCC.
4. **Healthy Teens Coalition** – LWVCC is a member of this coalition at the local level. We have been asked to join at the state level. A motion was made and seconded to add our local league to the list of other LLs who have joined. MOTION PASSED. Members may be asked to contact state legislators on behalf of the coalition.
5. Board members have accepted an invitation to meet with LWVUS Board Member **Diane Wheatley-Giliotti** when she visits Naples in November. A date has not been set.

6. **Auditor** – Vince DiBiasi has volunteered to review our financial records for the 2008-09 fiscal year. His report will be given at the Annual Meeting in April, 2010.
7. **Budget Committee** – A motion was made and seconded “to appoint a Budget Committee within the next month to develop an annual budget and perform periodic reviews of financial statements.” MOTION PASSED. A companion motion was made and seconded “that this committee be composed of the treasurer, 1st vice president and two non-board members.” MOTION PASSED. It was suggested that the committee meet in October to review activity since the start of the fiscal year and as needed to finalize the budget.
8. **By-Laws Committee** – Sandy Parker will appoint a committee to review our by-laws. It is standard League practice that by-laws be reviewed annually.
9. **Speakers’ Bureau** – Sandy Parker will contact former board members to see if a long-term contact person can be found who will coordinate requests for speakers.
10. **No-Shows for Luncheon Reservations** – The following policy was agreed upon: We will encourage cancellations stating that no-shows will be charged. We will not bill members, however, unless we are charged by the CAC or other provider. The Hospitality Chair will enforce the billing if the situation warrants such action.
11. **Evening Meetings** – It was agreed that LWVCC will not have regularly scheduled evening meetings, but meetings can be scheduled if members request them and offer to organize them. The evening program scheduled for Thursday, October 29, was suggested and developed by Susan Calkins in this manner.
12. **Guest Commentaries** – While the NDN has been very receptive of guest commentaries by the League, it was decided to leave the decision of whether or not to write one prior to a General Meeting to the individual organizing the program. Any commentaries, however, must be approved by the president prior to submittal.
13. **Community Foundation Grants** – Sandy Parker will find out how much more funding we can apply for from the Community Foundation in the current fiscal year and report back at the next Board meeting for consideration of an additional grant application.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Slebodnik
Secretary