

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—GENERAL FUND  
US TRUST BANK,  
765 SEAGATE, NAPLES, FLORIDA  
9:30 AM, FEBRUARY 27, 2013

Attending: Carol Golightly, Joyce Fletcher, Paul Kardon, John Levy, Tom McCann, Becky Newell, Charlotte Nyclemoe, Mollie Ottina, Vi Steffan, and Nancy Wolfe.

Excused: Lydia Galton.

Guests: Mary Lou Boll, Gina Downs, Sandy Parker, and Shelley Perry.

Preceding the Business Meeting: President Steffan welcomed guests and then introduced David Nevins, the local representative for the recently organized national group No Labels. He was invited to speak to the LWVCC board at the request of LWVUS. No Labels seeks to build a Congressional coalition dedicated to cooperation across party lines. They are organizing a group of legislators under the banner of “Across the Aisle” and requested that LWVCC assistance by urging their Congressmen to participate. Mr. Nevins indicates that at this time, his organization is determining how to proceed. It was suggested that he contact Congressman M. Diaz Balart. After the presentation, Vi stated she would verify with LWV as to the basis for LWVUS support of the newly formed organization.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 by Pres. Steffan. A quorum was declared.

The Consent Agenda: An audit report was added to the agenda. John Levy and Laurie Phillips expressed their opinion that their audit confirmed a clean report. The consent agenda was adopted.

Discussion: Although Gina Downs does not wish to serve on the board, she expressed a willingness to help with publicity.

The Non-Partisan Policy was discussed. All board members have submitted their individual Conflict of Interest signed agreement to abide by the present policy. Sandy Parker, a guest at the meeting and former board member, spoke to the board about Organizing for Action, a non-partisan, nonprofit action group formed recently. Its initials repeat those of the political group Organizing for America that supported a candidate in the recent presidential election. The board felt that the perception would be that LWVCC was vacating its non-partisan role if it became identified with OFA if a member or members of the LWVCC board also serve in position of leadership within such organizations and cautioned accordingly.

LWV notified the League chapters that it has elected not to participate in another political action group seeking election reform, Awake the States, “...because we are concerned that they will be perceived in a partisan manner.” However, LWV indicated that members in local leagues could participate as individuals, but requested that they not wear an LWV buttons or speak on behalf of the League. LWV does support election reform.

Kathleen Slebodnik has brought the attention of the board to the Everglades Coalition conference. She asked if the LWVCC would care to send a representative. The fee is \$250. The board will consider that option.

Annual Reports: Reports and programs for 2013-2014 are due from committee chairs. The reports must be included in the Annual Meeting materials and will be considered and voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

Updates:

Joyce Fletcher will be leading Capitol Reports at the Orange Blossom Government Center starting on March 4 from 10:30 to 11:30.

Shelly Perry continues to work with the committee on the web site update.

It was been brought to the attention of the board that Facebook and Twitter are widely used media and LWVCC should include those media in future plans. Becky Newell will begin a search for a candidate who would be able to do daily updates on the LWVCC Facebook site.

Coalitions: Charlotte Nyclemoe reported that PACE was not a coalition partner. She was asked to determine if PACE has a contractual documentation for potential coalition partners. She will investigate.

Lunch With Leaders: The program has been very successful. The participation is limited by the size of the meeting rooms, which are held at on-site locations where the "leaders" work. This led to discussion about the possibility of scheduling a few more lunches since attendance is so limited.

Other organizations have inquired about participating in the program. Mollie Ottina volunteered that she has a list of possible government and civic leaders for ready for next season's chair to consider.

Legislative Summit and LWVF Convention: President Steffan will speak at the convention on Lunch with Leaders and Chamber of Commerce/LWVCC Partnership. She urged those planning to attend convention do so promptly as the deadline for registration submission draws near.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM

Submitted by Nancy Wolfe, Secretary