

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, General Fund
Board of Directors Meeting – November 16, 2016**
Iberia Bank, 2150 Goodlette Frank Road, Naples, Florida

Attending: Robin Birnhak, Susan Calkins, Joyce Fletcher, Patricia Forkan, Ray Kalich, Paul Kardon, Robin Larkin, Charlotte Nycklemoe.

Excused: John Levy, Becky Newell, and Vi Steffan.

Guests: Sandy Parker and Mary Bollinger

The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Nycklemoe at 9:35 am. A quorum was declared.

Requests for changes to the agenda: Charlotte will discuss date for LWVCC Board Retreat; Ann Campbell wants to discuss the importance of early committee appointments/meetings to prepare for the Annual Meeting; Robin Birnhak wants to discuss the need for an Education Committee. Patti requested time to comment on Amendment 1.

Robin Larkin read two amended changes to the October 26, 2016, General Fund minutes.

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

Unfinished Business

ACLU Public Forum (attached with Nov Board Packet): We discussed at what ‘level of involvement’ our participation should be, if any, and that when we participate with other organizations, we should be involved with the program conception/organization from beginning. There was strong consensus that Juvenile Justice is important to the LWVCC. A motion was made, passed, that we do not participate with the ACLU on this forum.

Change day/time for LWVCC Board Meetings. We discussed whether changing our meeting time to a late-afternoon (4:30/5:00) meeting is convenient for the current board members. There was mixed sentiments.

Action: Table discussion until Board Retreat in February 2016.

Strategic Planning Discussion. Char and Ray met with Mary Bollinger to review Susan Suarez’s proposal from last month. Mary will focus on member engagement and retention. She will work with Ray and Jan Eustis to collect information on members who have joined since January 2016 (i.e. who has attended general meetings, new member coffees, committee meetings, etc.) and have it to the Board by February 15, 2016, for review prior to the Board Retreat.

New Business

Lunch with Leaders. We discussed whether committee chairs should continue to take lead on this or if we should discontinue organizing these. Concerns are very few attend and most are board members. Sandy said the Government Committee is thinking about Coffee with Constituents. Patti Forkan met and will extend an invitation to Bob Rommel (State Rep/District 106)—when will he be in Naples and would he consider participating in a Lunch with Leaders (or coffee).

Sandy extended invitation to Board members to attend the Government committee meeting at 10:30 on November 21 to hear Liza McClenaghan and on December 19 to hear Bill McDaniel (County Commissioner/District 5). Crystal Kinzel has offered training on how to access information from Collier County records:

November 30: 1:00 – 2:30;

December 2 at 10:30 – 12:00 noon and

December 2 from 2:30 – 4:00

Annual Meeting. Ann Campbell wanted to ensure that the nominating, budget, and bylaws committees are formed and will be functioning in time to provide reports to the board by March date. Ann could not locate Bylaws for the Education Fund.

Action: Char will contact Becky Newell. Becky will address at the December meeting.

Education Committee. Robin Birnhak expressed concern over no one stepping forward in leadership role to lead the important Education committee and without that person, there will not be an Education Committee. The discussion was how to better inform, generate interest and engage members on all of the important committee needs and activities. Susan suggested better use of the General Meeting—open the meeting with the committee chair reports. Ann suggested providing more detailed information in the Voter each month. Sandy said that Pat Howard was contacting members from new member coffee.

Action: Robin L will first check with Jan Eustis and Pat Howard (have they made contact already) and if not, Robin will reach out to the new members from the last coffee—see what interest levels they have and in what areas.

Amendment 1. Patti brought a publication from the Floridians for Solar Choice Coalition that mentioned the LWV as “Rock Stars” with their effort to Vote No in November on Amendment 1.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Larkin, Secretary