

## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, General Fund**

**Board of Directors Meeting** – April 19, 2017, Iberia Bank, 2150 Goodlette Frank Road, Naples, FL

Attending: Heather Baker, Pam Brown, Ann Campbell, Joyce Fletcher, Patricia Forkan, Pat Howard, Ray Kalich, Paul Kardon, Robin Larkin, Becky Newell, Charlotte Nycklemoe, Vi Steffan, Gayle Stroup, Diana Walsh. Excused: Ron Ferguson

The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Nycklemoe at 9:27 am. Charlotte welcomed the new board members and reminded us that the LWVCC membership elected us and expects us to make attendance at all board meetings a priority over other meetings. Plus, Char stressed that it is our responsibility to read and become familiar with the LWVCC Bylaws and Policies.

Charlotte also acknowledged Ann Campbell and Joyce Fletcher for their valuable board work. Both Ann and Joyce will be going off-board (Ann continues as Chair, Social Policy Committee). Joyce Fletcher announced she has also retired from her position as Voter Service Chair. A quorum was declared. Topics to be added to the Agenda: Robin requested time for The Children's Movement; Ann requested we discuss speakers for the 2017-18 General Meetings; and Char/Becky will discuss Conflict of Interest forms for the Board members. Paul made a motion, Ann seconded it, that we approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Board of Directors Books.** Becky gave an overview of the Board Book for the new members. Ann requested a sub-committee be formed to review her draft of the Education Fund Bylaws. We discussed whether each board member should receive a printed copy of the book or just the electronic version that Becky will email. Decision was made that each member will receive the electronic version from Becky and make the choice as to print out a hard copy or not.

**Action:**

- The Governance Committee will review Ann's draft of the Ed Fund Bylaws for the Board Book.
- Becky will email Book to each Board Member and will follow up via email with any updates.

**Lobby Fund Donation.** We currently donate \$200 annually to this LWVFL fund. Ann Campbell made a motion that we increase our donation to \$400; Joyce seconded the motion. We discussed the important work being done at the State level and that with additional funds, they can produce and distribute more information. Heather questioned where the funds would be coming from. Ray explained the good health of our General Fund and that increasing this donation would not negatively impact our budget. After the discussion, the motion was voted on and was passed.

**Action:** Increase the budgeted Lobby Fund donation to \$400.

**Policy Amendment regarding funding for State and National participation.** Char would like to clarify reimbursements for members attending the June 2017 State Convention. The board decided to clarify reimbursement for the June 2017 Convention and table the policy amendment for a Fall Board meeting. Ray and Paul spoke to the need to cover expenses in order to have our future leaders attend. Additionally, the identified leaders/Convention attendees will be vetted by the Board and held accountable to report back on their learning experiences from State. The LWVCC is entitled to four voting delegates but additional people may attend. Ray made the motion: For the upcoming LWV Florida State Convention, the LWVCC will reimburse each of four participants: the Registration Fee (\$199), two nights in the hotel (\$159 +taxes per night), \$.53/mile for driving, and parking and toll expenses. Ann seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Action:** Table the Policy Amendment for the October 2017 Board Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Working Group Update:** Char passed out information on the activities of the group.

**Appointment of Executive Committee:** Char appointed: Co-Presidents (Char and Diana), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Vi Steffan), Treasurer (Ray Kalich), and Patti Forkan.

**Governance Committee:** Becky announced that Pat Howard will be the fifth member of the Governance/Nominating Committee.

**Board Orientation/ACTION:** Becky will develop a League 101 specifically for the board members and will send out a Doodle to determine best/soonest date for board member attendance.

**Community Foundation of Collier County:** Patti shared that the CFCC will not confirm any meeting space requests beyond July 2017 until after they confirm their own needs.

**The Children's Movement:** Robin said she is interested in taking the position of a regional contact person/chair for the organization, described the organization and the initiatives for those not familiar with it. Ann Campbell may attend an information-exchange dinner later in April.

**Governance Committee:** Becky distributed the LWVCC Conflict of Interest forms and requested all board members sign them and give them to Char.

### **General Meeting Speakers 2017-2018:**

October: Voter Service: Gayle, Char, Becky consult/prepare Constitutional Revision Cttee Report

November: Environmental Affairs Committee

December: Holiday Party

January: Government Committee

February: Social Policy

March: Education

April: Justice

Ray reported that luncheon expenses fell short (~\$1500 or approximately \$2/pp). He recommends we keep the lunch charge at \$25 pp. Char confirmed that the contract with Naples Hilton for next year had already been agreed upon for the \$25 price.

**Working Group:** Char said that the working group has tasked the board members to submit to Char 2-3 names of LWVCC members who are well-connected with other LWVCC members.

Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Paul seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Larkin, Secretary