

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

**Board of Directors Meeting -- January 27, 2016**

Iberia Bank, 2150 Goodlette Frank Road, Naples, Florida

Attending: Robin Birnhak, Susan Calkins, Ann Campbell, Jan Eustis, Joyce Fletcher, Patricia Forkan, Paul Kardon, Robin Larkin, Becky Newell, Charlotte Nycklemoe, Arlene Shapiro.

Not present: Crystal Kinzel, John Levy (excused), Shelley Perry.

Guests: Sandy Parker, Judy Burns.

The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Nycklemoe at 9:25 am. A quorum was declared. Sandy Parker requested an addition to the agenda: why members are not receiving the Voter and the Capitol Report. The Consent Agenda was approved.

### Unfinished Business

League 101: Becky Newell reported on her presentation of League 101 on January 26<sup>th</sup> to 10 new members. She thanked Sandy Parker for her PowerPoint presentation that Becky printed out and used for the discussion. It was a good meeting.

Social Networking Workshop: Becky will provide this workshop on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 11:00, in the dining room of the Hilton Hotel, just prior to the LWVCC Lunch and General Meeting.

Membership Brochure: Jan Eustis reported that after investigating printing options, she's suggesting 500 brochures. Becky Newell has upgraded the resolution of the LWVCC logo.

Action: Jan will have brochures printed.

Storage Unit: Becky Newell identified less expensive temp-controlled storage units for a lower monthly cost. For a 4'L x 4'W x 4'H space, the cost would be \$30-40/month versus the \$93 we currently pay (for a larger space). Becky suggested we scan existing documents to reduce the amount of storage space needed; a 4' x 4' x 4' will be sufficient space. Sandy Parker offered to donate her 'retired' scanner and suggested the LWVCC see if a High School student would volunteer to scan all documents. It was pointed out that the LWVCC must contact the School District to register and receive approval as a qualified non-profit organization for students to receive Volunteer Service Hours.

Action: Move to new storage unit before next board meeting February 24, 2016. Once moved, sort documents and identify what to shred and what to scan. Donate file cabinets. Charlotte will contact one of our new members to see if she will head up the high school/scanning project. Becky, Joyce Fletcher and Charlotte will work on the relocation process.

### New Business

C4QPE (Coalition for Quality Public Education): Robin Birnhak overviewed our previous board discussion (10/28/15) on this organization that was just getting organized at that time. Robin B said that the organization supports our LWV Education positions and focuses on issues important

to Collier County. C4QPE has asked that we work with them to send a letter to Collier County home owner associations for dissemination to their members. The letter would encourage voting in the School Board election--for voters to request Absentee Ballots if they are leaving for the season. Robin made a motion that the "LWVCC agree to work with C4QPE to send a letter to Home Owner Associations." The motion was seconded and did not pass.

Action: A committee (Robin B, Mary Lou Boll, Joyce Fletcher, Becky Newell) will create a list of questions for the School Board candidates to answer. The responses will be posted on our website and shared with other organizations.

Voter Service: Joyce Fletcher reported a well-attended successful Mayoral Candidate forum on Monday evening (1/25/16) and that tonight there is a City Council Candidate forum. There were very positive comments on the Mayoral forum—well organized, executed and if watching on television (Ch. 98), the LWVCC acknowledgement and logo was highly visible.

Money in Politics Consensus Report: Sandy and Robin reported that 25 LWVCC members participated in the consensus (the complete consensus report included in the board reports). The Board considered whether enough members participated in the meeting to have their consensus be submitted as consensus of our League. Ann Campbell pointed out that our Bylaws define a quorum at Membership meetings and the Annual Meeting to be simply those in attendance. Sandy Parker pointed out that the fact that we did not reach consensus on many of the questions illustrated the diversity of opinion of the group. After discussion, the board approved the consensus report for submission to National.

Action: Robin L and Sandy will submit the Consensus Report to LWVUS.

Concurrence process: Charlotte asked for board input and guidance on how to best address the Concurrence requests from different Leagues (Colorado's request for concurrence with their Behavioral Health position, email from Charlotte 1/24/16) leading up to the National convention in June 2016.

Action: Ann Campbell will research the Concurrence process and report at the February board meeting.

Voter and Capitol Report: Sandy reported that a number of members of her Government Committee (both new and long-term members) have not been receiving these electronic mailings.

Action: Jan Eustis will contact LWVFL to verify members and email lists.

Lunch with Leaders:

February: Sgt. Tom Wedlock, Collier County Sheriff's Office

March 11: Kamela Patton, Superintendent, Collier County Schools

April 15: Stephanie Vick, Administrator, Florida Department of Health in Collier County

Meeting adjourned 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Larkin, Secretary