

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, General Fund
Board of Directors Meeting**

November 18, 2015

Iberia Bank, 2150 Goodlette Frank Road, Naples, Florida

Attending: Robin Birnhak, Judy Burns, Susan Calkins, Ann Campbell, Joyce Fletcher, Patricia Forkan, Paul Kardon, Robin Larkin, John Levy, Becky Newell, Charlotte Nycklemoe, Arlene Shapiro.

Not present: Crystal Kinzel, Shelley Perry (excused).

Guests: Sandy Parker

The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Nycklemoe at 9:30 am. A quorum was declared.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Sandy Parker reported that Ray Kalich agreed to lead a Government Committee Observer Corps and he attended the 11/10/15 BCC meeting. The board discussed and confirmed their commitment to an active Observer Corps. Ideas to ensure an active Corps: 1) solicit members at the general meeting to attend the upcoming BCC meeting since the BCC meets twice/month, and also since we can ask folks to sign up more than one month in advance; 2) have sign-up at each table for specific month/meeting; 3) discuss at each/every LWV meeting and recruit interested observers; 4) have longer-term members 'mentor' newer members in the observer role; 5) have each committee chair ask their members to attend a meeting. Sandy will share the Board's suggestions with Ray and work with him to get some or all of them implemented in the new year.

Storage Locker: Arlene Shapiro said the storage company has requested a letter from the LWVCC stating we will accept liability for any damage to our property. The alternative is their charging us \$9/month to insure the contents of our locker. Arlene will send a letter accepting liability for any damage because the materials in the locker are mostly irreplaceable so there's really no point in paying for insurance.

Charlotte, Paul and Susan gave us overview of their one-hour meeting with Florida State Senator G. Richter. They discussed 5 areas:

1. Environment: He said changes coming to the bill he introduced on drilling and home rule.
2. Education: He supports tax credits scholarships
3. Healthcare: Wrote Op-Ed piece in NDN referring to the State's position on accepting/not accepting Federal money for Medicaid

Link: <http://www.naplesnews.com/opinion/perspectives/guest-commentary-sen-richter-says-its-our-money-and-we-deserve-a-return-ep-1036962315-338048361.html>

4. Gun safety: Discussed concealed carry, guns on campus
5. Election Law: In favor of online registration

We discussed how he and other retiring legislative leaders continue to function in a strong influential sphere and can we ask Sen. Richter to use his leadership role to pursue interests he has in common with the LWV. There was general agreement that this is a good idea but no action item was accepted/assigned.

Legislative Summit: Char contacted the Lee County LWV to see if they'd be interesting in joining us. Dates are Feb 16-18 and the all-inclusive cost is estimated to be \$520/person (bus, hotel). Commitments to attend must be made by January 30, 2016.

Holiday Party: Char is looking for ideas and volunteer to help. Robin L. volunteered.

Development Committee: Char asked for a subcommittee to be formed to seek supplemental funds for our League. We currently estimate our needs to be ~\$10,000/year (monthly meetings, consensus meetings, member support to attend State, National meetings, Voter Service information). A motion was made and passed: a subcommittee, Development, will be formed to identify strategies to support our League's financial needs. Robin B. will chair and Patty and Robin L. will be on the committee.

We discussed the expenses we incur at the Hilton with our General meetings—lunch, projector and screen for some meetings, cordless mic—and decided to investigate/compare other venues. Action: John will check Pelican Bay. Becky will investigate the new place at Livingston/Vanderbilt. Robin B. will look into Grey Oaks. Robin L. will contact Country Club of Naples and Kensington.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25.

Submitted by Robin Larkin, Secretary