

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 14, 2009

Members Present: Ellen Meyer, Lynn Kelso, Polly Klopfer, Jean Tenney, Ellen Dunbar, Amy Wolfe, Susan Novak, Marsha Waggoner, Hanna Renning, Marie Bairey, Mildred Kinser, Sue Chaffee

Members Excused: Patty Beyer, Colleen Norby

Meeting called to order by President Ellen Meyer at 6:00 pm.

Minutes: Corrections: spelling - November, and Rennig. Last *Voter* was for October. **Motion:** M-L. Kelso, H. Rennig. Approved minutes are corrected. **Passed.**

President's Report

- No information about an intern from MJC.
- Ellen may contact Tom Berryhill about upcoming Legislative Interview.
- State Council is May 15 – 17 in Long Beach. Ellen invited interested members.
- Thanked Board members for suggested updates to portfolios.
- Annual Report articles due to Ellen by March 31.
- Former Intern Malerie Michael asked for assistance in planning a Lunch and Learn at MJC in conjunction with a proposed march against state budget cuts in March.

Office Manager: No Report

Treasurer: Polly presented the monthly statement and identified out accounts from which expenditures should be monitored carefully. **Motion:** M-S.Chaffee, S. A. Wolfe. Accept the Treasurer's report for review. **Passed.**

First Vice President: Susan clarified status of legislative interviews. LWVUS suggested Congressional interviews, especially for new officials, but did not assign. LWVC preparing Legislative Interview kits. Sue Chaffee will monitor the Website and try to arrange an interview appointment.

Finance Drive: Amy reported revenue of \$4710 for general fund and \$3100 for ed. fund (98%) of goal. Six responses came from mailing second requests to 35 previous donors. Thank you letters will be sent to advisors. Need to review mailing lists and seek ways to grow the lists for next year. It was suggested we look for corporate or business sponsors in other communities.

Membership: Lynn reported 60 Membership Directories have not been picked up. Will send E-mail and *Voter* reminders. Proposed speaker for the Spring Event is Modesto City Manager. Date and location to be determined. Colleen is updating the official roster for January 30 deadline. New member packet is being updated.

Voter Service: No report.

Public Relations: Lunch and Learn information being sent.

Webmaster: Stella is working to link our events to LWVC calendar.

Second Vice President: State and Local Program Planning meeting is January 21 at 6:30 pm. Hanna outlined the agenda. E-mail reminders will be sent clarifying the time.

Nominating: Committee has begun with positive responses to fill Board positions. Asked for suggestions for Annual Meeting speaker.

Local Action: Marie reported that the evening meeting attracted more people. Committee will update the status and procedures of various land-use projects and will begin to review gang prevention programs. Amy recommended the Farmland Working Group newsletter's section "We Are Watching You" on-line. She also suggested we find an interested member to participate in the North Valley Futures Forum which includes representatives from various organizations interested in land use. She will prepare a *Voter* article.

State and National: Sue summarized House Chair Pelosi's support for financial package aimed at job creation, energy independence and health care. She discussed impact of state budget on educational programs. She described the challenge of recruiting primary care physicians critical for preventive care; lower pay and insurance reimbursement for services are factors.

Lunch and Learn: Mayor Canella from Ceres will speak January 27. Becky Campo, Patterson Mayor, is scheduled for February 24.

Voter: February/March issue will be out in time to promote Spring Membership Event. Articles due February 1. April issue will include information for Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting February 11, 2009

Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary