

MINUTES

League of Women Voters of Collier County, Education Fund
October 6, 2011
U S Trust, 765 Seagate Drive

Board members Present: Lydia Galton, Tom McCann, Joyce Fletcher, Mollie Ottina,

Linda Penniman, Bernice Schmelz, Paul Kardon, Vi

Steffan

Board Members Excused: Donna Suddeth, John Levy

The meeting was called to order by President Lydia Galton with a quorum of 8 Board members present at 10:58 AM.

The Consent agenda was approved, with technical corrections to the minutes which were provided to the acting Secretary who will forward the revised minutes to Lydia for posting.

The Treasurer's report of October 5, 2011, was distributed and filed for audit. The current 5/3 checking account balance is \$14,579.03,

Campaign for Leadership meeting scheduled for November 4-5. LWVCC will require volunteers to work on those meeting dates. Joyce Fletcher will act as chair for scheduling volunteers.

Strategic Plan discussions will be covered during the October 20 Orientation Meeting.

Regarding General Meetings, the President urged members of the Board to attend as many of these meetings as possible and to bring friends. The President raised the question regarding the current format and purpose of the meetings. A discussion on changing the format to various new orders of the general meeting components resulted in the view that the current format meets the goals for those meetings. A discussion followed on how to get people engaged and involved. It was pointed out that this is a topic that needs more time than just a few minutes at the end of a Board meeting. Mollie Ottina recommended a Council of active members/former officers be created to provide recommendations to foster membership involvement. Linda Penniman indicated that the League needs to make it very clear to its membership that we are coalition building – we are not alone. With that message, more members may become involved. She also pointed out that the focus was more on SW Florida at the Education Summit she attended. Lydia confirmed that focus. A forum dedicated to membership involvement was also suggested. The decision was made to have membership engagement/involvement as the first item of business

to allow for adequate brainstorming/discussion and Paul Kardon agreed to draft the question for the November Board agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM

Vi Steffan
Acting Secretary