

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—GENERAL FUND MINUTES
November 28, 2012**

Attending: Vi Steffan, Charlotte Nycklemoe, Joyce Fletcher, Pat Frerick, John Levy, Mollie Ottina, Carol Golightly, Becky Newell, Paul Kardon, Lydia Galton, and Nancy Wolfe.

Excused: Tom McMann Guest: Shelley Perry

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Vi Steffan. She announced that she will communicate via Internet using PDF since all board members are able receive it.

The Consent Agenda: J. Levy moved adoption of the agenda. M. Ottino seconded. It was accepted.

Coalition Review: The Juvenile Assessment Center Advisory Council is apparently inactive, so it will be removed from our list of coalitions in which LWVCC participates. Also there is no information about current activities of Restoration of Rights Committee. Chris Straton who was the liaison will be contacted to learn if the committee is still active. Anne Allen has been the liaison to the Collier County Coalition Against Human Trafficking and advised Charlotte Nycklemoe, Chairman of the Justice Committee, that it has been inactive recently. Charlotte will follow-up with Anne. Ann Campbell has submitted an application on behalf of LWVCC to join the Coalition for the Aging and we await approval from the Coalition. The Board will confirm the 2012-13 Coalition organizations at the next board meeting.

Legislative Delegation Meeting: Vi Steffan and Joyce Fletcher, and attended. Vi spoke in support of the LWVF's position on early childhood education. There were two state legislators present: Matt Hudson and Kathleen Passidomo. Ms. Passidomo voiced her support for early childhood initiatives. Hudson was silent.

Lunch with Leaders: Mollie Ottina listed the following individuals as luncheon possibilities: Jennifer Edwards, Supervisor of Elections; Kamela Patton, CCPS Superintendent; and Judge Brody. (Brody will be asked to address changes in the courts.) Other possibilities – Casey Wolfe, immigration attorney; someone who could address the new initiative, SW Florida Business Coalition; Dr. Koffer, head of the CC Health Department; Sheriff Kevin Rambock; and Tim Nance and Georgia Heller, CC Commissioners.

Web Site Redesign: Shelley Perry addressed the benefits of redesigning and updating our web site to make it more user-friendly and attractive by the adoption of the program "WordPress". She expressed satisfaction with Exploritech, the firm that currently works not only for us but for another organization in which Perry is involved. LWVCC has \$2,000 budgeted for redesign, but there is some flexibility. The website redesign committee will consist of Vi Steffan, Joyce Fletcher, and Shelley Perry.

Update on Board Retreat: The Board Retreat will be held on January 9 at 9:30 in the community room at the Community Foundation Building at 2400 Tamiami Trail. Lunch will be served.

Mary Ellen Barrett will speak about board responsibilities. Interaction with LWVF and LWVUS will be discussed.

Report on the Governance Committee: Tom McCann, Bernice Schmelz, and Becky Newell were appointed to the Governance Committee. The Board positions of Government and Education Chairpersons still need to be filled.

LWVCC Logo Non-Compliance: LWVUS directs that all logos must be in compliance. A small trademark sign needs to be relocated on the LWVCC logo. Lydia Galton will make that change.

Government Committee: A chairperson is still needed. Mike Reagen of the Chamber of Commerce was suggested as a March speaker. Reagen's talk of several years ago "Naples is a Place, not a Community" could lead into a talk on "How Things Have Changed."

Other Business: At the last General Meeting an announcement was made and a petition passed around the room regarding an issue on which the LWVCC had not studied nor taken a position. The Board clarified policy for the future. Petitions passed and announcements made must refer only to local issues LWVCC has studied and decided to support. The President should be informed ahead of time. The LWVF generally opposes efforts to support amendments to the Constitution feeling that most such laws should be initiated in the Legislature where they can be fully researched and discussed. A speaker may discuss his point of view and distribute handouts, but the point must be made that LWVCC views this as providing information and not as an endorsement.

The autonomy of the President to make decisions will be discussed at the Board Retreat.

Vi Steffan will write a letter to the editor of the Daily News commending Jennifer Edwards and her department for the fine job they did in the recent election.

Lydia Galton will cover any necessary announcements to go into the Voter and other details that might need attention while Vi Steffan is out of town from December 15-22.

Adjournment: John Levy moved and Mollie Ottina seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15.

Submitted by Nancy Wolfe, Secretary