

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, Education Fund**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – January 4, 2017**  
Iberia Bank, 2150 Goodlette Frank Road, Naples, Florida

Attending: Robin Birnhak, Joyce Fletcher, Patricia Forkan, Ray Kalich, Paul Kardon, Robin Larkin, Becky Newell, Charlotte Nycklemoe, Vi Steffan.

Excused: John Levy and Ann Campbell

Guests: Jan Eustis, Pat Howard, Gayle Stroup

The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Nycklemoe at 11:20 am. A quorum was declared.

Changes/additions to the agenda: Patti Forkan requested time to provide info on the Solar Forum. Agenda. Joyce requested two topics be added: Voter Service and our December Holiday Party.

A motion was made and passed to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Unfinished Business**

**Annual Appeal Letter/Donations.** Ray reported that we have received 23 donations, totaling just under \$3000. If we include donations made just prior to the letter, we've received just under \$3700. Ray recommends that we repeat developing and sending this Annual Appeal letter in 2017 but to begin the process earlier to have it in the mail earlier than mid-December. He also acknowledged that Adopt a Precinct was also very successful this year.

Ray described the process the Treasurer must go through to edit/input information on multiple databases, using different software and three laptops. The LWVCC laptop is very old, slow and only uses one program that is different than what Ray uses.

Motion: We authorize Ray Kalich to purchase a new laptop for LWVCC with the appropriate software to perform the activities of the Treasurer's role. Motion was seconded and passed.

**New Business**

**Solar Forum.** Patti Forkan gave information on upcoming event: *Sun Power: What's Next for Solar in Florida*, to be held on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30pm, at Naples Botanical Garden - Kapnick Center Auditorium. The LWVCC Environmental Affairs Committee will present a panel discussion moderated by Neville Williams, journalist and author of the books *Chasing the Sun* and *Sun Power*. Panelists include Mary Dipboye, founder of Florida's first solar co-op and a FLSUN advisory board member, and James Henderson, President and owner of William C. Huff Companies, a solar-powered business facility. Becky said she has posted this information on the LWVCC website.

**Holiday Party, December 12, 2016.** Joyce wanted to express the opinions from some folks who attended the party and are not at this meeting---the party was more of a Christmas Party and not Holiday Party. She reminded us that we should be mindful of our diverse membership. Joyce and Robin L. commented that the party was great fun.

**Voter Service Chair Position(s).** Joyce informed us that many Leagues have two people performing the Voter Service activities: A Voter Registration person and a Voter Service person. Joyce has always done Voter Service, not Voter Registration and supports the two-person notion.

Joyce will not continue in the Voter Service role when her term is up. She has performed in this role for over ten years. The Board acknowledged her dedication and excellent work. She is highly respected not only by Leaguers but by the community leaders that she has worked with over these many years. Joyce is preparing a procedural notebook, detailing activities for the future Voter Service Chair. Nominating Committee is cognizant of the skills required to perform this job.

Action: Becky Newell will look at the make-up of the Nominating Committee and recommend necessary actions that must be taken based on the resignation of Michele Arnold and the appointment of Vi Steffan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Larkin, Secretary