

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, General 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 10:50 am. A quorum was declared. Jan Eustis requested LWV Nametags and New Member coffees be added to agenda and Robin B. requested a discussion on a budgeting form be added. The Consent Agenda was approved.

Unfinished Business

Hilton Hotel meeting update: The Hilton was responsive to Charlotte's request for a meeting (five representatives from the Hilton were present); Robin B attended with Charlotte. The Hilton is open to negotiating new prices for audio visual, and they confirmed we will have access to the larger dining room.

Action: Charlotte will ask for confirmation on A/V prices and report February board meeting.

Legislative Summit Bus Trip: The two winners (December Holiday luncheon) of the LWVCC Board's donation to underwrite the trip cannot attend. Charlotte suggested we direct that donation and divide it equally among those that will be attending from LWVCC. Board agreed.

Action: Char will take care of this and alert Arlene Shapiro of the board's decision.

Non-Partisan Policy Amendments: A motion was made, seconded, and approved that we make the following amendment to the LWVCC Non-Partisan Policy:

1. Add the words 'elected officials' in the Preamble for the second sentence to read: "The LWV is nonpartisan in that it does not support or oppose any elected officials, political party, or candidate; it is political in that it takes positions on selected governmental issues after member study and agreement."
2. Add 'Committee Chairs' wherever Board Members is mentioned on Page 2 of the policy. The amended language would read: "Board Members and Committee Chairs" in the title of the section on Page 2 as well as in the underlying Items 2, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Action: Char will make changes and send out the amended policy to all Board and Committee Chairs.

Membership: Jan Eustis reported that we have 138 active members and 35 that have not yet renewed. Jan passed around a list of the 35 not-yet-renewed and asked us to identify any people we'd be willing to contact. Board members will follow-up immediately with those folks.

Jan reported that we have 35 new members and 9 attended the January “New Member” coffee. She suggested hosting another coffee in March or April.

Action: Jan will check calendar and make recommendation for next New Member coffee.

Member Nametags: Jan reported that our current provider in Port Charlotte is non-responsive to our calls. After researching local vendors, she recommends and board agrees to change vendors and go with a 2-color nametag for \$12 that is very similar to our current one.

Refining Session: Char reminded the board: Feb 25, Iberia Bank, 3:00 – 5:00 pm. She reported that there is a session on Feb 11, her home, 3:00 pm, for board members who are unable to attend the 2/25 meeting.

New Business

End of Season Dinner: Sandy reported she has a commitment from the Club at Olde Cypress to provide dinner at \$27++/person; the room capacity is 40 people. A motion was made and passed that the board have this end of season dinner. It was agreed that, given the room capacity (40 people), invitees be limited to board members, Committee chairs and active committee members, and spouses/significant others.

Action: Char will ‘host’ the dinner; Robin L will coordinate details, provide any necessary pre-dinner support for Char to host.

Publicize outside organizations: A brief discussion/reminder that we do not announce nor publicize other organizations and their events/meetings through our email, publications, website. The exception to this is if a LWVCC member is being honored, we can announce the function to our membership. Refer to LWVCC’s Guidelines for Announcing Events/Activities Sponsored by Other Organizations.

Member Survey: Char encourage all to please respond.

Char reported that she responded positively (as suggested by the Board) to the LWV of Lee County that we will participate/be a sponsor for the **Open Government & YOU: A Public Forum**, Saturday, March 12, 2016, 12:30pm to 5pm, at the News-Press, 2442 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd, Fort Myers.

Nominating Committee: will be meeting and has requested that board members pass along any names of members they believe would be good board members.

Development Sub-Committee: Robin B. explained that the Bright Ideas meeting has been postponed until we better understand our budgeting needs. Working with Arlene, the committee has developed two forms to help organize and support budgeting requests from board members and committee chairs.

Action:

(1) Robin L. will email the draft budget form to all board members and committee chairs for their input—to be provided prior to Feb 1, 2016.

- (2) Robin B. will contact the chair of the Budget Committee for input
- (3) Robin L. will email Becky Newell the completed budget forms to be put on our website
- (4) The final budget forms will be emailed to board members and committee chairs for their completion prior to March 1, 2016. It was suggested it may be helpful for folks to look back over the previous year and document expenses/income/volunteer hours and this will stimulate ideas for budgeting 2016-2017.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Larkin, Secretary