

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, GENERAL FUND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2015, 9:30 AM
IBERIA BANK BUILDING, 2150 GOODLETTE ROAD, NAPLES FLORIDA

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Newell. Attending were Susan Calkins, Ann Campbell, Joyce Fletcher, Patricia Forkan, Lydia Galton, Paul Kardon, Becky Newell, Charlotte Nycklemoe, Shelley Perry, Arlene Shapiro, Vi Steffan, and Nancy Wolfe. Off Board: Judy Burn, Sandy Parker. Excused: Robin Birnhak, Carol Golightly, and John Levy. A quorum was declared. A change to the agenda was that the Environmental Affairs report on the upcoming forum was transferred to the Education Fund agenda. The consent agenda was adopted.

Nomination/Governance Committee report. Steffan presented a partial slate of officers for the coming year. The positions of Voter Service and Membership Chairmen remain to be filled. It was noted that Crystal Kinzel will keep the membership data base updated and Judy Burns will continue as Communications Chair.

40th Anniversary Celebration. The anniversary celebration will be a part of the March luncheon meeting. Jeff Lytle will emcee and nine past presidents will note the highlights of their terms in office. There will be an anniversary cake.

Update on Collier County School Board Issues. Newell attended the recent Town Hall meeting hosted by School Board member Erika Donalds. A consensus of the LWVCC board was that Newell and Birnhak should compose an op-ed article highlighting the positive changes and innovations that have occurred in the county school system in the last few years.

Update on web site status. A recent meeting of the Web Site Committee addressed the issue of who would maintain the site. Wendy Riedel has agreed to update the calendar. All committee chairs should report meeting dates to her as soon as they are established. Details can be added later. The dates should be posted early in the LWVCC year to avoid later time conflicts. The Voter Education chair and the Secretary will be asked to upload their material themselves. Burns will be doing news releases for the media and will upload those also. Updates and contact information of LWV officers, local elected officials, and coalitions in which LWVCC participates should also be uploaded at the appropriate times.

Petitions for the Return of Felons' Rights. The activities has been discontinued for the present.

Membership. Board members agreed to contact members who have not yet rejoined.

County Commission Workshop on Affordable Housing. Newell is unable to attend. Slobodnik or Campbell will go in her place and speak on LWVCC support of affordable housing. The date is March 3.

Board Comments. Sandy Parker, one of the presenters at the November Board Retreat, expressed disappointment that items identified by Retreat participants for future Board discussion had not yet been addressed. The possibility of having a Board Retreat/LWVCC 101 in the spring as the new board members were coming onto the board was discussed and will be considered. This would avoid the busy time preceding elections in the fall. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40.

Submitted by Nancy Wolfe, Secretary