

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, GENERAL FUND  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2015, 9:30 AM  
IBERIA BANK BUILDING, 2150 GOODLETTE ROAD, NAPLES, FLORIDA**

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Newell. Attending were Robin Birnhak, Susan Calkins, Ann Campbell, Joyce Fletcher, Patricia Forkan, Carol Golightly, Paul Kardon, Becky Newell, Charlotte Nycklemoe, Arlene Shapiro, Vi Steffan and Nancy Wolfe. Off Board: Sandy Parker, Robin Larkin. Excused: Lydian Galton, John Levy, and Shelley Perry.

One item was added to the agenda. Steffan requested that the fund honoring her service as a president be devoted to board expenses. Her gracious offer was accepted and a motion was offered and passed to dedicate the fund to board expenses.

The consent agenda was adopted with the notation that the membership report would be submitted at a later date. The report will be available before the deadline for submitting membership information to LWVF and LWVUS.

President Newell noted that the website committee will meet and certain will be trained on how to maintain the website. She urged committee chairs to submit their committee meeting dates as soon as arranged so the calendar can be complete. Meeting details can be added later. Wendy Riedel will assist with the tasks associated with keeping the calendar current, on a trial basis. Newell will show Ann Campbell who is doing a history of LWVCC how to access the archives. Steffan commented that the roster is now available on the web site in a more useable form.

The 40th Anniversary plans were summarized by Fletcher. At the March General Meeting past presidents will give a brief summary of notable moments during their terms of office. Dessert for the luncheon will be a birthday cake. Fletcher will investigate the possibility of newspaper and PBS coverage. A small program will be printed for distribution that day.

Fletcher also reminded the board that two LWVCC members, Lydia Galton and Linda Penniman, will be honored at the Community Foundation's Women of Initiative Luncheon on April 1. She hopes to assemble a table of LWVCC members to attend the event.

The strategic plans and the action items developed at the recent board retreat will be discussed, one or two at a time, at each future board meeting. The Governance Committee will organize the discussions. Governance Committee will organize the discussions with the President regarding time available on the agenda.

There is a need to develop standard procedures for maintaining the website and keeping information up to date. The website committee will meet before the next board meeting to discuss these procedures and other website issues.

The Governance Committee will create job descriptions for the all LWVCC positions.

The budget will be reviewed by Golightly, Shapiro, and Steffan. Newell will contact Levy and Phillips to request that they do the audit again this year.

Newell thanked Birnhak for speaking at the school board meeting in support of the League's position on Common Core. Newell spoke before a County Commission meeting on the same subject. Newell suggested LWVCC attempt to be a voice of reason in the highly polarized current community discussions on school issues. It would be appropriate for the Education Committee to consider the current community discussions when LWVCC Education program is formulated for the coming year. The Board also favored a citizens' commentary for the NDN. Birnhak and Newell will work on a piece presenting LWVCC views. Board members are free to write the editor on their own behalf. A member of the education committee will search on line for any relevant studies done by any other local Leagues. Any action on the part of LWVCC should be directed toward local issues.

The organization Floridians for Fair Democracy is circulating petitions to automatically restore rights to felons who have served their sentences. The chair of the group is the former LWVF Executive Director. The public discussion has centered around voting rights, but the bigger issue for former felons is the ban on issuing licenses that are necessary people to work in jobs and trades. Newell will contact several members to see if they are willing to coordinate the petition gathering effort for LWVCC.

Newell reminded committee chairs to have their proposed programs for 2015-2016 submitted to her by March 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Submitted by Nancy Wolfe, Secretary