

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, General Fund
Board of Directors Meeting – January 25, 2017
Iberia Bank, 2150 Goodlette Frank Road, Naples, Florida

Attending: Robin Birnhak, Susan Calkins, Jan Eustis, Joyce Fletcher, Patricia Forkan, Pat Howard, Ray Kalich, Paul Kardon, Robin Larkin, Becky Newell, Charlotte Nycklemoe.

Excused: Ann Campbell, John Levy, Vi Steffan

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

A motion was made and passed to approve the Consent Agenda. Charlotte announced that Gayle Stroup's Communication Report will be postponed to the February board meeting. A correction was made to the agenda under Unfinished Business: correct "Sue Cromwell" to "Cynthia Cromwell."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board of Directors Books. Becky reported that she has not received any corrections/suggestions from the board members other than Joyce Fletcher. Joyce made/sent significant corrections on the Voter Service section.

Action: Email (reply all) all corrections to Becky before February 15, 2017.

Environmental Affairs.

Susan Calkins read the motion (below) that was approved electronically by the Board of the LWVCC on January 16 – 17, 2017. MOTION: *The LWVCC recognizes the importance of assessing our county's vulnerability to sea level rise and evaluating strategies for adapting to sea level rise. As a recently released Kresge Foundation study Climate Adaptation, the State of Practice in U.S. Communities (November 2016) recommends, "Start Now...climate vulnerability already exists, and climate change is increasing these vulnerabilities. Waiting does not guarantee more or better information, but it does waste valuable time..." Therefore, we urge Collier County Board of Commissioners to begin a sea level rise study of vulnerability and adaptation this year, and we encourage our county community organizations and individuals to do likewise.*

She reported that the BCC will hear a motion to participate with the Harvard Study. Whether or not FGCU will receive a NOAA grant should be known in February 2017. Judy Hushon and Sally Woliver will continue to provide information to the BCC and other community organization representatives on the status of the Harvard Study and progress on the FGCU NOAA grant. Susan shared a PPT Presentation that Judy and Sally are using. The Board made some suggestions on changes to the deck.

Action: Motion: The Board recommends that we NOT have a Lively League Issues Meeting on February 13, 2017, at 9:30 am, Naples Hilton Hotel, until we have additional information on how best to proceed. Motion seconded and passed.

State Legislative Summit: March 28-30, 2017

Char lead the discussion to fund LWVCC representatives to attend this Summit. We acknowledged that this discussion belonged in the General Board meeting. The cost for the hotel is \$210/night. A discussion dealt with whether we fund a per diem expense, the registration fee, or both.

Electronic Action: MOTION: The Board will reimburse the Registration Fee for a minimum of five (5) LWVCC members to attend the Legislative Summit in Tallahassee on March 28-30, 2017. All funds for this will come from the General Fund. This motion was made, seconded and passed electronically/via email January 30-31, 2017.

Additional Action: Jan Eustis will develop an amended version of the Board Policy on funding for members to attend local, State, and National meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Foundation of Collier County Grant Request. A grant request for \$2500 was approved by the CFCC to employ Mary Ellen Barrett for a Leadership Development Workshop for the LWVCC Board and Committee Chairs on February 23, 2017. Char asked that Diana Walsh and Cynthia Cromwell be included and the Board approved their inclusion.

Action: The retreat will be from 9 to noon with lunch to follow on February 23, 2017, at the CFCC.

Membership Renewals. Jan Eustis announced that we have 165 Active Members. The Membership Committee has eliminated those who did not renew during 2016 (membership expired 12/31/15). A list of members who have not yet renewed their membership that expired 12/31/16 was created. Jan passed the list around to the Board for Board members to sign up to contact the not-yet-renewed members. Jan questioned whether we should maintain the not-renewed members (by 3/1/17) on the Contact Contact mailing list.

Ray commented that Constant Contact membership renewal for LWVCC is ~\$500 and suggested we investigate all benefits offered by Constant Contact in order to get the most from the service.

Action: After discussion, it was decided that members who do not renew will be designated as INACTIVE in Formidable. Ray suggested that a meeting be organized for Pat Walsh, Gayle Stoup, Jan Eustis, Ray Kalich, Robin Larkin to discuss our communications software and actions/activities. Jan Eustis will take this on.

League 101

Robin Larkin and Jan reported that there was a good meeting held at CFCC on January 19, with 18 people in attendance—a combination of longer-term members, new members, and not-yet members. The CFCC was a good venue. Ann Campbell and Robin L. were the presenters.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Larkin, Secretary