# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY ED FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING COLLIER ATHLETIC CLUB, NAPLES October 15, 2007

The regular October meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Collier County Ed Fund, held October 15, 2007, at The Collier Athletic Club, Naples, was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by President Chris Straton. <u>Present</u>: Jeannette Boucher, Rose DiBiasi, Joyce Evans, Lydia Galton, Marge Joder, Anne Lewallen, Nicole Ryan, Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz, Carole Soling, and Jen Walker.

Ms. Straton welcomed members to the new location and gave each board member a copy of the LWVUS publication 2006-8 Impact on Issues.

Upon motion made by Sandy Parker, seconded and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes of the Board Meeting held April 16, 2007, was approved as amended, with the Media Contest moved to the Old Business agenda.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

The Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$7,481.35 as of September 30, 2007, was ordered filed. To help raise additional funds, Ms. Parker recommended that the League suggest to members that they might like to make holiday gifts to the League.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **High School Media Contest**

Members expressed their pleasure with the flyer that has been created and suggested that the Community Foundation be acknowledged for providing funding for the project.. Ms. Straton appointed an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Ms. Galton, Ms. Parker, Ms. Walker, Gail DeMaggio, Estelle Rauch and herself to handle the details of this contest.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **General Meetings**

Ms. Straton reported on State League's recommendation that local Leagues might generate more members by having a greater "sizzle" factor, perhaps best achieved by selecting controversial community issues as subjects at their meetings. Our November and December meetings were then discussed, with the decision made to do program planning for the rest of the year at the November Board Meeting.

Upon motion made by Ms. Parker, seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed that League will absorb the lunch fees for speakers.

The **November Meeting** will be on property tax reform. Senator Saunders, a Collier County Commissioner (Commissioner Coyle was a suggestion) and Property Appraiser Wilkinson will be invited.

For the **December Meeting**, The subject will be District priorities. Rep. Garrett Richter will be invited to join the winner of the Special Election being held November 20 for House District 101 Representative.

### **Candidate Forum for District 101 Candidates**

Ms. Soling and Ms. Straton will co-chair this broadcast forum. Questions have already been sent to the candidates, and their answers will be published on our Web site, with dissemination of information sent by e-mail.

## **Grant Opportunity from Florida Women's Consortium**

Applications must be submitted by November 1, 2007. Since discussion of possible projects did not produce a consensus and time is of the essence, Ms. Straton was asked to coordinate further efforts and apply for a grant once a project is selected.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Straton at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette M. Boucher Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED 11.05.07