

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – GENERAL FUND
COLLIER ATHLETIC CLUB
December 7, 2009**

Present: Marilyn Bogen, Rose DiBiasi, Joyce Fletcher, Lydia Galton,
Marjorie Joder, Anne Lewallen, Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz,
Kathleen Slebodnik, Chris Straton

Absent: Pat Snyder

Guests: Jeannette Boucher, Ann Campbell (off-board chair), Ellen Taylor

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

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

1. Financial Statements for November, 2009.
2. President's Report and Committee Reports for filing and posting on the website.
3. Approval of the appointment of Jen Walker to the Nominating Committee and her service as Chair.

The minutes of the Board Meeting of November 2 and the Special Board Meeting of November 9, 2009 were accepted as amended.

Unfinished Business

1. **Membership Recruitment** – L. Galton led a discussion on what members could do to bring new, engaged members into LWVCC. Suggestions included:
 - Asking members to contribute to a “Story Bank.”
 - Including names as much as possible in the VOTER.
 - Putting photos of new members with their biographies in the VOTER.
 - Contacting the Newcomers’ Club and asking to speak and distribute materials.
 - Sending out a survey after each General Meeting or at the end of the year asking members to evaluate our programs.
 - Asking Board members each month to report on what they did to recruit new members. This could be included in each committee report as well.

2. **Transportation Concurrency** - It was moved by K. Slobodnik and seconded by A. Lewallen to “remove from the table the motion made at November’s Board meeting not to participate in the transportation concurrence process.” Motion passed unanimously. Discussion of the original motion followed.

The Board was still not pleased with the information sent by LWVF and the deadline given for reaching a decision at the local level. L. Galton amended and A. Lewallen seconded the original motion to add “ and not bring the issue to our members. Further, it is left to the president to express our displeasure.” Motion passed unanimously.

L. Galton then moved the original motion with its amendment and A. Lewallen seconded. The motion as amended states “that LWVCC will not participate in the transportation concurrence process and will not bring the issue to our members. Further, it is left to the president to express our displeasure.” Motion passed unanimously.

3. **LWVUS Program Planning** – LWVUS is soliciting input on program planning from local leagues. There is also a 2-year study on the role of the federal government in education being proposed by LWV Palo Alto. C. Straton and A. Campbell have volunteered to lead a workshop in January to review LWVUS positions from Impact On Issues. The Education Committee will also look at the Palo Alto proposal.
4. **Financial Support of LWVCC by Board and Non-board Members** - Financial support by Board members to LWVCC is a necessity if we are to remain solvent. Our draft Board Member Job Description currently states that Board members “support the League with financial contributions that are meaningful to you.” Fund raising outside LWVCC is a concern as well.

The Board discussed the creation a Board-level Development portfolio for fund raising and the necessity of the Board supporting this individual. It was decided to send an annual appeal letter, possibly around Valentine’s Day, and to charge the incoming Board to engage in and support fund raising efforts. S. Parker and M. Joder will work on an annual appeal letter.

5. **By-laws Committee Report** – L. Galton led a discussion on possible revisions to our current By-laws. Suggestions made by the Board will be reviewed further by the committee and brought back to the Board. It was decided to have a Lively League in March to discuss By-law changes.

- 6. Holiday Party** – A. Lewallen, Hospitality Chair, reported on plans for our Holiday party. She requested that we approve spending funds for music. It was moved by L.Galton, seconded by M. Joder, “ that the Board approve spending \$200 for music for the Holiday Party.” Motion passed unanimously. The money will be taken from the contingency fund. We will use the regular buffet at the CAC, and a blast email will be sent reminding members to send in their reservations.
- 7. Review of Job Descriptions** – Board members have been reviewing and revising job descriptions. These drafts have been sent to Board members for their input. Board members were asked to send any comments to the person writing the job description before final approval at the January Board Meeting. They should review roles and responsibilities. Procedures will be reviewed by the Policies and Procedures Committee.

New Business: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Slebodnik
Secretary