

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY  
MINUTE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MARCH 11, 2009

**Members Present:** Ellen Meyer, Susan Novak, Jean Tenney, Lynn Kelso, Hanna Renning, Marie Bairey, Ellen Dunbar, Sue Chaffee, Amy Wolfe, Mildred Kinser, Budget Committee Chair Debbie Kleinfelder

**Members Excused:** Colleen Norby, Patty Beyer, Polly Klopfer

**Meeting Called to Order** by President Ellen Meyer at 6:00.

**Minutes:** **Motion-** L. Kelso, S E. Dunbar. Approve the minutes of February 11. **Passed.**

**Budget Committee report:** Debbie Kleinfelder explained the proposed 2009-2010 budget. The committee adjusted projected income and examined current expenses. As in the previous 4 years, the proposal is a deficit budget. We have been frugal historically and had deficit spending only once. It was recommended that we carefully monitor cash flow and maintain adequate funds to cover anticipated expenses. **Motion – S. Chaffee, S A. Wolfe.** Forward proposed budget to Annual Meeting for approval. **Passed.**

**State and National Action:** Sue C. submitted a report on the following issues:

- Immigration: E-verify system to firm a worker's eligibility expired Friday. It is being restructured.
- Stimulus package will bring \$650,000 to Stanislaus County for youth summer employment.
- Stem cell research limits overturned. Will generate funds for California

**New Business:** Debbie Kleinfelder discussed the advantage of purchasing a computer for treasurer and finance drive operations and record keeping. A designated laptop could be relatively inexpensive. Accounting software requires a stand-alone computer. Funds could be made available from reserves. **Motion:** M. Bairey, S – A. Wolfe. Investigate costs for hardware/software to serve our purposes and report back at April Board meeting. **Passed.**

**President's Report:**

- Ellen will write a *Voter* article to generate interest in an Observer Corps to monitor public meetings.
- **Motion:** A. Wolfe, S-H Renning. Renew membership in Stanislaus County Commission for Women. **Passed.**
- D.C voting rights legislation postponed. California senators favored the legislation.
- LWVUS press release format for Women's History Month too late for this year, but could be used in conjunction with our Spring Membership Event next year.
- **Motion:** A. Wolfe, S – M. Bairey. Approve President Ellen as delegate to 2009 LWVC Convention . **Passed.**
- Annual Reports due April 1.
- MJC Lunch and Learn is not happening.
- Polly recommended that as good policy, the person opening LWVSC mail should not be a signer on checks. **Motion:** A. Wolfe, S – H. Renning. Remove Lynn Kelso from signature authorization on checking account. **Passed.**

**Second Vice-President:** Program planning report submitted to LWVC. No copy received. Hanna will summarize for *Voter*.

**First Vice-President:** Susan N. reported there was no response to requests for Legislative Interview. Question mailed to Senator Denham. National Popular Voter Study planning committee to meet. Consensus date changed to April 20.

**Finance Drive:** Met 98.6% of goal - \$4710 to general fund, \$3150 to Ed Fund. Thank-you letters being sent to Advisors. Amy reported on request for LWVSC representative to Valley Future's Forum. Responses were from non-members. **Motion:** M. Bairey, S- S. Novak. LWVCS will not participate in planning process, but will make an effort to have a member attend program meetings. **Passed.** There is a charge to for the meetings. Amy will request meeting information be sent to *Voter* and Webmster.

**Membership:** Ellen praised Spring Event for setting and speaker. We had 7 guests. Lynn reported 2 new members; total 144.

**Voter Service:** Mildred has coordinated CSUS elections April 8/9. State election is May 19. Ellen D. and Marsha will plan for voter registration. If information is available, Amy can do an informational forum.

**Public Relations:** No Report.

**Webmaster:** No Report.

**Nominating Committee:** Lynn presented the proposed slate for 2009-2010. Nominating Chair and Local Action are vacant. **Motion:** A. Wolfe, S- Ellen D. Forward proposed slate to Annual Meeting for approval. **Passed.** Annual Meeting is May 2 with LWVC Legislative Advocate Trudy Schafer as speaker. Place and menu to be determined.

**Local Action:** **Motion:** M. Bairey, S - A. Wolfe. Accept with regret Patty Beyer's resignation as Local Action Director. **Passed.** Next Local Action meeting is April 7 at Marie Bairey's at 6 pm.

**Lunch and Learn:** March 31 speaker is Waterford Mayor Charles Goegen. April 28 is Ed Keten, Mayor of Newman.

**Voter:** Articles due March 15.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next meeting April 8, 2009 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary.

