

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, GENERAL FUND  
U.S. TRUST, 765 SEAGATE DRIVE, NAPLES FL  
9:30 AM, JAN. 22, 2014

Attending: Susan Calkins, Ann Campbell, Joyce Fletcher, Lydia Galton, Carol Golightly, Paul Kardon, John Levy, Tom McCann, Becky Newell, Charlette Nycklemoe, Vi Steffan, and Nancy Wolfe. Off Board: Judy Burns, Sandy Parker, Shelly Perry.

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Newell. A quorum was declared. The consent agenda was adopted. Steffan noted that she will submit a combined 2-month report on progress with the nominating committee at the next board meeting, and Campbell will do likewise for Social Policy Committee meetings.

New Business:

Membership: Chair Galton stated that about 2/3 of the membership has renewed at this time which is in line with past experience. She is sending e-mail reminders. A telephone follow-up can be scheduled at a later date.

Audit Committee and Budget committee: Levy will serve on the audit committee. Fletcher will ask Laurie Phillips to serve also and will fill in if necessary. Levy, McCann, and Golightly will serve on the budget committee. The budget needs to be available for members one week before the annual meeting. Committee chairmen should send their budget requests to Treasurer Golightly as soon as possible.

Lively League: Parker presented the outline for a Lively League before the next general meeting, a program about the procedures and guidelines that direct League activities. New members will be specifically invited to attend. It will be from 10:30 to 11:30 and the Hilton has made a room available.

President's Report: A conference call with the state mentor elicited a request to do a presentation at LWVF Council about Know Your County. Since two other Leagues are probably presenting a program on similar efforts, Newell will explore the possibility of collaboration.

Legislative Interviews: Newell noted that LWVF has requested local leagues to interview their state legislators to ascertain where they stand on issues in which the League is interested. LWVF has provided a list of questions. LWVCC will request interviews with Passidomo, Hudson and possibly Richter. Interviewing the person who represents only a small portion of the eastern county will be left to one of the other LWV groups in his district.

Calkins had already requested permission to schedule a meeting with Rep. Passidomo to discuss water quality issues. Members of the Environmental Affairs committee will schedule a meeting, and Newell will attend with them. They will discuss water quality issues first and then use additional time for other questions in the legislative interviews document. Levy urged role playing before the meetings so that the interviewers will be prepared to respond to questions and statements made by the representatives.

Conservation Collier Update and Environmental Affairs: A discussion on the renewal of the Conservation Collier initiative was discussed. It was decided to request space for an LWVCC commentary on the issue in the Naples Daily News and that LWVCC cooperate with other environmental groups in support of the issue. The commissioners have yet to make a decision about putting the renewal on the ballot and that task may fall to community groups. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted LWVCC WILL CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE CONSERVATION COLLIER COUNTY LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM.

Update on Adopt a Precinct: Newell has contacted former workers and will continue to enlist workers. If LWVCC cannot put together a complete team, we can still participate. There will be two elections, the August primary and the November general election. Most of the training for workers is now done on the web with only a one hour in person session.

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Non-Partisan Policy: This can be a challenge to former presidents who are well-known in the community. It was noted that Galton, who is extremely active in the community, does not mention her LWVCC affiliation when while working with other groups.

Presentation on Website Redesign: Perry presented a proto-type of the new home page. Several suggestions and comments were made and noted: A way for committee chairs to receive e-mail via the site; A caution about personal information being made available; Voter information being quickly accessible; Inclusion of a calendar, the ability to have streaming video included; Donation request at the end; No LWVCC participation in Youtube because there is no control over advertisements placed adjacent to one's videos. We will use Vimeo instead.

Topic for April Meeting: The topic chosen was Economic Development. Galton will follow up on planning the program.

Lunch with Leaders: It is scheduled on Feb. 4 at noon with the Naples Mayor.

Other Business: Newell will write a commentary on the consolidation and discontinuation of county advisory committees for submission to the newspaper. Galton will request a response from the commissioners on the issue.

Hodges University will be contacted to see if they would like to send student representatives to LWVCC general meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Submitted by Nancy Wolfe, Secretary