

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, GENERAL FUND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 25, 2015, 9:30 AM
Iberia Bank Building, 2150 Goodlette Road, Naples Florida

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

Changes to the Agenda: Lunch with Leaders and an end of the season dinner were moved to the Education Fund agenda. The consent agenda was approved.

New Business:

A policy change was adopted. The restrictions regarding partisan political activities and endorsements by the President and the Voter Service Chairman were extended to cover the Governance Committee Chairman. The chairman is always the LWVCC past president and often perceived by the community as a LWVCC spokesperson.

Web Site Status: Most of the updates have been completed, but a new press release will be done and the new officers will be listed. The charges from the web service firm should be paid before the end of the fiscal year.

Restoration or Rights: The LWVF is no longer involved in the petition effort.

Membership: Nycklemoe related that she gets questions about the LWV when she wears her LWV tee-shirt. Jan Eustis will be the new membership chairman. Once again emphasis on involving new members in League activities was stressed as a way to retain members. Inviting non-members to committee meetings is also a way to attract new members. There was a discussion about reaching out to the members of the Alumni Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, several of whom attended the last luncheon meeting. A new membership coffee will be held at Nycklemoe's home at 10: am on Tuesday, April 21.

Audit Committee Report: Levy was not present but submitted a report indicating that the financial records were in good order.

Budget Committee Report: Next year's budget is based on 135 individual memberships plus 8 family memberships. An explanation of the higher levels of membership at the general meetings might encourage more to join at those levels. The additional money gained from those memberships stays with LWVCC whereas a major portion of the basic membership dues goes to LWVF and LWVUS. The budget will reimburse for attendance at State Convention at a total of \$100, plus one room and mileage. Forkan and Nycklemoe will be delegates. Calkins also plans to attend. A numerical typo was identified in the budget sent to the board members. Corrected budgets will be e-mailed.

Reprinting the membership brochures was discussed. 1,000 were printed four years ago and the content needs to be updated. This will be discussed and details finalized at a future meeting.

A laptop computer and an accounting program such as Quicken will be purchased for the incoming treasurer. This will be a savings over the current use of the on-line service which has a monthly charge.

The budget shows a deficit of \$155 for the coming fiscal year. It was commented that recruiting several new members, especially ones who join at a higher level, would reduce the shortfall.

The budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year was approved.

Programs: All the committee chairmen have submitted programs for the coming year. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Submitted by Nancy Wolfe, Secretary