

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

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

Excused: John Levy

Guests: Jan Eustis, Pat Howard, Gayle Stroup, Sally Woliver

The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Nycklemoe at 9:28 am. A quorum was declared.

Changes to the agenda: Charlotte requested we add the financial report to the Consent Agenda. Vi noted her last name misspelled; corrected to read Steffan.

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

Unfinished Business – none.

New Business

Board of Directors Books. Becky sent the Book electronically to all Board members and requested we read, make/note changes and ‘reply all’ when we return the amended book to Becky. Additionally, she offered hard copies will be made upon request. Becky alerted us to a change to Bylaws (Article III, made at National level) and that Michele Arnold has resigned from the LWVCC Board. Ray will update the activities of the Treasurer’s role and send to Becky to include.

Action: Becky will collect and make all corrections to main copy and make that final copy available electronically (and hard copy if requested) in time for the Board to review and approve at the March Board meeting in order present at the April Annual meeting.

Environmental Affairs Request. Sally Woliver updated the Board on the activities of the Environmental Committee, specifically their visible and dominant role in the community regarding Sea Level Rise (SLR). The Committee is requesting from the Board that they take a leadership role to inform the public and our membership on this important topic, create a position on SLR, and take action on that position.

Motion: We have a Lively League Issues Meeting on February 13, 2017, at 9:30 am, Naples Hilton Hotel, to determine the LWVCC’s position for local advocacy and leadership on Sea Level Rise in Collier County. Motion seconded and passed.

Community Foundation of Collier County Grant Request. A grant request for \$2500 was submitted for approval to CFCC to employ Susan Suarez for a Leadership Development Workshop for the LWVCC Board and Committee Chairs on February 23, 2017.

A discussion followed on whether the Board approved/supported this action (request for funds for Susan Suarez employment) at the October Board Meeting. The sentiment was that the Board did not support this grant request action.

Motion: We (Charlotte and Vi) will clarify the wording on the grant request submitted to CFCC, reinforcing our request for funds to develop a strategic plan but without naming/requesting a specific consultant. Motion seconded and passed. P. Forkan abstained.

Open Primary Consensus. We received a request from Michele Levy, Chair of the Open Primary Study, to get involved in the study by agreeing to watch their Webinar (available Jan 19) and agree to schedule a Consensus Meeting in February. The Open Primary Study committee is developing Consensus questions and will have them available as soon as possible. The Board was concerned about the tight timeline and the commitments for activities we already have on the calendar for February.

Action: Charlotte will contact Michele Levy and ask for exact timeline for consensus meetings. Char will email us and ask for feedback on whether we support moving forward on this.

March General Meeting. Char approached John Levy and Robin Birnhak to see if they would prepare and present a program on Collier County Education for the March meeting. Robin agreed.

LWVFL Leadership Workshop, Orlando, January 27-29, 2017. Char has invited several Leaguers to join she and Pam Brown to attend this workshop. When she has a final number of Leaguers that have committed to attend, she'll identify the participants and request funds from the Board to reimburse the participants for their attendance.

Financial Reports for Annual Meeting. Ray said he will pull budget committee together to prepare final budget report to present at Annual Meeting. The Audit committee will also be engaged to prepare for the Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Larkin, Secretary