

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, GENERAL FUND
US TRUST BANK, 765 SEAGATE, NAPLES, FLORIDA
9:30 AM, April 25, 2013**

Attending: Joyce Fletcher, Carol Golightly, Lydia Galton, John Levy, Tom McCann, Becky Newell, Charlotte Nycklemoe, Vi Steffan, and Nancy Wolfe. Off Board, Tina Palmese and Gina Downs.

A quorum being declared, the meeting was called to order by Pres. Vi Steffan.

Consent Agenda: The minutes were removed from the agenda for corrections. Corrected minutes will be sent to board members. Members are urged to read each month's board meeting minutes when they are received via e-mail shortly after the board meetings and to note corrections to the secretary at that time. The rest of the consent agenda noting financial reports, the president's report, and the electronic vote summary was accepted.

Committee Reports:

The Climate Change committee focused on water this year. In the coming year the focus will be on low impact development locally and elsewhere.

Social Policy Committee has focused on health care and social services. Their last meeting featured representatives from the Sheriff's Department talking about the problems of "spice", "bath salts" and other substances that youth are abusing. There will be a May meeting.

Capitol Reports will continue until the end of the Florida legislative session.

Know Your County Government, which is sponsored by the schools, F-H, and the LWVCC, had 28 participants this season. The library has asked for the accompanying publication to be available for the library web site and the PDF will be sent to the library. Parker will see if GNL would be interested in paying for publication of the booklet so it could be more widely distributed. The information would also be appropriate for the LWVCC web site.

Justice Committee's subcommittee has completed their report on "Girls In Conflict with the Law". Nycklemoe will produce a final corrected copy of the report. For the report itself to be made available to the public, perhaps on the web site, it was felt that board approval was appropriate. For the recommendations of the committee to be made public and in any way acted upon, a formal study process and a consensus of the members would be necessary. This would entail a decision by the board to move ahead, a presentation to the membership and a consensus meeting.

Discussion: For informal summer meetings, Newell will check on possible locations for three monthly meetings in May through August. Gina Downs will invite speakers. Galton introduced a revised Voter publication schedule. It will be released in the middle of the month and require program plans to be submitted 60 days in advance to meet publication requirements and better inform the membership in advance of programs and meetings. Steffan noted that LWVCC at the State Convention received an award for the third best web site. (There are 30 in the state. The other awards went to much larger Leagues.) Legislator Richter met only very briefly with our delegates to the Leg. Seminar. Hudson spent a half hour explaining his positions. Conferring with legislators in their home offices seems to be a more likely to gain their time and attention. Nycklemoe commented that it might be productive if committee chairs or at least a member from each committee could attend state convention and legislative seminars.

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Updates: Lunch with Leaders will continue. Those wait-listed for a lunch will be offered a reservation at the following lunch. Should the board in the future limit the number of times one individual can attend? The reservation process for the room at the government center has been changed.

The meeting was briefly recessed at 10:55. It reconvened at 11:20. The gavel was passed to Becky Newell, the nominee for the incoming presidency.

Meeting Dates: Newell suggested that the general meetings be returned to the second Monday of the month since that date is available at our meeting site, the Hilton Hotel. The change was moved, seconded and unanimously adopted. The 2013-2014 dates will be Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9 (holiday party), Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, and April 14. The board meetings will be on the 4th Wed. of each month, Oct. 23, Dec. 4 (am exceptions), Jan. 22, Feb.26, Mar.26, and Apr.23.

Programs for 2013/2014: Government, Oct: Environment, Nov: Holiday Party, Dec.: Social Policy, Jan: Justice, Feb.: Education, Mar: Annual Meeting, April.

Committee Assignments:

Executive Committee: Steffan, Newell, Fletcher, Campbell, Galton

Governance/Nominating: Steffan, Chair: Galton, Lancaster, Nycklemoe, Forcan.

Finance: Golightly, Levy

Audit: Levy, Phillips

Board Retreat: Since most of the members have already served on the board, Steffan will plan the event and identify a topic of interest to continuing board members. One item that might be addressed is the LWVCC strategic plan that was adopted several years ago. The date will probably be Nov. 6.

Newell returned the gavel to Steffan who took the opportunity to thank the board for their service and especially thanked Lydia Galton and Joyce Fletcher for their help and guidance during her tenure.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Submitted by Nancy Wolfe, Secretary