

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, Education Fund

Board of Directors Meeting – March 22, 2017

Iberia Bank, 2150 Goodlette Frank Road, Naples, Florida

Attending: Robin Birnhak, Susan Calkins, Ann Campbell, Joyce Fletcher, Patricia Forkan, Pat Howard, Ray Kalich, Paul Kardon, Robin Larkin, John Levy, Becky Newell, Charlotte Nycklemoe.

Excused: Jan Eustis, Vi Steffan.

The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Nycklemoe at 10:55 am. A quorum was declared.

Joyce Fletcher requested we add a discussion on Know Your County Government to the agenda.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Open Primaries Consensus Meeting/Report. The meeting (March 2nd) was lively and well attended. There was disappointment expressed that the State chose not to include a discussion on Ghost Candidates. The Consensus Report did not require Board approval; Char sent it to LWVFL shortly after the meeting.

Action: Joyce Fletcher will draft wording on the elimination of ‘Ghost Candidates’ for Char to send to LWVFL and our State Lobbyist.

LWVUS Bylaw Change. Becky read the newly adopted LWVUS Bylaw amendment (adopted at National Convention June 2016). Article III Membership was the amended Bylaw.

NEW BUSINESS

Know Your County Government. Joyce Fletcher announced, with great disappointment, that Know Your County Government has been cancelled for this year. Due to changes in the County and School District staff, the planning process and roll out were significantly delayed; only 7 students applied. This would have been the 37th Year of KYCG. Joyce expressed her hope that the LWVCC would be a strong leader and take the initiative in reviving it for 2018.

Budget. Ray reviewed the proposed budget.

- Joyce made the observation that there would be no revenue (no election) from Adopt a Precinct in 2018.
- Also, there needs to be a dollar adjustment to reflect the grant from the Community Foundation for the Board Retreat and ongoing sessions conducted by Mary Ellen Barret.
- Discussion on the General Meeting lunch cost/expense. We discussed options for improving our financials and decided to leave the price as is for this Fall. Our General Meetings provide information to the public, outreach to the community, and an opportunity for members—new and long term—to meet.

ELECTRONIC BOARD APPROVAL:

Sandy Parker requested the LWVCC Education Fund Board approve two studies on our website done by LWVCC be submitted to the LWVEF Clearinghouse -- <https://sites.google.com/a/leagueofwomenvoters.org/clearinghouse/home/how-to-submit-a-study>. The two studies are:

- (1) Charter Government Study – Final Consensus Report (I also propose it be renamed “2007-2011 study on charter government in Collier County”)
- (2) Workforce Housing Study – 2006 study on workforce housing in Collier County

Additionally, Sandy Parker recommended the Board approve that the Immigration Study “*presentation by LWVCC member Stuart Warshauer related to the Collier County League’s participation in the National League Study of Immigration Reform*” be removed from the LWVCC website.

A motion was made and seconded that we take the action Sandy Parker recommended. On March 4, 2017, Charlotte announced that the above recommendations were electronically approved by the LWVCC Education Fund Board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Larkin, Secretary