

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ROBB & STUCKY, NAPLES
December 4, 2006**

The regular December meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Collier County, held December 4, 2006 at Robb & Stucky, Naples, was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by President Chris Straton. Present: Jeannette Boucher, Pat Doherty, Joyce Evans, Sandy Parker, Nicole Ryan, Bernice Schmelz, Kathleen Slebodnik, Chris Straton, Jen Walker and Nancy Wolfe. Excused: Susan Bookbinder; Marjorie Joder. Off-Board: Ann Campbell, Bonnie Michaels.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following were part of the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the November 6, 2006, Board Meeting and all committee reports.

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda, with discussion or changes as follows:

- Correction to Minutes. This correction consisted of inserting the word “motion” after the word “Upon” under ”Resignation of Director Pierce.”
- Wish List to Jeff Lytle. Ms. Parker wished it noted that, subsequent to this list having been sent, she furnished League’s contact information.
- Publicity Committee Report: Ms. Walker noted that the date of the General Meeting in her report should have been Dec. 18, 2006, rather than December 11.
- Membership Committee Report: It was requested that subsequent reports include both the total number of members and new members. Ms. Evans announced that the total current membership is 178.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Parker and seconded by Ms. Walker, the Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

TREASURER’S REPORT

In the absence Ms. Joder, Ms. Straton presented an interim Treasurer’s Report, which showed a cash balance of \$7,632.47 as of November 13, 2006. The report will be filed for audit.

Ms. Straton announced that the composition of the Audit Committee has not yet been determined.

OLD BUSINESS

Roster Recommendations.

It was moved by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried **that the 2007 Roster be distributed at General Meetings, with those rosters not claimed mailed after the February General Meeting.**

Regarding the content of the 2007 Roster, it was requested that the respective League (rather than personal) e-mail addresses be provided on the page listing members of the board. A correction was made to Point No. 8 of the recommendations so that the beginning will now read, "Paragraph that states the general meeting is usually held the 3rd Monday of the month October through April . . ." Other than these changes, the roster recommendations presented by Ms. Evans were approved.

Holiday Party.

Ms. Wolfe announced she has 17 reservations.

December 18 General Meeting and Housing Consensus Meetings.

Ms. Slebodnik reviewed plans for these meetings, noting that there will be three consensus opportunities in January as follows: Monday, January 8, 10:00, Fifth Third Bank on Goodlette; Friday, January 12, Noon Luncheon at Collier Athletic Club; and Lively League Issues 10:30-12:00 prior to the General Meeting on January 15 at The Norris Center. She noted that consensus questions will be in the January VOTER and that background information will be available separately on the Website and will be mailed to those who request it. If Ms. Slebodnik is unable to attend any of these meetings, Ms. Campbell will serve as chairman in her stead.

Tribute will be paid to former League President Dorothy Fitch at the December General Meeting, at which time members will be given the opportunity to make a memorial gift to the Ed Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Director Bookbinder

Upon motion made by Ms. Straton, seconded and unanimously carried, the resignation of Susan Bookbinder, was accepted with regret. Ms. Straton will send a letter to Ms. Bookbinder thanking her for her outstanding service.

Future Involvement of Kathy Ryan

Kathy has indicated that her future active involvement in matters concerning education will be limited. An Education Chair is still being sought.

Publicity

Ms. Walker volunteered to handle publicity for committees requesting it. She will need at least 2 weeks notice and will be selective in choosing appropriate media. For a committee meeting to be publicized, it must be open to the public.

Ms. Wolfe suggested that League send a letter for the Letters to the Editor section of the Naples Daily News pointing out that while many groups charge for their speakers, our programs are open to the public at no charge. She was then asked to draft such a letter.

Collier County Non-Discrimination Coalition

Ms. Slebodnik represents the League and serves on the coalition's board. Discussion ensued concerning what League's role should be with regard to supporting coalitions in

which League participates. To provide clarification, Ms. Campbell was asked to prepare a proposed procedure relating to LWVCC participation in coalitions for future consideration of the Board.

Exploritech (our Website host and Web Master)

It was moved by Ms. Parker, seconded and unanimously carried that we include their company name on the Website, that we send a letter of thanks to them, signed by President Straton on behalf of the Board, for their consistently outstanding service and support in our first seven months of operation, and that we offer to serve as a reference at any time.

Letter to BCC regarding the Terafina PUD Extension

Upon motion made by Ms. Wolfe, seconded and unanimously carried, **the sending of the proposed letter to BCC on this subject that Ms. Ryan prepared was approved subject to the removal of the paragraph headed “Perceived Benefits of Cocohatchee Slough Projects Invalidated.”** It was the consensus that concentrating on the League’s view that the public hearing process is the key component of open and transparent government would be most effective and differentiate League’s position from concerns already being addressed by other groups.

League’s support of Juvenile Justice Council Request to Legislative Delegation

It was moved by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried **that LWVCC endorse the 2007 legislative proposals of the Collier County Juvenile Justice Council by letter to Judge Greider pending approval by the Justice Committee.**

The Board agreed on the following areas of focus for the ensuing General Meetings:

- January – Gordon River Greenway and US 41 Scenic Highway
- February – Shrinking Access to Health Care in Collier County
- March – Restoration of Rights
- April – Homeland Security in Collier County with focus on medical issues

Attendees at Hot Topics Lunches

It was moved by Ms. Parker, seconded and unanimously carried **that those wishing to attend the meeting only without lunch will be requested to donate \$2.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Straton at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette M. Boucher
Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED 1.08.07