

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY  
MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2009**

**Members Present:** Ellen Meyer, Lynn Kelso, Polly Klopfer, Marie Bairey, Jean Tenney, Ellen Dunbar, Hanna Renning, Susan Novak, Mildred Kinser

**Members Excused:** Amy Wolfe, Colleen Norby, Patty Beyer, Sue Chaffee

**Visitor:** Al Nava, Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Regional Ambassador

**Meeting called to order** by President Ellen Meyer at 6:05 pm.

**Minutes:** Corrections: Susan Novak will monitor the LWVC Website for Legislative Interview. Spelling: Hanna Renning.

**Motion:** M- L. Kelso, S J. Tenney. Accept minutes as corrected. **Passed.**

**President's Report:**

- LWVC Convention is May 15-17 in Long Beach. We can send 2 delegates. Interested members contact Ellen.
- Modesto *Bee* reporter Garth Stapley contacted Ellen regarding Valley Futures Forum February 19 event. Topic is air quality and proposed legislation. LWVC will be contacted for statement. Susan Novak and Amy Wolfe will attend.
- Stella reported there is a way to do on-line surveys or responses through Google.
- LWVC: California Citizens' Redistricting Commission seeking volunteers.
- MJC "Lunch and Learn" tentatively set for March 23 or 24. Mr. Nava commented that Associated Students' funding for the event should be confirmed in writing.
- Annual Report due March 23
- Amy W. inquired about League submitting an application for a Rotary grant. Ellen D. explained that the Rotary Foundation funds are usually for community projects such as Virginia Corridor, park improvements, etc.
- Pros and Cons will be discontinued. Web links available for information. *In-Depth* and *EasyVoter* will continue.
- Budget limits force LWVUS to discontinue *National Voter*. 2009 Council will be via Internet rather than conference.
- We will not participate in Earth Day at the Park
- LWVC awards are available for some portfolios such as *Voter*, local action and Website.

**Second Vice President:** Hanna reviewed LWVC Program Planning Report. Recommendation: Update PreK-12 Education position to PreK-16 to establish continuity between public school curriculum and college preparation and entrance requirements. Advocacy: 1) state and local finance, 2) energy, 3) mental health.

**Treasurer:** Polly noted the cash balance on hand is less than projected budget, but several categories are not being spent so there should be sufficient cash without cashing a CD. Turn in bills for reimbursement by the end of May to close the books. She recommended that membership renewal letters be sent mid June so income will be posted in 2009-2010 budget year.

**First Vice President:** Susan N. has Legislative Interview materials. We are assigned Assemblyman Tom Berryhill and Senator Jeff Denham. She will coordinate. Question topics are health care, education and budget.

**Finance Drive:** Final totals are closer to goal than reported in the *Voter*.

**Nominating:** Slate complete except Local Action. Annual Meeting: May 2 with LWVC Legislative Advocate Trudy Shafer speaker. Will confirm location. Brunch preferred.

**Membership:** Recruitment event is March 5.

**Voter Service:** No report.

**Public Relations:** No report.

**Webmaster:** Stella will submit the Website for LWVC recognition.

**Local Action:** Marie distributed a draft survey to follow-up the Gang position adopted in 2007. It was agreed this is a good idea, but does not have to be done immediately. She will prepare a *Voter* article and announce it at Annual Meeting to identify a coordinator and encourage member participation. If that happens, it was suggested we might use student interns in the project. She discussed status of the Riverbank General Plan Review. There have been modifications to the Plan which substitutes a point system for the 1:1 farm land mitigation provision. There is concern that this was done without sufficient public notice or participation. It was agreed that if that is the case, we might write a letter voicing our concern.

**State and National Action:** Sue Chaffee submitted a written report.

**Lunch and Learn:** Incorrect March date in the *Voter*. We will get the word out; Waterford mayor will speak March 31. Mayor Katen of Newman will speak April 28. L and L nominee Le DeLaMare submitted ideas for speakers for next year.

**New Business:** Susan N. suggested League participates in the national Website conversations on issues to provide community input. She will investigate. She also suggested we participate in the LWVUS study on the National Popular Voter Compact (an alternative to the electoral college that does not require Constitutional amendment) to provide input to LWVUS. Materials and procedures are complete. **Motion:** M- Ellen D, S – Marie. Participate in the NPVC study which Susan N. will chair. **Passed.**

Possible date for consensus meeting is April 22.

**Voter:** Deadline for April *Voter* is March 15.

Next meeting: March 11, 2009.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary