

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ROBB & STUCKY, NAPLES
November 6, 2006

The regular October meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Collier County, held November 6, 2006 at Robb & Stucky, Naples, was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by President Chris Straton. Present: Susan Bookbinder, Jeannette Boucher, Pat Doherty, Joyce Evans, Marjorie Joder, Nicole Ryan, Bernice Schmelz, Kathleen Slebodnik, Chris Straton, Jen Walker and Nancy Wolfe. Excused: Sandy Parker. Guest: Donna Gilroy.

SECRETARY

Upon a motion made by Ms. Evans and seconded, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held April 3, 2006, were approved as corrected.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Schmelz and seconded, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held October 9, 2006, were approved as corrected.

TREASURER

Treasurer Marge Joder presented her report showing a cash balance of \$4,415.43 as of October 31, 2006. The report will be filed for audit.

Regarding the make-up of the Audit Committee, Ms. Straton will ask Barbara Elliott to serve and will recruit two off-board members, if possible, to complete the committee. Joyce Evans indicated her willingness to serve if needed.

Ms. Joder passed out copies of a form that should be used to apply for payment or list in-kind donations. If possible, this form will be made available on the section of our Web site reserved for members.

Ms. Joder reported that League's money on deposit with the Post Office for bulk mailing will be refunded upon closing the account and completion of an application which she will file.

It was noted that State League's Capital Report will henceforth be provided electronically, thus eliminating an expense to both our League and individual members.

During Ms. Joder's absence from November 16 to December 8, President Straton will assume the duties of Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS

Roster

Membership Chair Joyce Evans announced that a current roster is available on our Website, where it will be updated monthly. **Ms. Evans then moved and it was seconded**

that LWVCC print one roster per year, available for pick-up at General Meetings beginning in January. The motion passed unanimously. The roster will not be mailed. Ms. Evans, Ms. Schmelz and Ms. Walker were asked to meet and decide on a roster format to recommend to the board at its December meeting. It was noted that the budgeted amount for a printed roster is \$150.

Strategic Planning

Donna Gilroy, strategic planning specialist, was then introduced and outlined her plan. She expects that the first part of the process, consisting of interviews with all concerned, will be completed by December 1, with a retreat agenda finalized by December 15. Retreat dates are January 25 (all day) and January 26 (morning only). In order to achieve as great a balance as possible of participants, the addition of approximately five people not currently serving as board members was discussed. Ms. Straton has a list of those who were suggested and will work with Ms. Parker to select additional participants. Ms. Straton will also provide pertinent vacation schedules of those involved to Ms. Gilroy so that the interview process can proceed expeditiously. Ms. Doherty, Ms. Slebodnik, and Ms. Wolfe were asked to submit their bios as soon as possible to Ms. Straton so they can be forwarded to Ms. Gilroy.

Non-member fees for attending meetings

Pursuant to the motion adopted at the October Board Meeting that stated the League will charge non-members \$5 more to attend either monthly General Meeting lunches or Hot Topics lunches except for a one time exemption, Ms. Evans moved and it was seconded that the one time exemption be for one General Meeting or Hot Topics lunch, not both. The motion carried unanimously. Signage will be provided explaining this procedure, and implementation will be on the honor system. **Ms. Boucher then moved and it was seconded that the meeting part of General Meetings be open to the public free of charge and advertised as such, with a contribution box displayed to encourage non-member donations. The motion carried unanimously.**

November and December Programs.

Plans for the League's November General Meeting featuring League's State President Dianne Wheatley-Giliotti as our speaker were reviewed. Lunch will start at 12:00, to be followed by a business meeting. The program will begin at 12:30.

Workforce Housing Committee Chair Kathleen Slebodnik described her committee's plans for the December General Meeting, which will include the showing of a film produced by the Florida Housing Coalition.

Evaluation of Welcome Back Luncheon

Generally it was felt that this opportunity for Leaguers and guests to both socialize and learn about the work of League's committees was successful. The event's upbeat tone was cited often, and everyone liked the Collier Athletic Club venue. The lack of more new members was cited as the one negative, and it was agreed that another year a term other than "Welcome Back" might be selected to make the event more appealing to newer members.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

The use of a Consent Agenda will be initiated at the December Board Meeting. Materials to be part of such an agenda will include the Minutes, the Treasurer's Report, and informational committee reports. Ms. Straton requests that material to be part of the Consent Agenda be e-mailed to her no later than November 29.

Resignation of Director Pierce

Upon motion made by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried, the resignation of Alda Pierce, who has moved out of the area, was accepted with sadness. Ms. Straton noted that since Ms. Pierce had chaired League's International Relations Committee, there is now an opportunity for another League member to revive this committee.

LWVF Matters

Ms. Straton announced that there will be a LWVF Board Meeting in Lee County on November 17 and 18 as well as a dinner on November 17 at 6:30 pm. at Arizona Pizza. Those interested in attending any meetings or the dinner were asked to e-mail Carol Barclay at carbar68juno.com for more information.

Reference was made to LWVF materials recently circulated to board members. One item is a request for nominees to the LWVF Board. Other items concerned program planning. Ms. Straton requested that all committee chairs review the proposed LWVF Program and prepare recommendations. A "Lively League" session will be held in January to review LWVF Program, with the goal of finalizing our League's input to the process at our February Board Meeting. It was noted that LWVF program planning will be valuable to our League's committees as they will soon thereafter be asked to develop local program recommendations. Ms. Straton mentioned the need for our League to compile the positions it has adopted since its founding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality. It was agreed that it will be assumed that board members will attend all General Meetings unless they indicate otherwise. Plans for League's Holiday Party, to be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the home of Hospitality Chair Nancy Wolfe on December 6th were reviewed. Those attending will be asked to bring beverages of their choice, an hors d'oeuvre, and \$10 per person. Ms. Boucher and Ms. Bookbinder will assist. Ms. Wolfe volunteered to provide punch.

Ms. Wolfe volunteered to telephone our newest members with a reminder prior to each General Meeting.

Workforce Housing. Committee Chair Kathleen Slobodnik presented proposed consensus questions on behalf of the Workforce Housing Study Committee. Following discussion and the suggestion that questions 3 (which was slightly modified) and 4 be reversed in order, **Ms. Walker moved and it was seconded that the consensus questions as modified be approved, with Ms. Slobodnik and her committee given the latitude to make further revisions. The motion passed unanimously.** A Fact Sheet will

accompany the questions. During January, arrangements will be made for members to have two opportunities for discussion and consensus taking, perhaps one at a Hot Topics lunch and one at a breakfast.

Natural Resources. Chair Nicole Ryan described plans for her forthcoming Natural Resources Committee meeting and was asked to provide a program recommendation for a forthcoming General Meeting.

Membership. The report by Joyce Evans, chair, showed an increase of 23 new members since League's Annual Meeting in April. A spreadsheet reflecting new member committee interests was circulated, and it was suggested that committee chairs might wish to contact those who have expressed an interest in their area.

VOTER/Website. In Ms. Parker's report, she requested that due to travel articles focusing largely on upcoming events be sent to her by November 11 for inclusion in the December VOTER. She also asked to be advised of any December calendar changes at that time.

Other committees. The following committees had no special reports other than noting meetings they have scheduled: Government, Justice, Natural Resources, Publicity, and Social Policy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Straton at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette M. Boucher
Secretary

APPROVED AS CORRECTED 12.04.06