

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – GENERAL FUND MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2012**

Those in attendance: Vi Steffan, John Levy, Carol Golightly, Tom McCann, Lydia Galton, Joyce Fletcher, Nina Ribinski, Becky Newell, Molly Ottina and Linda Penniman. Guests: Susan Calkins and Ann Campbell.

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:30 by President, Vi Steffan.

Vi welcome Committee Chairs Susan Calkins and Ann Campbell.

The consent agenda was approved with one correction: Joyce Fletcher announced that there was a change in her report, her committee had made three presentations, with four pending.

There was discussion about dues and when they are paid. It was agreed that anyone who paid for membership after April 1 would receive the benefit of membership through the next calendar year. Tom McCann moved and John Levy seconded that we approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed.

Vi Steffan nominated Charlotte Nycklemoe as Justice Committee Chair. Tom McCann moved and Lydia Galton seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Vi requested volunteers for members for the Audit Committee. It was agreed that John Levy would serve and Vi would contact Laurie Phillips to determine if she would agree to also serve on the audit committee.

Joyce Fletcher announced that the Holiday Party will be on December 12, 2012 at Windstar Country Club from 5-7:00 p.m. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres. Price \$30.00 per person. The \$30.00 includes one drink per person. Volunteers were requested to assist at the event. Molly Ottina and Carol Golightly agreed to help with the party.

A brief discussion regarding our coalition renewals. The only one that appears to continue to be viable is the Collier County Juvenile Justice Committee. Vi Steffan will clarify the list of coalition(s) for the records.

Ann Campbell opened the discussion with regard to LWVCC becoming a part of the the Collier County Leadership Coalition on Aging. Anne will file the application and will be the LWVCC representative for that coalition, if LWVCC is accepted. Molly Ottina moved that we become a member of the Collier County Leadership Coalition on Aging and John Levy seconded.

Motion passed.

Vi request the Board members to assist in the continued search for a Government Committee chairperson.

Vi is also looking for a PR person. This would be someone who has had PR experience and can provide oversight for the Voter and the website.

Vi announced that National has raised the dues by \$1.00 for each member. After discussion, it was decided the League would not raise the members portion of the dues this year, but rather absorb the \$1 increase per member from its dues portion. Since National has also indicated it will raise the fee in by \$1 in the 2013-14 year, the Board will reconsider how to accommodate that increase at a future Board meeting.

Nina Ribinski moved that LWVCC absorb \$157.00 which equates to \$1.00 for each of our members for this year. Mollie Ottina seconded.

Motion passed.

The logo on our letterhead is not in compliance. National has granted LWVCC until January 2013 to bring the logo in compliance with National set standards. Lydia Galton will make the necessary changes to bring us into compliance.

After some discussion it was agreed that committee chairs would host tables at our luncheons perhaps once or twice during the year.

Vi announced that our projector works fine and that she would ask Gina Downs to bring her screen when we need it.

Vi shared that after polling the Board members, the following were listed as Legislative Priorities, which were forwarded to the LWVF on September 30, 2012, per the State's request:

Justice in Florida

Finance

Taxation and Ethics

Education

Lydia announced that the League has the opportunity to join the Collier County Alliance in a closed door meeting with Senator Richter on November 1, 2012, at 3:00p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Several members agreed to go.

Vi asked us to assess what topics we should take to the Legislative Delegation on November 14. After much discussion, it was agreed that we would send our representative and that she will speak regarding funding early childhood education.

Vi announced that Execution Committee and Board acted on three electronic votes over the summer and requested the results be recorded in the minutes. The actions were:

1. Executive Committee: Approved three signatories for the FifthThird checking accounts: Vi Steffan, President; Carol Golightly, Treasurer; and Joyce Fletcher, Director.

2. The board approved the consensus materials regarding the issue on the ballot for the election on November 6, having to do with a tax neutral referendum which moves .25 mil from capital to operations for the Collier County School District.
3. A meeting was held and consensus was reached by those in attendance that the LWV of Collier County should support the referendum. The board approved the endorsement of the LWVCC of the above-referenced Referendum.

Thanks was extended to Lydia, Joyce Fletcher, Kathleen Slebodnik and for their “above-and-beyond” effort on these public forums, as well as their efforts on voter registration and Speaker Bureau presentations.

There being no further business, John Levy moved and Lydia Galton seconded a motion to adjourn.